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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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11th November 2018 YEAR B

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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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.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES AT FAIRLIGHT,

3pm next Sunday November 18th.

ON TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER

There will be no Mass here at Star of the Sea. Parishioners are invited instead to the annual Mass for deceased priests which will be celebrated in St. Mary Magdalene, Bexhill at 10.00am.

CONFIRMATION Classes in preparation will begin on December 5th. This year we shall be using the Chosen programme for the 1st time in this parish. Church leaders, catechists, parents, and – most importantly – candidates themselves have acclaimed *Chosen* as an engaging, fun, and life changing experience. In just its first year of release, this award-winning programme has been implemented in thousands of parishes around America and in the UK. *Chosen* calls young people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and is designed to answer the Church's call for a New Evangelization, offering a vibrant approach to this most important sacramental preparation.

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

Anyone intending to get married

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

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..

9 December 6 - 9.30pm, the Interfaith Forum is holding a Winter Festival of Faiths and Cultures, Music, Dance and Food. Concordia Hall, (Behind St. Thomas's Church) Church Road, St. Leonards. All are welcome.

The Parish of The Good Shepherd warmly invites Star of the Sea Parishioners to a Service of Music and Prayer from Taize for Remembrance Sunday at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, today, Sun. 11th November, at 4 pm. If you'd like to help lead the music, come to a practice beforehand at 3pm.

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £972. including cheques and standing orders. The collection for retired priests of the diocese came to £149.46. 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!

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB In the Crypt.

Entrance via blue door in The Bourne. Mondays 10.30am to 12 noon. Annual subscription only £3. Guests welcome at 50p per session. Coffee/tea & biscuit, 50p. Talks free to members, 50p to guests.

Only members paid up on 1st Nov. entitled to subsidized Christmas lunch.

November Programme:

12th: Adrian: WWII Quiz

19th: Coffee & chat & wrap Fair parcels;

24th (Sat.): Visit our stall at bazaar in hall; 26th:

Christmas flower arrangements.

Raffle of demo pieces.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 10th November, 6pm: Autumn Garwood RIP

Sun. 11th November, 10am: Diarmuid Burke RIP

11.30am: Kathleen Cooney-Wynne RIP (9th anniv.)

Tues. 13th November, 10am:

Wed. 14th November 10am:

Thurs. 15th November, 10am:

Fri. 16th November, 10am: Sr Josephine Gaffney RIP (anniv.)

Sat. 17th November, Our Lady on Saturday, 10am: Bernard Collinson RIP

MERCY TURNS ALIKE TO FRIEND OR FOE

Mercy crosses all boundaries, mercy that is expressed in a Church which Pope Francis once described as being a field hospital in war.

I never knew what a field hospital looked like until I saw the movie 'Testament of Youth' which tells the story of Vera Brittain who lived during the First World War. The field hospital is an incredibly awful reality, a place of unspeakable human suffering and misery.

Vera gave up her hard won education at Oxford and trained as a nurse so that she could share the suffering of the men who were fighting at the front. To her dismay she was sent to work in the German Ward of a field hospital in France and was challenged by the fact that she had to nurse those who were killing the English men she loved. But she had to do it. And maybe one of the reasons why she was sent to that ward was because she spoke German.

There's a scene in which a young German soldier is near death and the ward sister tells Vera to go and look after him. He is young and blinded and bloodied. And when Vera goes to him he thinks she's his girlfriend - so she lets go of her resistance, holds him and speaks tenderly to him in German and he dies comforted. Vera had a vision of Divine Love working in that awful place.

In a poem called 'The German Ward', Vera later wrote - "I learnt that human mercy turns alike to friend or foe". Mercy turns alike to friend and foe!

Divine Love is both merciful and truthful in the same moment. And this is the love that we are called to become when we celebrate the Eucharist in Holy Mass. *Eamonn Monson sac*

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK, 19-25 NOVEMBER

Many AA meetings will be open to members of the public that week. See notice in porch for venues. Includes one at Star of the sea presbytery on the Thursday 11am-12noon. Please let the AA know if you are coming at pattipihastingsrother@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Do join us in the presbytery at 2.30pm
on Mondays 19.11.18, 3.12.18, 17.12.18, 31.12.18

BAPTISM COURSE, SATURDAY 22nd DECEMBER FROM 10am to 12 noon

Parents requesting Baptism for their babies or toddlers in the 3 months from 22nd December are requested to attend. Starts with Mass in the church and continues in the presbytery.

Babies and children welcome.

FAITH IN THE FAMILY

The aim of this group, which meets in the John Fisher room at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Magdalen Road, St Leonards, on Thursdays in November, 10.45am to 12 noon or 7.30 to 8.45pm, is to help adults develop their knowledge and understanding of their faith so that they may help their families grow in their faith.

Programme:

15th Developing a personal relationship with Jesus – Mass and Communion

22nd Developing a personal relationship with Jesus
through prayer and Adoration.