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(Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust – Registered Charity 252878)  
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.

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#### 'CELEBRATE' BRIGHTON

Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend – but it's for singletons too. 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July. A wonderful opportunity to share the joy of being a disciple of the Lord Jesus in an atmosphere of prayer, worship and spiritual formation. Bishop Richard will be the main celebrant at Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Children and young adults have great activities with their own year groups and qualified leaders.

[www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) for booking details. Adults £37, students £15,

Reception to Year 13 £12, Under 3 (crèche) – must be accompanied at all times – free.

50% discount for new families.

At Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, The Upper Drive, Hove, BN3 6ND

#### DIOCESAN GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE

to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, WEST Grinstead, with Bishop Richard. Wednesday 13th June 2018, 10.45 to 3.30 approx. Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, Park Lane, West Grinstead RH13 8LT. Adoration and Reconciliation; Mass with Bishop Richard. Coffee & tea provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Limited parking. Please car share. Booking essential due to space. Contact Katherine Bergin 01293 651152. Email: [Katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:Katherine.bergin@dabnet.org)

#### Anyone intending to get married

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

#### PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £855.47 including cheques and standing orders. The collection for the Catholic Communications Network came to £98. 89. Many thanks to all.

#### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The newly-formed prayer group that meets on Tuesday mornings to pray together for the dying and bereaved people in our parish is going from strength to strength and we would be happy if anyone who has 15mins. could join us any Tuesday. We do realise that having time to meet is a luxury that not many people have, but if you are unable to join us you can be reassured that we are praying for you when you need it. We hope to have some parish prayer cards which will be freely available to anyone who is helped to pray through suitable words. We also hope to see action on the re-decoration of the Patmore chapel in the next few weeks.

#### CHURCH CAR PARK

When you park in the car park, could you make sure you leave room for people with prams and pushchairs to walk through the car park to the church. They can't walk through when cars are parked too closely together. Many thanks.

#### 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, 50p

May 28<sup>th</sup> closed – Spring Bank Holiday

Our new year starts June 4<sup>th</sup> with an annual subscription of £3. Talks and an outing in June.

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

#### COLLECTIVE PRAYER MEETING

on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the parish rooms. Next meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> June

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 26th May, 6pm: Kajtek and Magda, married today

Sun. 27th May, 10am: Autumn Garwood RIP

11.30am: In thanksgiving for priests

Tues. 29th May, 10am: Deceased members of Pallottine Order

Wed. 30th May, 10am: Special intentions

Thurs. 31st May, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 10am: Kajtek and Magda

Fri. 1st June, St Justin, Martyr, 10 am: Save the Eighth Amendment

Sat. 2nd June, Our Lady on Saturday, 10am:

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I ONCE WAS LOST BUT NOW I'M FOUND

A couple of years ago I went to see Eamon Keane & special guest John Sheehan of the Dubliners at the National Concert Hall, in Dublin. Eamon was previously an excellent presenter on Newstalk Radio but he's an even more excellent piano player.

He sits at his piano and improvises; it's suggested that he himself doesn't quite know what he's going to play. I close my eyes to take in the music and wonder what on earth he's at - there's quite a strong feeling of turbulence, something coming from the dark roots of the earth and then something beautiful begins to suggest itself, a hint of a familiar tune, then the tune itself rising like a butterfly from the caterpillar - Norwegian Wood, Scarborough Fair and more.

These two movements of life are held together in balance, moving in and out of each other - darkness and light, turbulence and peace, discord and harmony.

It's not a religious concert but the evening is brought to a close with Amazing Grace which John Sheehan dedicates to the men he knew who took the wrong turn on the road. Eamon and John do an improvised version before bringing it around to the audience and we sing it in its gentle gracefulness, "I once was lost but now I'm found..."

The paradox of life! I have taken many wrong turns on the road of my life but without them I wouldn't know the joy of returning; I have often been lost and through those experiences know the grace of being found. If I hadn't left home I would never know the excitement of returning; if I had not sinned I would never know the wonder of God's mercy.

This is where Jesus is taking us in the Gospels. He knows it's inevitable that we will wander, get lost, sin but what matters is that we understand who God is, what it is that stirs in the heart of God for each one of us and that we return to the safety of that Heart.

The sinners know that it's safe to be with Jesus, the prodigal knows that it's safe to return home and all God wants is that we be "safe and sound" in life. And no matter how far we wander, all that God is for us to be "safe and sound". Any parent whose child gets lost even for a short while knows exactly what God feels for us, each one of us.

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound....I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. *Eamonn Monson sac*

## DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Do join us in the presbytery on Monday 4-6-18 at 2.30pm:.

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Franciscan Regional Formation Day Saturday 9 June 10.00 - 3.30 pm , St Teresa's Church Ashford

Let Prayer and Contemplation be the Soul of all they do. A day of participation and exploring prayer.

Mass, Coffee

Lectio Divina

Midday Prayer from the Divine Office

Bring and Share Lunch

Gazing on the Cross with St Clare,

Franciscan Crown Rosary