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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, GAUDETE SUNDAY 23rd December 2018 YEAR C

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES & Confessions

24th December 2018

Children's Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ: 5pm

Carols: 9.30pm

Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ: 10pm

Christmas Day 25th December 2018

Masses of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

10am and 11.30am

Fr. Eamonn will be available for individual Confessions/Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat 22nd between 10.30am and 1.00 pm, at 5.30pm and after the 6pm Mass; December 24th between 12noon and 1pm. You can also make an appointment outside of these hours.

Weekday Masses will be at 10am on Wednesday December 26th, Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th.

Sacred Heart Primary School

The Governors of Sacred Heart RC Primary School would like to share with the parishioners the wonderful news that the school has been judged as Outstanding by the Diocesan Inspection team. The inspectors looked at 3 main areas of the school, the Catholic life, collective worship and Religious Education and the school was judged as Outstanding in all areas. Huge congratulations and thanks go to all involved including Mr Hellett and all the staff, all the pupils and parents and also Father Eamonn for his constant support. Well done!! There will be a full report issued to parents at the beginning of the new term.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There is a second collection this weekend for Christmas Flowers for our church.

SEAVIEW

Many clients of the Seaview charity do not qualify for the Foodbank and also need clothing and toiletries.

Please leave donations of ring-pull cans (but not drinks), warm clothing and toiletries next to the Foodbank crate in the church porch.

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.

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 £762.69 including cheques and standing orders. The collection for church flowers came to £123.41
Many thanks to all.

There will be no newsletter
the weekend of 29th/30th December.

Holy Anointing

There will be Holy Anointing at our 10am Mass on 29th December.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

MARIA WALSH

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2.30pm on Friday 28th December.

May she rest in peace.

Applications for the Youth Service Group

in the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage

AKA 'The Redshirts' - will open soon.

Applications will open at New Year and places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, with 60 spaces available.

Apply online - ABLourdes.org

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 22nd December, Fourth Sunday of Advent, 6pm: Paul Murphy RIP

Sun. 23rd December, Fourth Sunday of Advent, 10am: Fr Seamus RIP and all priests of Star of the Sea past and present

11.30am: O'Shaughnessy Intentions

Mon. 24th December, Christmas Eve, 5pm: Children's Mass: Eileen Tangen intentions

10pm: Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

Tues. 25th December, Christmas Day: 10am: Autumn Garwood RIP

11.30am: Kathleen Smith intentions

Wed. 26th December, St Stephen, Martyr, 10am: Special Intention

11.30am:

Thurs. 27th December, St John, Apostle & Evangelist, 10am: Intention of mothers of stillborn babies

Fri. 28th December, Holy Innocents, Martyrs, 10am: Hazel Fisher, healing intention

Sat. 29th December, St Thomas Beckett, 10am: In thanksgiving, Lynda

REFLECTION

The bishop stands up and I get nervous because I feel he's going to make me jump from an aeroplane. It's a feeling, a sensation that runs through me, not a physical possibility. He has himself actually done it - jumped from an aeroplane. There's a challenge afoot and I'm afraid I won't be able for it - his plan for the renewal and future of the diocese. Having been through countless meetings like this and being the age I am I'm doubtful about what might be proposed. The language of it. I have no doubt about the Bishop's own commitment, the energy that he's putting into this whole process, never flagging in zeal.

What sets me at ease is the line of Scripture he uses, "the word who life, this is our subject" - one of my favourite lines of the bible, my favourite reality. The bishop says that we go wildly wrong if we do not keep our eyes fixed on the Lord. This I agree with and I feel absolutely safe with Jesus.

Christmas invites us to take a leap into the simplicity of the stable, into the innocence of Jesus, the warm tenderness of love that is to be found in him, to have a first-hand experience of Him so that we might say with St. John that Jesus the Word who is life is something which known to have been since the beginning, someone "we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our hands." (1 John 1)

My own wish for Christmas is that everyone in the parish will feel this love of Jesus in a personal way. I feel so blessed to be here and want to thank the whole parish for the happiness which continues to surprise me.

Eamonn Monson sac

Invitation to St Leonard's Deanery

Next Eastbourne Deanery Initial Safeguarding Awareness Training at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU on Monday, 14th January, 2019 from 7. - 9 p.m. Do join us if you volunteer at Star of the Sea.

Next planned Initial Session for our Deanery is in September 2019 and Refresher Session for those who did their initial training in 2016, in March '19.

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.

December Programme:

24th (Christmas Eve): closed. 31st (New Year's Eve): closed.

January programme:

7th: Christmas experiences chat. 14th: Hastings Part 3 by Mike Plumbe.

21st: Coffee and chat. 28th: Respite care at the Hospice – talk by Felicity.
