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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10 February 2019 YEAR C

Parish Mass Book page: 135

February 17th is Racial Justice Sunday - promoting dignity for all workers.

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SECOND COLLECTION

For the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund  
will be taken up this weekend.

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PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £940.15 including cheques and standing orders.  
Many thanks to all concerned.

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The Governing Body of St Richard's Catholic College in Bexhill

are looking to recruit a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors represent the diocese and are appointed by the Bishop at the recommendation of the parish priest. If you have skills and time to offer the college please contact the Principal at [misscronind@strichardscs.com](mailto:misscronind@strichardscs.com) or the Chair of Governors, [ahoran@strichardscs.com](mailto:ahoran@strichardscs.com)

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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.

February programme (closed if snowy):

11<sup>th</sup> Big Book Sale

18<sup>th</sup>: coffee and chat, Kate to pop in to give out leaflets

25<sup>th</sup>: Energize talk by Kate.

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Anyone intending to get married

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

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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.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

PETER BRASIER

Funeral Mass: Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 10.00 am followed by Hastings Crematorium at 11.45 am

and

PATRICK KELLY

Funeral Mass: Friday Feb 15th at 12 noon

May they rest in peace.

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NEWMAN SOCIETY TALK

Monday 18 February 7pm for 7.30pm – 9pm. 'Never again: the legacy of clerical sexual abuse'. A talk by Will Kent from Catholic Voices. Christ the King Parish Room, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT. Organised by Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association. Entrance free. All warmly welcome. Contact Alex 07957632208 or Edward 01424219788 or John 01323 726334

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CCRS Course coming to the Diocese

In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, the Diocese are planning the launch of a CCRS course, starting in September 2019. The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies has been established since 1991 and aims to provide an introduction to Catholic theology and give an understanding of the central truths of our Faith. It will be open to teachers working in Catholic schools, Catechists, people involved in pastoral and liturgical work and other interested adults. Full details can be found at <http://www.brscrs.org.uk/index.php> For more information and to express an interest in attending the course, please contact Jon Harman, Adviser for Formation and Spirituality, at the St Philip Howard Centre: 01293 651157 or email [jon.harman@dabnet.org](mailto:jon.harman@dabnet.org) Pentecost Family Day:

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 9th February, 6pm: Fr Bob Barry, RIP

Sun. 10th February, 10am: Patricia Baker RIP

11.30am: Fr Richard Dearman Intentions

Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> February, 10am: Aileen Armstrong RIP

Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> February, 10am: Funeral Mass: Peter Brasier RIP

Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> February, Ss. Cyril & Methodius, 10am: Parishioners

Fri. 15th February, 10am: Yvonne Davis RIP

12 noon: Funeral Mass: Patrick Kelly RIP

Sat. 16th February, Our Lady on Saturday, 10am: Hazel Fischer, Special Intention

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## REMEMBERING SHIRLEY

“When I’m Sixty-Four”, the Beatles song from 1967! I sang it back then when I was twelve, wondering what it might be like to be that old! And now it’s happened. I’m 64 and slowly losing my hair. I don’t want to lose it altogether and it’s amazing how important hair is to us, to me! And it reminds me of Shirley who, this time twenty years ago was in the last months of her life. She had cancer, a brain tumour for a few years. I was with her before she had surgery in 1997 and she said to me, “oh Eamonn, what if I die without my hair!” She had beautiful hair. A beautiful woman, with a beautiful mind, heart and soul. So much to lose.

I’m thinking of my last journey to see her. We became friends, soul mates in Makiungu, Tanzania when I was a young priest and she a more seasoned missionary. In her I found a hearing and the freedom to be myself. The jacaranda trees, the airstrip at sunset, the starry sky - if these could speak, they would tell so much of our shared life. And our friendship had a lot of laughter in it, laughter which erupted and poured out of us on different occasions. Shirley was pure and had an innocence that gave her a great capacity for wonder and gratitude. She was free to admire, to admire me or anyone else. In her presence there was no room for low self-esteem. She quieted my self-criticism, which is sometimes harsh, and left me feeling like I was the best thing ever.

So, I arrived in Boston and saw this old looking woman standing alone with a stick. I had to look twice to be sure it was Shirley. As a result of treatment, her lovely straight hair was replaced by a curly wig, which seemed so out of character. She was so frail but her enthusiasm and joy were still there. The cancer by then was in her spine and she knew she was going to die but intended to “live until I die”. She, like me, looked forward to seeing Jesus face to face. We spent days talking about the past, the friends we shared, our concerns about our families and about suffering and death. She was afraid of pain but had a strong sense of offering it in union with Jesus for the salvation of the world. She had total confidence in God and expected that in death he would come running to meet her and pick her up in his arms. She emphasized that she knew she was a sinner but she trusted completely in the love and mercy of God.

One of the last things she said to me in was “when I die, I will love God all the more for having loved you.” What a lovely thing for me to hear and to know! *Eamonn Monson sac*

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including:

Fr Gerard Hatton, Lucy Marlowe, Vanessa Stockleigh, Ray Fagan, David McIntosh, Jim Needham, Hazel Fischer, Peter Ashwood, Martin Kavanagh, Mrs Gasson, Tracey, Michael Ramsay, Peg Watson, Helen Surges, Linda Frost, Linda Deeley, Young Tessa-Mae, Margaret Aris, Sheila Black, Debbie Wood, Jacob, Lila Brooker, Tracy Coal, Christopher Browne, Michael Ramsay, Spencer Ramsay, Michelle Spencer, Rosa Santos and Tommy Gaynor.

## LIFE CHARITY’S *BABY LOSS MATTERS*

Our parish is participating in Baby Loss Matters, an initiative by the national prolife charity Life, to create memorial spaces in churches across the country to commemorate the lives of those lost before, during, or shortly after birth for any reason. The memorial spaces include prayer cards, as well as details of support services if you feel you need them. The memorial spaces are for anyone who wishes to make use of them.

Our memorial spaces are the Coventry Patmore Chapel for the Bereaved and the Lady Chapel.

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