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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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION DURING LENT:

Praise to You, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!

HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 16th April: Mass at 10am

Wednesday 17th April: Mass at 10am

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm.

Confessions after Mass.

Watching until 10pm in the Presbytery.

GOOD FRIDAY

Procession of Witness

begins 10am at St Clement's Church to make its

way up High Street to Star of the Sea

and then All Saints

Confessions: 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion at 3pm.

Good Friday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday (not

Gift Aid). This annual collection is used not only to

maintain the Holy Places but also for the needs of

the local Christian Communities who, more than

ever, require our assistance.

Rehearsal for those who will be baptized or
received into the Church during the Easter Vigil

will take place after the Liturgy of

Our Lord's Passion.

HOLY SATURDAY

Confessions: 12pm to 1pm

3.30pm Blessing of Polish baskets of food

Easter Vigil at 8pm.

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass at 10am and 11.30am

A meeting of Ministers of Holy Communion
in the church on Tuesday April 30th at 7.00pm

Parish Finances

The offertory collection last weekend came to £875.29

Many thanks to all concerned.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
PAMELA DRINKWATER

Funeral service Hastings Crematorium on
Thursday, 25th April at 1:15 pm.

and

MICHAEL GUNNINGHAM

and

FR CONNIE RAMIREZ SAC

May they rest in peace.

Sacred Heart School's PTFA fundraiser The Swish will be held
on Friday 26th April @ 7pm in the school's music room.

An evening of clothes and accessory swapping plus a raffle with
some fantastic prizes. Please remember to hand your donations
of clothes and accessories into the school office any time before
the event. We're hoping that many of you can join us for a fun
filled evening and also help raise funds. Thank you for your
continuing support, Sacred Heart PTFA

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.

Prayer Around The Cross, a Service of Taize Music and Prayer
for Good Friday, 19th April 2019, at 8 pm, in the Church of St.
Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs, Magdalen Road,
St. Leonards TN37 6ET. Anyone who would like to help lead
the music is invited to attend a practice beforehand at 7 pm

LONDON TRAIN TO TEACH AT ST MARY'S
UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM, SATURDAY 27th APRIL
2019 (11-3pm)

Supported by the Department for Education 'Get into
Teaching'. Information about ALL routes into teaching
available. There will be about 40 different providers in
attendance (Universities, SCITTS, School Direct providers, etc).
Book at <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/teaching-events/train-to-teach-events/train-to-teach-london-270418>.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We regret to inform parents that, due to Health and Safety
regulations, we are not allowed to have bouncy castles in the
parish hall or grounds.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 13th April, 6pm: Joyce Bumstead RIP

Sun. 14th April, 10am: Pdraig Cloherty intention

11.30am: Margaret & John Conroy RIP, anniv.

Tues. 16th April, 10am: Parish

Wed. 17th April, 10am: Philomena Jackson RIP, b'day remem.

"Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone, silence the pianos"

The words of Funeral Blues by W H Auden remind me of when my grandfather died. Everything stopped - literally. Curtains were closed, the clock was stopped, the radio turned off, the television covered with a cloth and would not be watched until the funeral was over. For a child it was all a bit spooky and sombre but it was the way of acknowledging the major loss that had just occurred. Instead of entertainment there was conversation about the man who had died and prayers for his soul. His life and death became the total focus. Those days were all about him. A veil of sorrow and remembrance was thrown over everything. A veil of mourning, a mourning that included a lot of eating and drinking and even music. I remember in Shankill visiting a man whose wife had just died. We all sat around the kitchen table and every time he started to talk about her he would start crying, they would all cry so in the end they decided to play the music that she liked. Not a cd or anything like that. It was their own live music, they themselves played the instruments that gave expression to what could not be put into words.

Something like that happens when we move into Holy Week when we are asked to share the sorrow of the awful suffering of Jesus, to remember and somehow mourn for Him as for an only child as the Prophet says. So we cover all the statues with a veil, something that is a bit scary and spooky for children and maybe even adults but it forces us to think about what really happened to Jesus, to feel some of the pain of it. In Holy Week we cannot take comfort in the devotions that normally help us. The tender care of Mary and the saints is put aside while we pay full attention to Jesus. We take Him seriously in a way that we might not normally. And then once we have allowed His sorrow to touch us we will come to Easter when the veils are lifted and new light fills the church and each of our hearts. *Eamonn Monson sac*

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

Jenny Rowley, Maria Damai, Fr Gerard Hatton, Barry Amar, Ray Fagan, Lucy Marlowe, James Grant, Hazel Fischer, Martin Kavanagh, Tracey, Yvonne, Win Goldsmith, Lal Donaldson, Peter Ashwood, Darryl, Alice, Young Tessa-Mae, Alan Turner, Margaret Aris, Sheila Black, Debbie Wood, Jacob, Lila Brooker, Tracy Coal, Christopher Browne, Michael Ramsay, Spencer Ramsay, Michelle Spencer, Rosa Santos and Tommy Gaynor.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS All are welcome to join us at 2.30pm on Mondays: 6.5.19, 20.5.19, 3.6.19, 17.6.19, 1.7.19, 15.7.19, 29.7.19. No meeting on 22.4.19

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB In the Crypt. Entrance via blue door in The Bourne. Mondays 10.30am to 12 noon. April programme: 15th: Coffee & chat & hot cross buns. Easter Monday: closed. 29th: C & C + Church Drive: like a Beetle Drive, but draw a church. Annual subscription £3. Guests welcome at 50p per session. Coffee/tea & biscuits, 50p. Talks free to members, 50p to guests. AGM next month: prices may rise.

OUR NEXT BAPTISM COURSE is on Saturday 15th June, starting with Mass in the church at 10am. The course ends at 12 noon. Parents requesting Baptism for babies and toddlers in the 3 months from 15th June are required to attend. Please come with a possible date in mind.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES For 2019 are now available at the back of the church ready for collection. Anyone interested in helping to raise parish funds who is a taxpayer may do so by signing a GAD declaration. The government will then add to your donation at no cost to you. Please contact Fr Eamonn at the parish email address: stmarystarofthesea.hastings.uk@gmail.com

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN & DEANERY YOUTH WORKER JOB IN WORTHING. SALARY £30,000

Chatsmore Catholic High School and the participating parishes in Worthing Deanery are looking to hire an experienced youth minister for the above post, starting in September. Application deadline is May 20th. For an application pack, Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

INSPIRE 2019 - DAY FOR YOUTH LEADERS 'INSPIRE' is the annual day for anyone who works with young people and young adults in a Catholic context, and anyone who is interested. It's happening on Saturday May 11th at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, 10am to 2.30pm. Tickets are £10. The day will include some time with the Bishop, as well as a series of presentations on important questions in youth and young adult ministry. To book head to tinyurl.com/InspireBookings or Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk