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Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines)

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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18th November 2018 YEAR B

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SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

For the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund. Gift Aid.

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 today Sunday November 18th.

PASTORAL PLAN FOR A&B

At 7.00pm on December 13th at St. Martha's Bexhill, Bishop Richard will present the Pastoral Plan for the diocese. The plan is his response to the consultation carried out last year. It is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION Classes in preparation will begin on Dec 5th. This year we shall be using the Chosen programme for the 1st time in this parish. *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.

MASS WITH ANOINTING AND PRAYER FOR HEALING is at 10am next Saturday 24th November and on the last Saturday of every month.

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £1000.85 including cheques and standing orders. Many thanks to all.

STAR OF THE SEA BAZAAR

SAT. 24th NOVEMBER

Please come down to the hall between 10.30am and 2pm to enjoy a happy social occasion and to support this annual fundraiser.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Paul Reynolds and Patricia Pace who died recently. May they rest in peace.

COVENTRY PATMORE CHAPEL

Today we dedicate the newly-renovated Coventry Patmore chapel which will be a place of prayer and remembrance for our deceased loved ones.

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.

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: 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 AND FEASTS

Sat. 17th November, 6pm: Autumn Garwood RIP

Sun. 18th November, 10am: Daniela Salacka RIP

11.30am: Special Intention

Tues. 20th November, 10am: Margaret Murphy RIP (East Grinstead)

Wed. 21st November, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 10am:

Thurs. 22nd November, St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, 10am:

Fri. 23rd November, St Columban, 10am:

Sat. 24th November, St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs: 10am:

Thoughts On My Mother

November sets us thinking about our loved ones who have died. It has me thinking about my late Mother.

There is something enormous about the experience of a maternal love, enormous and sometimes overpowering. A mother has great power over her child, even when the child is growing old and grey! Her influence is extraordinary! I'm still discovering how much I have absorbed her attitudes and opinions, opinions she had of other people that I have made my own without question.

And how like her I have become. Traits I swore I'd never take on, I suddenly find they are part of me and I find myself saying things I promised I'd never say, things I didn't like when she said them. But good traits too that were hers surface in me from time to time.

Motherhood is one of the best expressions of God that we have, especially when it is lived in faith. Next to God our Mother is the most important reality in our lives and when she is taken from us, we experience a profound shifting of the ground of our being. Profound is probably not an adequate word at all. It is a loss akin to the loss of God. We become unsteady, maybe even unstable because the reference point of life has suddenly disappeared. It takes a while to adjust.

People spoke of Mam as being nice. Nice is much too tame. She was in her time and in her ways often the wild air, the nestling air that Gerald Manley Hopkins speaks of. She was deep and strong as the ocean. Elemental!

She had at one time in her life an untamed fury but she experienced real transformation as her life progressed. Life itself transformed her, tragedy such as my sister's death brought her to a depth in which she recognised clearly what mattered most in life. The material became less significant and what mattered most was the human person.

Prayer brought about its own transformation – adoration, praying alone at home and especially the Mass. It brought her to a level of peace that was radiant, a radiance that was sometimes even visible.

The transformation we saw in her has become for us a source of hope for me. She is testament to the fact that our chaotic lives can be transformed by grace, that change is possible.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK, 19-25 NOVEMBER

Many AA meetings will be open to members of the public this 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. 22nd Nov: Developing a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer and Adoration.