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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd September 2018 YEAR B

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AT THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

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

RCIA

We invite adults who are interested in
becoming Catholics and who wish to
follow the RCIA programme to contact
Fr. Eamonn or Deacon Duncan

CONFIRMATION

We also invite young people who wish
to receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation to contact Fr. Eamonn or
Deacon Duncan.

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.

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 FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £871.87
including cheques and standing orders.

The collection for the Home Missions came to £44.57.

The offertory collection for the weekend of 9th
September came to £1,226.82 including cheques and
standing orders. Many thanks to all concerned.

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 24: Coffee & chat
– bring 2 or 3 holiday snaps

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.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

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

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.

Anyone intending to get married

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

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
DIARMUID BURKE
Funeral Mass: Friday 28th September at
10.00am.

May he rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 22nd September, 6pm: Ann Georgiou RIP, second anniversary

Sun. 23rd September, 10am: John Paul Ludlam RIP, 1st anniversary

11.30am: Autumn Garwood RIP

Tues. 25th September, 10am: Dorothy Lawrenson RIP

Wed. 26th September, 10am: Helen Connor RIP, first anniversary

Thurs. 27th September, St Vincent de Paul: 10am: Michael O'Hara, Special Intention

Fri. 28th September, 10.00 am: Funeral Mass: Diarmuid Burke RIP

Sat. 29th September, Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels, 10.00am: Lilian Gunn RIP

"The Great Commission" by Gerry Flaherty

In August 2016 I received an email from Fr. Seamus Stapleton. He told me he was a Pallottine priest based at St. Mary Star of the Sea parish, Hastings. The order has been in England since the 1840's. They have a beautiful old church in Hastings, built in the 1880's, which is undergoing restoration work.

Fr. Seamus had seen some paintings of mine at Eddie Stone's Emmanuel House, Clonfert. He liked the colours and felt they told a story and through Eddie he got my details. He wanted a large painting, coincidentally titled "The Great Commission" - Jesus sending out the Apostles to go and baptize all nations, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He intended it for a black wall behind the Baptismal font.

He had a clear idea of what he wanted and a number of contacts by email and telephone ensued.

The details I can recall are;

- The Apostles on the left, along with Jesus
- Fr. De Bruno and Fr. Melia, the first two Pallottines to come to England to be included along with St. Vincent Pallotti, the founder of the order
- On the right Our Lady of Walsingham, St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher
- Our Lady would have 40 stars around her head to represent the 40 martyrs of England
- At her feet a field of wheat to represent the harvest of souls
- Jesus pointing towards the image of Our Lady of Walsingham
- At the top of the picture in the middle would be a pair of hands (representing God the Father) releasing a dove (the Holy Spirit)
- In the middle, water, either a stream or a waterfall
- The Tyburn Tree, which I learned is a gallows

On the 28th of October I emailed Fr. Seamus telling him I was going on a week's retreat and that I would give it full attention when I got back. He replied wishing me a good retreat.

Some time later Eddie was in a local parish and told a friend of mine of Fr. Seamus' sudden death. It was a shock to say the least.

At this stage I was well on with the painting so I continued and finished it early in 2017. I included some extra details, boats and disciples, Hastings cliffs in the background and I put Fr. Seamus in one of the boats. I also included a cross to balance the Tyburn Tree on the right.

Since then I have had contacts with a number of Pallottine priests, the latest being Fr. Eamonn Monson who has now taken over the parish and I am hopeful the "Opus Maximus" will finally hang in Hastings before too long.

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.