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Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines)

Parish Priest: Fr Eamonn Monson, SCA

Parish Deacon: Rev. Duncan Brown

Normal Mass Times

Sundays: 6.00pm (Sat), 10.00am, 11.30am. Tuesday to Saturday: 10.00am  
Adoration: First Friday of Month 10.30am to 12 noon. Saturdays: 10.30am to 11am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30am and after the 6.00pm Mass.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 4th FEBRUARY 2018 YEAR B

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IN YOUR LOVE REMEMBER

AUTUMN GARWOOD,

aged one and a half, of Harold Road, who died January 26th. Please pray for her parents and family in their tragic loss, that God may comfort and give them strength. A memorial for Autumn has been placed on the altar of the Lady Chapel. The support of the community is much appreciated in such difficult times.

NEXT SUNDAY, 11th FEBRUARY

There will be a special collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

Anyone intending to get married

in the diocese of Arundel & Brighton is required to give notice of one year.

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB

In the Crypt. Entrance via blue door in The Bourne. Mondays 10.30am to 12 noon. Annual subscription £3. Coffee/tea & biscuit, 50p.

Guests welcome to talks for 50p.

February programme:

- 5: The History of Insults by Richard Sumner
- 12: Grand Book Sale
- 19: Crime Reporting in The Times by ex-reporter Brian Moore
- 26: Coffee & chat

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £892.21 including cheques and standing orders. Many thanks to all concerned.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES can be emailed (in a way that's easy to copy and paste) to [stmarystarofthesea.hastings.uk@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystarofthesea.hastings.uk@gmail.com)

If you don't have access to email, please could you drop your notices in the box just outside the door to the presbytery. Many thanks.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

THERESA BLEASEDALE

Funeral service: at Hastings Crematorium on Wednesday 14th February at 2.45 pm.

May she rest in peace.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

for our 10am Sunday Mass. If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to serve, please speak to Dominic Cockerton to find out more.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The small group which is meeting to look at how we help the bereaved in our parish met at the end of January. It was decided that we would meet again on Sat. 24th Feb. after the 10am Mass. We will be looking at the decoration of the small chapel nearest the altar on the left of the church. When this is ready for use we hope to have weekly prayers for the dying, those recently dead and all those who are caring or grieving for them. We also hope to produce a small leaflet containing some prayers which anyone can use.

All of these meetings and prayer groups are open to anyone to attend so please come along on 24th. of this month. We will have a few mins' prayer, a chat about our needs and how we are progressing and we will finish with a cup of tea or coffee. We will finish before 11.30.

Non-Catholics and those who have not received First Communion

are invited to seek a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We now meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. In the presbytery. All are warmly welcome.

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 3rd February, 6pm: Colette Cullen intention

Sunday 4th February, 10am: Margaret & John Conroy RIP 11.30am: Josie Cooper RIP

Tuesday 6th February, St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs of Japan, 10am: Philomena Jackson RIP

Wednesday 7th February, 10am: Michelle Spencer, health intention

Thursday 8th February, St Josephine Bakhita, 10am: Stephen Mander RIP

Friday 9th February, 10am: Philomena Jackson RIP

Saturday 10th February, St Scholastica, 10am: Parishioners

### International Marriage Week Feb 7-14

<http://marriage-week.org.uk/>

Celebration in Worth Abbey Feb 10th

### Reflection

#### THE HOUSE AT REST

How does one hush one's house,  
each proud possessive wall, each sighing rafter,  
the rooms made restless with  
remembered laughter  
or wounding echoes, the permissive doors,  
the stairs that vacillate from up to down,  
windows that bring in colour and event  
from countryside or town,  
oppressive ceilings and complaining floors?  
The house must first of all accept the night.  
Let it erase the walls and their display,  
impoverish the rooms till they are filled  
with humble silences; let clocks be stilled  
and all the selfish urgencies of day.  
Midnight is not the time to greet a guest.  
Caution the doors against both foes and friends,  
and try to make the windows understand  
their unimportance when the daylight ends.  
Persuade the stairs to patience, and deny the passages  
their aimless to and fro.  
Virtue it is that puts a house at rest.  
How well repaid that tenant is, how blest  
who, when the call is heard,  
is free to take his kindled heart and go. *Jessica Powers*

#### BAPTISM COURSE

Our next Baptism course will be on Saturday 3rd March downstairs in the presbytery from 10.30am to 12 noon, but of course you are also warmly welcome to come to our 10am Mass in the church beforehand. Parents requesting Baptism of babies and toddlers in the 3 months from 3rd March are required to attend. Babies and children welcome.

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DIVINE MERCY GROUP All are warmly welcome to join us in the presbytery on the following Mondays at 2.30pm: 12-2-18, 26-2-18, 12-3-18. There will be no meeting on Monday 1st January.

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COLLECTIVE PRAYER MEETING on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the parish rooms. All are warmly welcome. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th February.

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#### CALLED BY NAME RETREAT and EASTER RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

*Called by Name* is a vocation retreat for young adults (aged 18-35), 9 - 11th February at Worth Abbey, Crawley. It's an opportunity to tune in more deeply to the call of Christ in your life, to discern His will for you, discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, and to grow in the trust and freedom to respond generously to the Gospel. Includes talks from speakers from different walks of life, spiritual accompaniment, and space for prayer and reflection. The retreat is not aimed only at those discerning a possible call to religious life/priesthood, but to every young person seeking to live the call of Christ. The cost is £63 for students/unwaged, £105 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. To book, or for more info, please contact Katrina on [TOC@worth.org.uk](mailto:TOC@worth.org.uk) / 01342 710318. Please also use these contact details if you are interested in going on the Young Adults' Easter Retreat at Worth Abbey, 29th March to 1st April, and/or a Cross Walk 25th to 29th March.

Please see this report on the BBC News online: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-42910790> It concerns a young girl who hid her pregnancy for cultural reasons, gave birth and then the baby died. Although abortion is not mentioned in the report it ends with this: *If you have been affected by any of the issues in this report contact the British Pregnancy Advisory Service.* And this is the BPAS home page: [www.bpas.org/](http://www.bpas.org/) So anyone who relates to this story is pointed straight to abortion. Please phone 03700 100 222 to request that Life is added: they will support anyone in the described circumstances both re pregnancy and baby loss: [www.lifecharity.org.uk](http://www.lifecharity.org.uk) **Please act now if you can - this needs to be changed ASAP**