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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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8th July 2018 YEAR B

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SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR  
THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA.

Not Gift Aid.

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

To donate online please visit

[www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

THE FOODBANK IS VERY SHORT OF FOOD

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

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.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP Do join us in the presbytery at 2.30pm on Mons. 16.7.18 and 30.7.18.

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

who will be Confirmed by Bishop Richard in Bexhill today at 3pm:

Will Brown

Poppy Caffrey

Baxter Orchard

Francis Simpkins

Emilia Suggit

Lily Hill (at Eastbourne)

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £882.47 including cheques and standing orders.

The collection for Peter's Pence came to £44.85 .

Many thanks to all concerned.

'CELEBRATE' BRIGHTON NEXT WEEKEND

Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend – but it's for singles 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

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. Talks free to members, 50p to guests.

July programme: 9: coffee and chat;

16: Norman Coles talks on Fr McDyer, a co-operative farmer;

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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm: Michael, Joan Edna & Lilian Gunn RIP

Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> July, Sea Sunday, 10am: Parishioners

11.30am: Catherine Harding RIP, 2nd anniversary

Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> July, 10am: Dawn McGrath & Carol Agnew RIP

Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> July, St Benedict, Abbot: 10am: Seamus McDonagh RIP, anniversary

Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> July, 10am: Terry Keppler Intentions

Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00 am: Margaret O'Hara RIP, anniversary

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00am: St Camillus de Lelis, 10am: Kamila's nameday intentions

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Reflection: Camino – St Jean Pied de Port, point of departure

*'...life must pass through difficulty in order to achieve any modicum of beauty'*

*(Colm McCann – Let the Great World Spin)*

There were eight of us on the train up the mountains from Bayonne. One woman was obviously a pilgrim, being dressed much like me and carrying a backpack. The train stopped and after a delay the conductor came down to shout something that made the woman pilgrim puff and roll her eyes. Were we stuck? Everyone went up to the door of the driver's cab and through his window we could see a flare burning bright at the entrance of a tunnel. There was the fear that rocks had fallen in the tunnel and the driver walked into the tunnel to check it out.

While he was gone everyone talked happily. The eyes of a woman met mine, so I asked if she spoke English. She did. And very well. Marlies and her daughter Monik are from Belgium. Marlies lives in St Jean. Monik is visiting.

The driver returned, the journey resumed and when we got to St Jean the two Belgians decided to walk with me to my hostel – Auberge du Pelerin – to make sure I got in. It was now 11.15 p.m. My knocks on the door and ringing of the bell brought no response from within. Marlies gave me her phone to call the woman of the house who came down and welcomed me into the dark silence.

I was talking like it was midday. She told me to be quiet because 'people are asleep'. Hostels have lights out at 10.00 p.m. Opening the door into the unlit dormitory she pointed to the top bunk inside the door. 'This is yours,' she said and then withdrew, leaving me to the darkness and the sounds of men sleeping. It was not the time to go rooting in my bag for anything, so I threw it onto the bunk, climbed up and went to bed fully-clothed. There was a blanket.

The morning revealed a small dormitory with just three bunks and two elderly men going about their ablutions. The guy beneath me was still sleeping. He was younger than the rest of us.

At breakfast the woman of the house, Daniela, was chatting with a young female pilgrim who had a rosary wrapped around her wrist. They both gave me a warm welcome. The two older men from my dorm were at the end of their Camino – a Frenchman who sadly had to abandon his walk because of severe back pain and a German who does not believe in talking to God because he does not believe in God. He was planning to get the train to Lourdes that day. I said, 'Maybe God is talking to you' and told him how peaceful the Grotto is, especially at night.

The third roommate arrived and sat quietly at a distance. He is Julien, a computer scientist from Paris and he's here to help Daniela clean up and close up. A nice man. I'm the last pilgrim of the season. St Jean is a beautiful place and it's a beautiful day. There was some discussion at breakfast as to whether I should begin today or not because there is a concern about the weather. But having been up all night travelling I decide to rest before beginning. Daniela agrees and says it will be all right. When I asked Daniela where she comes from she replied, 'I'm a citizen of the world. I allow no country to claim me'. During the winter months she goes off backpacking somewhere around the world. She plans to do archery in India! *Eamonn Monson sca*