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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.

EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION, 1st APRIL 2018 YEAR B

Parish Mass Book page: 220 (Vigil Mass) and 255 (Sunday Masses)

Anyone intending to get married

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

Non-Catholics and those who have not received First Communion are invited to seek a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest.

BAPTISM COURSE

Our next Baptism course will be on Saturday 23rd June 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.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS

at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill, on Sunday 8th at 2pm. All are warmly invited.

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £998.59 including cheques and standing orders. The breakfast on Sunday raised £105 for Snowflake. Many thanks to all concerned.

IN MEMORIAM

The funeral of
VERONICA CROSS

will take place on Tuesday April 3rd at 11.45 am in the Hastings Crematorium.
May she rest in peace.

Becoming a Secondary RE teacher

The University of Sussex offers full and part time PGCE and School Direct Courses in Religious Education resulting in qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a PGCE of up to 90 Masters Level Credits For more information visit <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/education/ite/pgceandschooldirectsecondary/religiouseducation> To discuss further contact either Sally Dudley, Initial Teacher Education Recruitment, Selection and Admissions Lead at Sussex University s.e.dudley@sussex.ac.uk or Claire Rooney, RE Curriculum Tutor c.rooney@sussex.ac.uk

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available at the back of the church.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

invite Catholic men to join their organization. We help in parishes, fundraise for charities and have a social programme. If interested, please take a leaflet from our section on the noticeboard at the back of the church or phone 754721 for more information.

FR EAMONN AND DEACON
DUNCAN WISH EVERYONE
A HOLY AND HAPPY EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS:

Easter Sunday 1st April, 10am: Autumn Garwood RIP
11.30am: Theresa Cramer RIP
Easter Tuesday 3rd April, 10am: In thanksgiving
Easter Wednesday 4th April, 10am:
Easter Thursday 5th April, 10am: For discernment
Easter Friday 6th April, 10am: Liam Stroud RIP
Easter Saturday 7th April, 10am: Marie Hollands RIP

THE FRAGRANCE OF LOVE *Eamonn Monson sac*

Chrism Mass reminds me of Mam and Dad, even though we never attended one together but it was one of their favourite events of the year. Bishop Eamonn Casey of Galway began the custom of inviting the parents of priests to the Chrism Mass every Holy Thursday and afterwards to lunch in the Sacre Coeur Hotel. They felt honoured and acknowledged. And why shouldn't they be because there is no priesthood without them!

This year for the first time I'm at the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral in Arundel, following a frustrating two-hour drive. Beautiful church, lovely liturgy, magnificent singing! And heart-warming encounters with priests and people I have never met before.

This is an occasion for the renewing of our priestly commitment in the presence of the Bishop and People and it's for the blessing of the Holy Oils which we will use in the coming year for the blessing and consecrating of the People.

The oil comes from the olive tree, a sacred tree in the history of salvation and a sacred symbol in my own spiritual journey. Many years ago I found myself identifying with this tree and the words of Psalm 52 always resonate with me - "I am like a growing olive tree in the house of God!"

It is a symbol of trust and hope and it is a symbol of surrender, sacrifice and suffering. The three-thousand-year-old olive tree in the Garden of Gethsemane that was there for the agony of Jesus found its place in me since the time I saw it.

The fruit of the olive tree is crushed in order to produce the precious oil of anointing and healing. So we too are crushed in order to produce the anointing necessary in our time. It's the way of things, the nature of who we are.

And we are anointed in many ways. In the morning I spent two hours hearing the confessions of year six pupils in Sacred Heart. Not all of them wanted the sacrament and not all of them are Catholics but they came to express something and in blessing them I was blessed myself, came away from them feeling renewed.

When I got back from the school another anointing was waiting to surprise me! In the post I received a Spring Easter card from my youngest niece Laura - the seven-year-old who is not often given to expressions of affection. It was a carefully constructed card made by herself at school and it overflowed inside with hearts and love and began with the words "I miss and love you" and was signed "Lots of Love!"

Even before the Passion has begun I am already touched by Easter! It is like the anointing of Jesus by the woman whose fragrance of love filled the entire house. May the life of the Risen Christ find new expression in the ordinary experiences of our days!