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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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THURSDAY IS:

The SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, and is a Holyday of Obligation, with Masses at 10am and 7.30pm.

The children from the Sacred Heart school will be joining us for the 10am Mass

FRIDAY IS:

ALL SOULS, with Mass at 10am and 7.30pm.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Forms for you to list names of your dearly departed are available at the back of the church. They will be included in all Masses for November.

On November 3rd and 4th

members of Snowflake will speak at the Masses.

RCIA COURSE STARTS TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER

7pm till 8pm. In the presbytery

Adults who are interested in becoming Catholics are warmly welcome

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.

29th October: 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 Monday 5.11.18

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £935.23 including cheques and standing orders. The collection for Missio came to £241.23. Many thanks to all.

STAR OF THE SEA BAZAAR SAT. 24th NOVEMBER

Good quality books, toys, gifts for bric-a-brac and presents for Santa's Grotto can be left in the box at the back of the church. Thank you!

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

Anyone intending to get married

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

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.sacredheartheastings.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.

The Parish of The Good Shepherd

would like to extend a very warm invitation to Star of the Sea Parishioners to attend a Service of Music and Prayer from Taize for Remembrance Sunday at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, on Sunday 11th November, at 4 pm. Anyone who would like to help lead the music is asked to come to a practice beforehand at 3 pm.

Date for your diary:

Hastings and District Interfaith Forum

9 December 6 - 9.30pm.

Winter Festival of Faiths and Cultures,

Music, Dance and Food. Concordia Hall,

(Behind St. Thomas's Church) Church Road,

St. Leonards. All are warmly welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 27th October, 6pm: Imelda Knight RIP, Month's Mind
Sun. 28th October, 10am: Julie Gibbons RIP & Fr Seamus RIP
11.30am: Autumn Garwood RIP
Tues. 30th October, 10am: Funeral Mass: Caterina Moscatelli RIP
Wed. 31st October 10am: Fr Seamus Stapleton RIP (2nd anniversary)
Thurs. 1st November, ALL SAINTS, 10am: Holy Souls
7.30pm: Holy Souls
Fri. 2nd November, ALL SOULS, 10am: Holy Souls
7.30pm: Holy Souls
Sat. 3rd November, Feria or St Martin de Porres, 10am: Autumn Garwood RIP

A Place Of My Own

The housing estate of Mervue where I grew up was built by the local council in the 1950's - it was well planned, thoughtfully providing a lot of public and private space. Our family home is one of six terraced houses in Ceant Avenue where we were given three gardens. One small one at the front, another small one at the back and then the big back garden that was used in our youth for growing vegetables.

It was my mother's garden. It was she who cultivated it when she was young and strong enough to do so. In later years she turned it into a lawn edged on one side with lovely shrubs and small trees. And she left all of this to me before she died, wanting me to have a place of my own to come home to.

I'm no gardener but I keep the front garden in fairly good shape for the sake of the neighbours so that they're not looking at an eyesore. At least I used to do this when I could, when I was nearer.

It's the big back garden that challenged me most - internally. I don't mind the physical part of it at all. Tending it I always ask "who am I doing this for?" since very few people ever get to see it. Of course, God sees it all the time and I've no doubt but that He would be happy with it even if it were an out of control jungle.

Sometimes people look in on it with regret, saying something like "it's not the same as when Maureen was here." Of course it's not the same! Indeed, it has spoken to me of her absence and it has certainly grown wild in spots with a wildness that I find attractive and convenient.

Mam's lilac tree fell in the storm of a recent winter and I left it there, though I cut away some of the dead branches. When people suggested that I remove it I said no because it's a memorial of her. Then to my great pleasure the fallen tree sprouted new shoots in the spring and has blossomed for many summers now.

So, it rests there as a parable for me of the hope that abides in the fallen states of life. A reminder of the line from the Book of Job, **"there is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail."** (Job 14:7)

A parable for *me!* Even though I am solitary by nature, there is something innate in me, part of my vocation as a priest that lives and works for the benefit of the "other" rather than for myself. I live for God first and then other people. So it doesn't make sense to me to be tending a garden that is of benefit to no one but me.

But now on a day in May I know that this garden is mine and for me. I tend it largely for my own benefit. For the first time in years I have sat here alone for a couple of hours - reading, gazing up at the blue sky, watching seagulls, pigeons, magpies, blackbirds and the multitude of minute insects that hum in the grass. I listen to the robins and I am visited by them. For the first time ever this garden speaks of me and my presence.

It's a sort of homecoming to the place of one's belonging. A kind of Ascension! Jesus returning home to the Father, to the place where He belongs from all eternity. I haven't quite ascended but I have arrived home in a new way to the place where I belong. A place of my own. We all need a place of our own, however small or big - a place where we can truly be ourselves.

Eamonn Monson sac

Retired Priests' Collection - Sunday 4th November 2018

Every year at least £200,000 is needed for the support of our retired priests. The amounts incurred are likely to increase in coming years as more priests reach retirement age. This support ensures that priests do not face financial hardship when their parish ministry comes to an end.

While in active parish ministry, priests' accommodation and domestic needs are met by the parish and a modest personal income is usually provided from offerings at Christmas, Easter and from baptisms, weddings and funerals.

There is no charge to the parish for pension contributions to fund the future needs for their priest. The Retired Priests' Fund supplies these needs, whether the priest is able to live independently or whether more care is required.

In recent years, this collection has contributed only a fraction of the amount needed. Please give generously so that we can express our concern and gratitude towards those who have served us so loyally over the years.

John Bumstead RIP

John's family would like to thank all those who attended his funeral, sent cards, Mass intentions, donations in his memory and for all the kind support they have been given at this sad time. It is very much appreciated.

Towards a Global Ethic and Hastings Interfaith AGM

RVS Centre, South Street, St Leonards-on-sea, TN37 6AP, 6th November, 6pm for 6.30pm till 9pm

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

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

NEWSLETTER NOTICES can be emailed (in a way that's easy to copy and paste) to stmarystarofthesea.hastings.uk@gmail.com If you don't have access to email, please could you drop your notices in the box just outside the door to the presbytery. Many thanks.

URGENT MESSAGE FROM PAULINE GATELY OF THE ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON DIOCESE CHERISH LIFE NETWORK:

Please go to the Weybridge Deanery webpage here: <https://www.veybridgedeanery.org/giving-witness-priority.html> for updates and details of a mega-urgent action point.

Or if time is very short go straight here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/take-action-lords/> (no limit on number of peers we can lobby but I am trying to check if we are OK to use this facility multiple times. Don't know yet but can always contact peers direct through this: <https://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/lords/>)

Then spread the word please. Then storm heaven please.
Thank you. God bless, Pauline