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**Office Hours for Hall Bookings and Baptism Certificates 10am-2pm Mon-Fri**  
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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.

CHRIST THE KING 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 YEAR B

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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 until the end of November.

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.

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £990.62 including cheques and standing orders. The collection for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund came to £71. Many thanks to all.

COVENTRY PATMORE CHAPEL

Last weekend we dedicated the newly-renovated Coventry Patmore chapel and it will be a place of prayer and remembrance for our deceased loved ones.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

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

STAR OF THE SEA BAZAAR

Thank you to all who worked to make our bazaar such a success and to all who supported it.

Hastings Foodbank

asked me to pass on their thanks for the donations which you kindly make to help those in need and also thank you for the cash donation from a parishioner/parishioners, please keep up the good work, thank you. Moira

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 26th: Christmas flower arrangements. Raffle of demo pieces.

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.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 24th November, 6pm: Autumn Garwood RIP

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> November, Christ the King: 10am: Autumn Garwood RIP, birthday remembrance

11.30am: Dr Sean Pettit RIP, anniversary

Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> November, 10am: Maryse Hill, 50th birthday intention

Wed. 28th November, 10am: Eileen Kolimbarides, Special Intention

Thurs. 29th November, 10am: Eileen Kolimbarides, Special Intention

Fri. 30th November, St Andrew, Apostle: 10am: Mick O'Hara RIP, recently deceased

Sat. 1st December, Our Lady on Saturday: 10am: Parishioners

### *We Are Not Tigers*

The movie 'The Life Of Pi' tells a powerful story that is layered with many meanings. Following a shipwreck, the only survivors are Pi, a 16-year-old boy, and a tiger. They end up, just the two of them, in a lifeboat drifting across the Pacific Ocean and in the course of the journey the boy trains the tiger to give him his space on the boat. They even develop a connection with each other and when they are on the verge of death the tiger's head is resting in the boy's lap.

But they survive. The boat drifts on to a beach where the boy collapses and the tiger walks straight ahead into the jungle out of the boy's life forever. What hurt Pi was the tiger left him without even looking back and in his desolation the boy is expressing something that is essential in every human life – that we be noticed, acknowledged by another, that we matter. Human beings need to be recognized, noticed, acknowledged for who they are and what their lives mean.

It's one of the basic principles at work in the Baptism of Jesus. God the Father might have said to himself that Jesus knows who & what he is, he doesn't need to be told. But that's not how God works. To Him every human person, every human life is worthy of notice and acknowledgement and so he looks at Jesus and tells him "you are my Son the Beloved, my favour rests on you."

This is at the heart of the Christian life – that each one of us in Baptism is seen by God, approached by God, spoken to by God – "you are my Beloved". And part of our Baptism is that we become the eyes and the mouth of God; that we represent Him and that we notice and acknowledge every human life. The Church, each baptized person cannot ignore one single life, cannot be indifferent to one single life, must cherish every single life from the moment of its conception up to the moment of its natural death.

The tiger in the movie walked away into the jungle without a glance at the boy. We are not tigers; we are made to turn and to take notice of the other human person. *Eamonn Monson sac*

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CHRISTMAS STAMPS: This year, Royal Mail has no religious Christmas stamps. Do write to voice your concern about this to Royal Mail Group Ltd., 100 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0HQ

<p><u>ADVENT CALENDARS</u>: Beautiful and reasonably-priced Advent calendars with Nativity scenes - and also a wide selection of gifts - can be bought online from Aid to the Church in Need at <a href="https://acnuk.org/shop/">https://acnuk.org/shop/</a> or from Apostleship of the Sea at <a href="https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/shop">https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/shop</a></p>
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Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

£649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.