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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st October 2018 YEAR B**

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### COLLECTION FOR MISSIO

There will be a special second collection this weekend, Mission Sunday, for Missio. Not Gift Aid.

### 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:

22<sup>nd</sup>: Coffee & chat + used clothes - some vintage.

29<sup>th</sup>: 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

### PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £905.90 including cheques and standing orders. Many thanks to all.

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

Notice from A & B Diocese: Proposal to decriminalise abortion: debate on 23<sup>rd</sup> October

At present abortion remains a criminal act unless certain conditions are met. Although these conditions have been liberally interpreted they still provide some important protections both for women and for their babies.

There is now a campaign to take abortion completely out of criminal law, at least to the point when the baby can survive outside the womb.

There will be a Parliamentary debate on this on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. It is important that our MPs are aware of our concerns and the basis for them as soon as possible.

For further information on the implications and how you can respond see: <https://www.veybridgedeanery.org/giving-witness-priority.html>

### IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Mrs Caterina Moscatelli**

Removal to church: 4.30 p.m. Monday 29th October.

Funeral Mass: Tuesday, 30th October at 10:00 am,

Committal at Hastings Cemetery at 11:15am.

May she rest in peace

### KSC Quiz

Our Quiz on Saturday last raised £623.00 including a number of donations. The local charities we are supporting include Street Pastors, Snowflake and Hastings Food Bank. We also make donations to other charities from time to time when urgent appeals are made after major disasters. Many thanks to all who participated in a very enjoyable evening.

### Anyone intending to get married

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

### BONFIRE NIGHT AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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

### HOLY ANOINTING

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October and on the last Saturday of every month at our 10am Mass.

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](http://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](http://www.sacredhearthatings.co.uk)

### 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 20th October, 6pm: John Bumstead RIP

Sun. 21st October, 10am: Michael Gunn & lost loved ones

11.30am: Private Intention

Tues. 23rd October, 10am: Betty Johnson, 90th birthday

Wed. 24th Oct. 10am: Margaret Terrill RIP

Thurs. 25th October, 10am:

Fri. 26th October, 10am: Caterina Moscatelli RIP

Sat. 27th Oct. Our Lady on Saturday, 10am: Roy Fellows RIP

## Mission

When I went to Tanzania in the early 80's at the age of 26, I was overawed by the work being done by generous and seasoned missionaries in the area of human as well as spiritual development, work that I knew I was incapable of doing. And I was a bit lost for a while.

Then Bishop Patrick Winters came on a visit to Tanzania. He was the retired Bishop of Mbulu, a Galwayman who lived near us at home. I was like a son to him and he clearly saw my limitations and my gifts. When I was appointed to Galapo he advised me to concentrate on preaching the gospel which is what I did.

To my delight I encountered in people a great hunger for the Word of God which was received not only as words but, like St Paul says, "as power and the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction". Utter conviction is a phrase that attracts and challenges me right now. An utter conviction that inspires rather than forces, that appeals rather than demands. An utter conviction first and foremost about the person of Jesus Christ and about the Gospel, the Good News which He himself has given us. He is himself the Gospel, He is the Word. I am utterly convinced of this even if I struggle to communicate that conviction.

I think of the conviction I had when I was a boy, the intense hunger I had for Jesus and, what may seem excessive, I used to go to the Augie in Galway on my way home from school and would pray an act of "spiritual communion" even though I might actually have received Communion at Mass that morning.

It's a prayer that returned to me when I was with Radio Maria Ireland where it was prayed live on air when we celebrated Mass in the studio. Prayed for the benefit of those who would like to attend Mass but who were unable to do so, it's a prayer that can be used by the many who come to Mass but are unable to come to Communion.

*"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."*

That was the strength of conviction I had as a child and, while I am still utterly convinced, something has been lost along the way. I'm not sure that I can ever recover what was lost but I am certain that it can be found in a new way in my present life. It is the beauty of life in Christ that all is never lost and there is always something new, maybe even something better to be gained as happened at the wedding at Cana.

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 today, 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](mailto:foleycon@gmail.com)

THE BIG ENCOUNTER 2018 - FESTIVAL FOR 16-35s, NOV 10th Our annual festival for 16-35 year olds is happening at Worth Abbey (Performing Arts Centre) on Saturday November 10th at 6.30pm. It's open to anybody in that age group, and we've got an amazing line-up. The Youth 2000 Worship Band will be leading the music, and Bryony Wells will be our keynote speaker. Bishop Richard will also be with us. This is the second annual BIG ENCOUNTER, and we're expecting a few hundred people, so spread the word. Entry is free, and you don't need to book. For more info: [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org)

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