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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.

BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, 24th JUNE 2018 YEAR B

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FRIDAY IS:

The Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul and is a
Holy Day of Obligation
with Masses at 10am and 7.30pm.

There is no abstinence on this Friday.
The children of Sacred Heart school will attend
the 10am Mass on Ss Peter & Paul's Day.

ON TUESDAY 26th JUNE THERE WILL BE NO MASS
as Fr Eamonn has a Council of Priests meeting in Crawley. A
special liturgy will be led by John Hall at 10am. Morning
Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take
place as usual at 9.30am.

NAMED BOXES OF GIFT AID ENVELOPES
are at the back of the church for those who Gift Aid their
offertory collection contributions. Please take yours.
LETTERS TO THOSE WHO GIFT AID BY
STANDING ORDER
Are also at the back of the church. Please take yours.
Many thanks to all Gift Aiders

'CELEBRATE' BRIGHTON
Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend – but it's for singles
too. 14th – 15th 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 15th July.
Children and young adults have great activities with their
own year groups and qualified leaders.
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

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 £835.37
including cheques and standing orders.
The collection for A Day for Life came to £109.06 .
Many thanks to all concerned.

THIS WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR
PETER'S PENCE. NOT GIFT-AIDABLE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LILY HILL

who receives her First Holy Communion today
(Birthday of St John the Baptist). Lily will receive
the Sacrament of Confirmation at Eastbourne.

MOONLIGHT AND MEMORIES WALK IN AID
OF ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Star of the Sea Housekeeper Mary will be taking part
in this walk and will be at the back of the church
after this weekend's Masses to collect names of
sponsors for this worthy cause.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION
RESPECTING AND SAFEGUARDING LIFE...
AT BOTH ENDS.

At St Martha's Catholic Church, Cooden Sea Road,
Bexhill TN39 4SP.
Monday 25th June, 7.30pm – 9pm.
Speaker: John De Waal, chairman of
East Sussex Life.
All welcome.

MASS WITH ANOINTING AND
PRAYER FOR HEALING
is at 10am on the last Saturday of every month.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING
needed on Mondays and/or Wednesdays. Please
speak to Fr Eamonn if you would like to be part of
this vital ministry.

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.
Talks free to members, 50p to guests
25 June: Coffee & chat

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 23rd June, 6pm: Etta Murray RIP

Sun. 24th June, 10am: Aileen Jeffrey RIP

11.30am: Patsy Collinson intentions

Tues. 26th June: Special Liturgy

Wed. 27th June, 10am: Frank Barry RIP

Thurs. 28th June, St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr, 10am: Holy Souls

Fri. 29th June, Ss Peter and Paul, 10.00 am: Arthur Bate RIP

7.30pm: Zaynura's intention for cancer not to return

Sat. 30th June, Our Lady on Saturday/ First Martyrs of Rome, 10am: Parishioners

From Distracted Living to Faith

The 4th chapter of the Catechism talks about 'THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH' - faith being the human response to God's revelation. The ultimate goal of faith is Eternal Life with God in Heaven - that is the destination that gives meaning to our believing and all our striving.

To obey means first of all to listen attentively to what God is saying and then to do what God has said. Obedience is not just about doing what we're told but it is first of all about listening. In the Bible the most commonly used word is the name of God in its various forms and the next most commonly used word is to "listen" - listening to the voice of God, believing what He is saying and being willing to be taught, willing to learn. Faith is about paying attention to God, paying attention to what we are doing in life, paying attention to how we are living.

I'm not the most faithful of environmentalists but a few years ago - on the advice of government - I decided to drive a diesel rather than a petrol car. I loved my red Yaris and was happy to be doing my bit for cleaner air. Unfortunately, the government decided later that diesel was worse than petrol.

On my way one Saturday morning to celebrate the baptism of a friend's baby I stopped at a "petrol" station and became distracted by a man who was looking for directions so I tried to help him while at the same time filling up my car! I drove off. Celebrated the Baptism. Went to the party and on my way home my red Yaris started to shudder and came to an abrupt stop in the middle of a busy road. A couple of hours later the rescue truck arrived and, when they guy checked the car, he told me I had filled it up with petrol. I was stunned that I could have been so stupid, so unaware of what I had been doing. Distracted living is not the best of ideas but we do it so often!

The experience is a bit of a parable about life and faith! First of all, we need to pay attention to what we are doing and then, just as we need to put the right fuel into our car so we need to put the right spiritual fuel into our souls for them to function properly, to prevent our soul from breaking down altogether. What is happening to a lot of people now with regard to their spiritual life is that they are inadvertently putting the wrong spiritual fuel into their souls - it's not deliberate but it has the same effect.

And so we need to look at what we are feeding our souls with - the information, the ideas, opinions that influence our lives. Much of the information we are receiving in public life is designed to weaken and even destroy faith rather than to strengthen it. So we have to make clear and deliberate choices and the basic choice for us centres on the person of Jesus Christ. *Eamonn Monson sac*

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Do join us in the presbytery at 2.30pm on Mondays 2.7.18, 16.7.18 and 30.7.18.

LOOKING FOR RELATIVES

I am looking for relatives with the name Georgiou from the 1960 s . My Uncle Costas Georgiou possibly had relatives that have moved to Hastings . His sister was my Grandmother Yelena . My mother was called Heidi and she had a brother George . I can be contacted by email address at helenbflynn1@gmail.com

Internship 2018-19 Diocesan Formation Team

The Formation Team based at the Christian Education Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP, is now able to offer an internship for a maximum period of one year. Please contact canonkieron@gmail.com or see last week's newsletter on our website.