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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: Saturdays: 10.30am to 11am.

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

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#### THE FOODBANK IS VERY SHORT OF FOOD

Please could you bring items of in-date, non-perishable food and put them in the box at the back of the church.

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Today, Sunday July 22nd  
we will celebrate Mass in  
Fairlight Cemetery at 3pm.

#### A BLESSING AT COMMUNION TIME

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

#### VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING

needed on Mondays and/or Wednesdays.  
Please speak to Fr Eamonn if you would like to volunteer.

Initial Safeguarding Awareness Training,  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 7-9pm  
at St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill TN40 1HR

If you can attend, please send your name to the Safeguarding Office – [safeguarding@dabnet.org](mailto:safeguarding@dabnet.org) - or to our parish email address -

[stmarystarofthesea.hastings.uk@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystarofthesea.hastings.uk@gmail.com) or book online via the Diocesan Website in the Safeguarding Section under Courses and Events.

This training is for everyone but particularly for those who work with or minister to Vulnerable Groups (Children and Adults at Risk. )

We would be grateful to have names/numbers by 16<sup>th</sup> August at the latest for refreshment and hand out purposes.

#### BEST WISHES AND BLESSINGS

to our Seminarian Stephen O'Brien who is going to Kenya for Pastoral Placement for a month. Stephen will be serving in Eastbourne when he returns from Kenya.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR DEACON DUNCAN BROWN,  
who will have knee surgery on Tuesday. We wish him a speedy recovery.

#### MOONLIGHT AND MEMORIES WALK

I would like to sincerely thank everybody at St Mary Star of the Sea for their support for the Moonlight and Memories Mystery Walk. Together we raised £480 for the hospice. Thank you all very much. Mary Barrett.

#### PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £847.14 including cheques and standing orders. Many thanks to all concerned.

Anyone intending to get married  
in the diocese of Arundel & Brighton is required to give notice of one year.

#### DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Do join us in the presbytery at 2.30pm on Mondays: 30.7.18, 10.9.18, 24.9.18, 8.10.18, 22.10.18 and 5.11.18. There will be no Divine Mercy meetings in August.

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HASTINGS OLD TOWN CARNIVAL PROCESSION, 4<sup>th</sup> August  
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO PARKING IN THE HIGH STREET DURING THE ROAD CLOSURES 3 PM - 8 PM  
Cars parked between these times will be towed away. THANK YOU. MICHELLE BROWN HOTCA

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CARNIVAL DAY EVENTS ON STADE  
THERE WILL BE FUN FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT BETWEEN 12 PM AND 4PM ON THE STADE OPEN SPACE ON Carnival Day, Saturday 4th August.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 21st July, 6pm: Special Intention: Philip & Hope

Sun. 22nd July, 10am: Phyllis & John Andrews RIP

11.30am: Lucyna Marcinkiewicz RIP

Tues. 24th July, 10am: Dennis Cullen RIP, birthday remembrance

Wed. 25th July, St James, Apostle: 10am: Christine McConnan RIP, recently deceased

Thurs. 26th July, Ss Joachim & Anne, parents of Our Lady: 10am: Maureen Monson RIP and Maura Monson Foster RIP, anniversaries

Fri. 27th July, 10.00 am: Parishioners

Sat. 28th July, Our Lady on Saturday: 10.00am: Bridget Kennedy RIP

### *Reflection: Camino - The Hill of Mercy*

In the morning we had to be out of the hostel by 7am. Alfred moved on alone, hoping to walk tracks that were not part of the set route. We were already that close from one day together that I felt lonely parting and I expected that we would not meet again.

Not wanting to walk in the dark I stopped under a street light on the bridge to pray to the sound of cockcrow, the running waters of a river and the wind. Later in the morning I went into a field to say Mass under a tree because it seemed there was no guarantee of finding an open church.

I walked alone the 18 miles from Larrasoana to Zariquiegui via Pamplona and ended up being the only pilgrim in a private hostel in the tiny village. While walking through the beautiful city of Pamplona I became aware of how at ease I am in an urban setting. I love the sea, the country and solitude but at the end of the day I am urban! During the Camino I came to a heightened awareness of the sacredness of the city - the humanity of it, the presence of God in it.

While praying in the Cathedral in Pamplona I read John's Gospel chapter 2 - the Wedding At Cana and the Cleansing of the Temple. What Jesus offers now - the new wine - is better than what went before and in the cleansing of the temple he is also offering us something better than we have known. The question is will we, will I, allow Jesus to give what he is offering? Am I willing to go through the kind of cleansing that is necessary in order to experience the new?

I left Zariquiegui on Friday November 4th at 8.00 a.m. The rain was pouring down, the ascent of the alto de Perdon muddy and slippery, the fog thick and the air filled with the eerie sound of a hundred barely visible wind turbines.

Being Friday I decided to pray the Stations of the Cross internally, arriving at the top of the hill for the crucifixion. The monument is familiar from the movie 'The Way'. On my way down the other side at the placing of Christ in the tomb my mind was instantly back at Calvary in Jerusalem 1999 a month after my sister Maura's death. At that time I placed her in the tomb and cried and cried a torrent. Now in this place I not only placed Maura but Mam & Dad and my own past with its failure, its pain. And the tears flowed again! And though I was totally alone, miles away from anywhere, I tried to hide my tears at first because they embarrassed me. But I dropped my hands and my guard and let go, crying all the way down.

It was one of the most significant moments of my Camino and I walked 24 miles that day to reach Estella, a day ahead of schedule, arriving in the hostel where Mark, Becky and Brend were staying, though I wasn't to get to know them yet. Mark and I met briefly on the stairs, introduced ourselves and he with his great smile said, "I look forward to getting to know you." Right then I wasn't fit to get to know anyone!

It seems to me that Divine Providence intended me to meet these very people who became major blessings in my whole experience.

Estella was also the friendliest town so far. It had a working class, happy atmosphere, and I went out in the evening to have the loveliest burger and chips ever. And I got lost and was rescued by a lovely couple - Miguel & Conti - who walked me a long way back to the hostel, none of us having a language in common! *Eamonn Monson SCA*

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.

### July programme:

23: Our OTW Bumper Coffee Morning with stalls, lots of comfy seating, coffee and biscuit at usual price and you can buy yourself a cake.