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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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COLLECTION FOR MISSIO

There will be a special second collection next weekend on Mission Sunday October 20-21 for Missio

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB

In the Crypt. Entrance via blue door in The Bourne.
Mondays 10.30am to 12 noon.

October programme:

15th: Hastings Voluntary Lifeguards,
talk by Di Cooke

22nd: Coffee & chat + used clothes - some vintage.

29th: talk by Roger: Friary Gardens on The Ridge.

Annual subscription only £3. Guests welcome at 50p per session. Coffee/tea & biscuit, 50p.

Talks free to members, 50p to guests.

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

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

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

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 £893.95 including cheques and standing orders. The collection for CAFOD came to £193.41. The offertory collection the weekend of 1st October came to £932.22 including cheques and standing orders. Many thanks to all.

Parking. We kindly request parishioners not to block other cars in the church car park.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
JOHN BUMSTEAD

Funeral Mass: Friday October 19th at 11am

May he rest in peace

Anyone intending to get married

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

Hastings Bonfire Procession

On Saturday evening 13th October at 18:00 many of the roads around our church will be closed until 23:00. If driving, when leaving the car parks please turn left as there is no right turn.
Nick Adie | HBBS Captain of Marshals

PARISH/SCHOOL HARVEST MASS

We will be welcoming pupils and staff of the Sacred Heart School to our 10am Sunday Mass today, October 14th. The pupils' donations of non-perishable food at this Harvest Mass will be donated to the Food Bank. There will be no Children's Liturgy at our 10am Mass today.

BONFIRE NIGHT AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL

is on Friday 9th November. Members of the PTFA will be selling tickets after our 10am Masses today, 14th October (Harvest Mass), and 28th October.

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 13th October, 6pm: Frank & Elizabeth Keppler RIP

Sun. 14th October, 10am: John Andrews RIP

11.30am:

Tues. 16th October, St Hedwig, Religious, 10am: Johanna Giles, Special Intention

Wed. 17th Oct. St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, 10am:

Thurs. 18th October, St Luke, Evangelist, 10am: Mary Lambert RIP

Fri. 19th October, St Philip Howard, Martyr, no abstinence, 10am:

11am: Funeral Mass: John Bumstead RIP

Sat. 20th Oct. Our Lady on Saturday, 10am: Parishioners

REFLECTION

It was part of my responsibility as Provincial to meet with the seminarians one-to-one and together as a community - a formal "business" meeting and an evening of recreation. I was in Nairobi at the formal gathering and had given a positive, encouraging talk and feeling quite satisfied with myself until, one by one, without exception the students began a tirade of complaint and criticism - not against me directly but against our way of life.

By the time they finish I'm feeling fairly depressed and, in my desperation, I ask, "if it's that bad, then why are you still here; what's keeping you here?"

They ponder in silence for a while and then, one by one without exception they tell me why. The response that has stayed with me is that of Jackson from Rwanda.

Jackson was at school when a Pallottine came to talk about vocations, looking for new recruits. He read the call of Jeremiah - "before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you came to birth I consecrated you" (Jeremiah 1) - and it made a deep impression on the young man. It stirred his soul, drew him to its reality and when the priest asked who was interested in becoming a Pallottine, Jackson said yes because he wanted what he had just heard.

Amazingly, he was a few weeks in the junior seminary when they noticed that he wasn't receiving Holy Communion and, when asked why, he announced that he was not a Christian. Nobody had thought to ask this before he joined; he never thought to tell.

So, he had to leave in order to prepare for Baptism before he could come back into the seminary. He's now an ordained priest.

It tells us of the positive power of the Word of God to reach into the heart of one who does not formally belong to the People of God. It tells how openness to the Word is to be found in one who has not yet come to the faith.

This is what Jesus is suggesting in Luke 4 when he tells his listeners how God in the past reached out to those who were not of the Jewish faith, that those on the "outside" are often better able to accept and receive what God is offering. So, those who, a while earlier, were full of admiration for Jesus, suddenly turned against him to the point that they wanted to kill him. The fickleness of the human person! The disgruntled who complain when things do not go their way, when Jesus doesn't give them what they want, when he challenges them.

The students in Nairobi were disgruntled and they had allowed themselves to sink down into a life-draining dissatisfaction, a destructive complaining. Fortunately, the question I asked them prompted them to look again at their life and to recognise that all was not as bad as they realized. In looking again, they discovered the positive word that lifted them up and in sharing it they touched each other's lives in a very positive way. Jackson had us rolling around the place laughing.

Complaining can become a habit, a soul-destroying habit. Jesus offers us a positive, life-giving way of looking at the reality we are experiencing. *Eamonn Monson sac*

PLEASE STAND UP FOR BABIES BY OPPOSING THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF ABORTION FOR ANY REASON UP TO BIRTH

It is important that MPs know they are representing prolife constituents and urgent that our MP is asked to vote against the removal of sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Persons Act whenever legislation comes before the House.

If you have access to the internet, watch

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzl55KqT3MA&feature=youtu.be&utm_source=Life+master+list&utm_campaign=27c2b6befe-Supporter+briefing+Stop+AoD&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_426acdb1bb-27c2b6befe-1204534321

And read this : https://lifecharity.org.uk/proposal-to-repeal-abortion-laws/?utm_source=Life+master+list&utm_campaign=27c2b6befe-Supporter+briefing+Stop+AoD&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_426acdb1bb-27c2b6befe-1204534321#decriminalisation-proposal

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You can do this most easily by copying and pasting the above links from our newsletter on our website

www.stmarystarofthesea.net

Then contact our MP to urge her to oppose the decriminalization of abortion for any reason up to birth:

Amber Rudd MP. House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 7229. Email: amber.rudd.mp@parliament.uk

Then contact lifematters@lifecharity.org.uk to tell them how our MP responded.

THE VIANNEY GROUP is a group for men aged 18 - 45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting takes place from 4pm to 7.30pm on Sunday 21st October at the Priests' House, Station Road, Burgess Hill RH15 9EN. For more details contact Fr Con Foley on 01932 842643 or email foleycon@gmail.com

FAITH IN THE FAMILY The Parish of the Good Shepherd will be launching a new Faith in the Family programme, of five sessions, starting at the beginning of November. Any parents or grandparents interested in finding out more about this programme, are invited to Tea and Scones on Thursday 18th October, between 2.15 and 3.15pm, in the John Fisher Room, below the Presbytery, St Thomas of Canterbury, Magdalen Road, St Leonards on sea.

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