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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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th September 2018 YEAR B

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AT NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

we will be addressed by Martin West of
Hastings Street Pastors.

MASS FROM TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS

will be in the Day Chapel in the Parish House while
work is being done on the Sanctuary of the church.

HOME MISSIONS

There is a second collection (not gift-aidable) today for
the Home Missions.

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.

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.

September programme: 17th: Outing. 24th: Coffee &
chat – bring 2 or 3 holiday snaps

Anyone intending to get married

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

Union of Catholic Mothers

Study Day on Amoris Laetitia, Saturday 15 September,
Holy Redeemer, 24 Upper Church Road, St. Leonards.

Bring a packed lunch, Drinks available, raffle. Starts
2pm, ends 4.30pm. All welcome, no booking necessary.

BAPTISM COURSE 22nd SEPTEMBER

10.30am in the presbytery. Do come to our 10am Mass
beforehand. Parents requesting Baptism for babies and
toddlers in the next 3 months are required to attend.
Babies and toddlers welcome. It would be good if you
could come with a provisional Baptism date in mind.

PAINTING OF THE SANCTUARY

While this work is going on, weekday Mass is celebrated in
the day chapel in the presbytery.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

DIARMUID FRANCIS BURKE

Funeral Mass: Friday 28th September at 10am
Committal at Hastings Crematorium at 11.45am
May he rest in peace.

PLEASE NOTE, NO MASS ON TUES 18th SEPT

because all the priests of the diocese are meeting with the
Bishop of Arundel and Brighton. It will be replaced by a
special Liturgy of the Word.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

There will be NO Divine Mercy prayer group
on 24th September.

Do join us in the presbytery at 2.30pm on Mondays:
8.10.18, 22.10.18 and 5.11.18

ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

If your child is approaching the period of transfer from
primary to secondary schooling, very serious
consideration must be given to decisions involved in the
process of transition. With kind permission of the
Headteacher, I cordially extend an invitation to you and
your child to attend an evening at Sacred Heart Catholic
Primary School on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at
6.30pm when I, together with members of the Leadership
and Management Team, Pastoral Leader of Year Seven
and SENCo shall be delighted to talk to you about St
Richard's Catholic College. Miss D Cronin, Principal

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1
SEPTEMBER 2014 AND 31 AUGUST 2015?

If so, they are due to start school for the first time in
September 2019. Apply by 15 January 2019 at
www.eastsussex.gov.uk/admissions You will also need to
complete the Sacred Heart School's Supplementary
Information Form available from the school office or
download from website www.sacredhearthatings.co.uk

GRANDPARENTS/ PARISHIONERS COME TO TEA

The Sacred Heart School welcomes all grandparents and
parishioners on Wednesday 3rd October at 2pm for a tour
of the school with Year 6 pupils, followed by
refreshments in the school hall. Donations of cakes for
this event can be handed in to the school office on the day
and would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Parking.

We kindly request parishioners not to block other cars in
the church car park. One Sunday a parishioner, who
attended the 10am Mass, went to the parish hall for tea
and when she went to her car it was blocked in by
someone attending the 11.30 Mass and she was unable to
leave until 12.45pm.

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 15th September, 6pm: Dr Sean Petit RIP

Sun. 16th September, 10am: Sr Joseph Michael D'Souza RIP

11.30am: Wayne Anthony Lewis, Special Intention

Wed. 19th September, 10am: Margaret Terrill RIP

Thurs. 20th September: Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hassan & Companions, 10am: Nicky Hook RIP

Fri. 21st September, 10.00 am, St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist: Patricia Pace, Special Intention

Sat. 22nd September, Our Lady on Saturday: 10.00am:

Sunday Night At The Olympia: Seeing with the eyes of Love

My nephew Dave was a very good body builder and a few years ago he invited me to the Mr. Ireland competition one Sunday night at the Olympia. He said to me, "I know you don't get all this display of muscle but I'm so happy you came!" I don't really get it, though maybe I'm envious, but I went because I love him. And there I found myself in a big long queue outside the Olympia, easily the oldest and smallest man around.

Inside the hall the MC is trying to work us up into a frenzy for the most fantastic show ever, inviting us to have our phones set to video on the ready.

I can never be anywhere without thinking about God in Himself and I think of Him in relation to all those around me. Do they have a conscious connection with Him, do they even think about him? This is because of my love. I want everyone I love to be noticed, to be given due credit, respected. I want this for God. And I wonder how He fits in here in all of this. Of course He fits in, He fits in to everybody here in this place.

The need for spiritual health is not so strongly *felt* here. It seems to be all about the body and maybe the mind. While I find myself in admiration of the supreme effort put into the making of all these bodies on stage, I find myself praying that they might come to put as much effort into the building up of the soul. That I might put as much effort into my soul as they do into their bodies.

The moment arrives. The reason why we are here. Dave's group are called out on stage - 23 of them - and my heart pounds, I tremble for him, hope for him and pray.

Something happens to me, to my vision, my way of seeing - I no longer simply see the display of muscles. I see my fine handsome nephew, a young man who has a hard time of it in life, and I am proud of him, rooting for him with my whole being. Of course I think Dave looks better, is better than anyone else and when his name is included in the final six I let out an uncharacteristic roar.

I understood that it was no longer me looking at him with my limited vision but it was Love that looked at him, it was God Himself seeing my nephew through me and I was seeing with the eyes of God. There's an ordinary way of looking at people and life. And there's a Godly way of looking. We are called to look at every single person with the eyes of Love, the eyes of God and not with the eyes of judgement.

Eamonn Monson sac

DIOCESAN GRANDPARENTS' FORMATION DAY

Thursday 4th October at St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham RH12 2PJ.

Starts with Mass at 10am. Ends 3.30pm. Take packed lunch.

To book, and also to find out more about Grandparents' Week, 29th September to 7th October, please contact katherine.bergin@dabnet.org or on 01293 651152.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Saturday 6th October, at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, 11.30am, celebrated by Bishop Richard, for those couples celebrating a special anniversary in 2018. Booking essential - contact rosie.read@dabnet.org for a booking form.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY 2019

Saturday 26th January 2019. Theme: Human Trafficking.

A date for your diary!

The Knights of St. Columba Autumn Charity Quiz, Saturday 13 October at 7.45 promptly, Holy Redeemer Church Hall, Upper Church Road

St. Leonard's. Includes light refreshments. Tickets £5.00 Family £12.00 On sale after Mass from mid - September or phone 754721 now.