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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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IN MEMORIAM

The Funeral Mass of Mary Powell of Old Hastings House will be celebrated on Friday January 11th at noon

The remains of Bob Jennings will be received into the church on Sunday January 13th at 4.00pm. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday the 14th at 10.00am

May they rest in peace.

Flyers explaining the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for the diocese are available at the church door. Please take one.

RCIA classes

will resume on Tuesday January 8th

Confirmation classes

will resume on Thursday January 10th

The White Flower

appeal will take place on Sunday January 13th

Second collection

for Pax Christi will be taken up on January 20th.

THANK YOU TO ALL

Who worked so hard to get our beautiful church ready for Christmas and who helped in any way over Christmas.

THANK YOU TO THE ANONYMOUS DONOR

who gave £30 to bring the Christmas Bazaar proceeds up to just above £3,000.

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.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

For your kind gifts and cards and for your offerings in the collections at our Christmas Masses for the support of clergy.

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

Sat. 5th January, 6pm: Intention of Fr Kevin

Sun. 6th January, Epiphany, 10am: Margaret & John Costello, RIP

11.30am: Michael Jenkins in thanksgiving

Tues. 8th January: 10am: Holy Souls

Wed. 9th January, 10am: Thomas Gaynor RIP & Andrew Byrne

Thurs. 10th January, 10am: In thanksgiving, Mary Oliver

Fri. 11th January, 10am: Fiona's intentions

12 noon: Funeral Mass: Mary Powell RIP

Sat. 12th January, 10am: Mary Powell RIP

REFLECTION: The Wolf lives with the Lamb

The wolf is an animal that fascinates me and sometimes it's an image that comes to me when I'm praying. There are a number of references to the wolf in the Bible and most of these tell us how dangerous the wolf is. A few years ago I came upon this poem by Charlotte Perkins Gildman - 'The Wolf At The Door'. It appeared in 'The Cry for Justice: An Anthology of the Literature of Social Protest' (1915) and these lines registered:

There's a whining at the threshold,
There's a scratching at the floor.
To work! To work! In Heaven's name!
The wolf is at the door!

Initially I saw the wolf as being external to myself and that I - and Christians in general - was its target; the wolf being the dangerous forces in society that attack and seek to destroy, or at least subdue, the innocent. The wolf was the destructive person who attacks and seeks to destroy me, to subdue me mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

And then one day it dawned on me that I am myself the wolf or that the wolf is inside me, a destructive, dangerous force within. A daunting, even frightening realization but God, as ever kind and merciful, reminded me of the prophecy in Isaiah - "the wolf lives with the lamb" (11:1-10) - which is an expression of the return to the peace of Paradise, the harmony of Eden which comes with Jesus the Messiah. It is the hope that is offered by the birth of Jesus, the hope of all nations.

So, as well as the wolf there is a lamb within us and the two forces come together in peace. Jesus is the Lamb of God whose gentleness, stronger than all strength, tames the wolf. It is in the surrender of the wolf to the Lamb that true peace is arrived at, the surrender of the self to God.

The harmony, reconciliation and peace that is being shaped within me is what I pray for in society and in every person; praying that Jesus will heal the wound within us that is often the source of the anger that lashes out at others or lashes myself from within.

"They do no hurt, no harm on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Eamonn Monson sac