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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9th September 2018 YEAR B

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HOME MISSIONS

There will be a second collection (not gift-aidable) next Sunday 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING

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

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:. 10th: coffee & chat. 17th: Outing – venue decision nearer date, but will be booking in August. 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, Church of the Holy Redeemer, 24 Upper Church Road, Hollington, St. Leonards. Bring a packed lunch, Drinks available, raffle. Starts at 2.00pm, Finishes at 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.

CHURCH PAINTING

Work started last week on the painting of the sanctuary. While this work is going on, weekday Mass is celebrated in the day chapel in the presbytery..

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Frankie Dale, Diarmuid Francis Burke and Mary Broderick who died recently.

We wish all who have returned to school every blessing in the year ahead.

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £708.87 including cheques and standing orders.

Many thanks to all concerned.

HALL CLEANING

We need someone to take charge of the cleaning of the hall, especially the toilets - volunteers welcome!

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Do join us in the presbytery at 2.30pm on Mondays:
10.9.18, 24.9.18, 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

Sat. 8th September, 6pm: Katherine Sasha Walles & Saman Gunan RIP

Sun. 9th September, 10am: John Andrews RIP

11.30am: Colette Cullen intentions

Tues. 11th September 10am: Jim Needham, Get Well intention

Wed. 12th September, Most Holy Name of Mary: Albert Bowles RIP

Thurs. 13th September, St John Chrysostom: 10am: Margaret Terrill RIP

Fri. 14th September, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 10.00 am: Fr Seamus, b'day remembrance

Sat. 15th September, Our Lady of Sorrows: 10.00am: Family Healing

AND ALL WILL BE WELL

Sailing east into the morning sun on a calm sea, with Ireland behind me, I am grateful and make a prayer of thanksgiving for all who have blessed this past month from the moment I arrived in Dublin at the beginning of August until leaving it today. My friend and my friend! Family and all whom I encountered in-between. Kind people who speak kind words, the sort who build up rather than pull down. That was the quality of this time.

I asked the girls what were the highlights of their summer. They said, "everything!" - having had a great time. I too could say there were a number of special moments but I also like to name specific experiences.

A different kind of experience came when I was welcomed into the home of my Camino companions and their two sons - one aged four years and the other four weeks.

The uniqueness of this was being with a baby so young for such a long period, observing him develop day by day, being trusted to hold him and being trustworthy in this time of our shame. He learned to be at rest in my arms, feeling safe enough to fall asleep and, as time went on he seemed to see me and made those lovely baby noises to me, smiling.

It was as if God had come into my arms to remind me of who He is and who I am, for I too rest in His arms. A safe place for me to be and I slept like a child, protected from the storms.

This is one of the treasures I hold in the earthen vessel of my being as I return from fallow land to a new season in the vineyard of the Lord, as we say.

Departure and arrival are enfolded in fire and water like a prophecy of what is to come, inviting me to trust God like the little baby trusted me.

The sun that rose and shone on the morning over Dublin Bay shines again so beautifully in its setting over wheat fields as I get closer to my Hastings home.

And the bottle green sea is clear, pure and perfectly still where a woman in her deck chair continues knitting, even as the night closes in.

All is well and all will be well, all manner of things - as Julian of Norwich might say.

Eamonn Monson sac

Please take a FREEDOM to pray for unborn babies card

from the back of the church, fill it in, put a stamp on it and post it to Home Secretary Sajid Javid.

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.

World Meeting of Families If you are interested in seeing some of the WMOF2018 discussions go to EWTN.com/WMOF on Youtube. For the final Festival visit: EWTN.com/WMOF Croke Park, also on Youtube

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th September 2018. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Please consider supporting a rosary bike ride to be undertaken by East Grinstead parishioner Les Whittaker in support of the pro-life work of the Good Counsel Network. justgiving.com/fundraising/rosarybikeride