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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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 21st April 2019 YEAR C

Parish Mass Book page: **EASTER VIGIL: 223. EASTER SUNDAY: 258**

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 £943.18
including cheques and standing orders.
Many thanks to all concerned.

BEST WISHES TO THE PUPILS OF YEAR 5 FROM
THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL

on their journey to Carrity Wood. Hope you all have a
wonderful time.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

JOHN BRENNAN,

brother of Christine Jennings, who died recently in
Dublin
and

MICHAEL GUNNINGHAM

Funeral Mass: Wednesday 24th April at 1.45pm.

May they rest in peace.

Michael's family are not Catholic, so it would be a great
support if members of the parish could attend.

The morning 10.00am Mass will be celebrated as
normal.

Easter (green) envelopes

for the support of parish clergy are available
at the back of the church.

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB In the Crypt.

Entrance via blue door in The Bourne. Mondays
10.30am to 12 noon. April programme: 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.

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.

Next Sunday 28th April

is the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday.

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

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.

VOCATIONS

St. John Vianney Group: A group for men, aged 18-
45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling
to the priesthood. The next meeting takes place from
3-6pm on Sunday 19th May 2019 at Christ the Prince
of Peace Church, Weybridge, KT13 8JD. For more
details, contact Fr. Con Foley on Tel. 01932 842643
or email foleycon@gmail.com.

**A VERY HAPPY
AND BLESSED EASTER
TO ALL PARISHIONERS FROM
FR EAMONN
and DEACON DUNCAN**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 20th April, Holy Saturday, 8.03pm, Easter Vigil:

Sun. 21st April, Easter Sunday, 10am: Autumn Garwood RIP

11.30am: Joan & Michael Gunn & Edith Mary Bowes

Tues. 23rd April, Easter Tuesday, 10am: In Thanksgiving

Wed. 24th April, Easter Wednesday, 10am: Liam McCann RIP

Thurs. 25th April, Easter Thursday, 10am: Sandie Tangen (surgery)

Fri. 26th April, Easter Friday, *no abstinence today*, 10am: John Brennan RIP

Sat. 27th April, Easter Saturday, 10am:

During Easter, we are asked to pray for: new members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church, human work.

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

Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, Barry Amar, Peg Metson, Tony and Lisa, Albert Dennett, David McIntosh, James Grant, Hazel Fischer, Martin Kavanagh, Tracey, Yvonne, Win Goldsmith, Peter Ashwood, Linda Frost, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Young Tessa-Mae, Beverley Lambeth, 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.

From Notre Dame to Sacré Cœur: Easter 2019

It was Tuesday morning when I heard the news that Notre Dame de Paris had gone up in flames the evening before. Having seen it three years ago and, more importantly, having prayed there, I felt a pang of sadness. And then it struck me that there is something powerfully symbolic about the event and its timing, it being the start of Holy Week and perhaps it stands now as a prophetic statement of the spiritual state of Catholicism, not just in France but in Europe. As if Our Lady herself, Notre Dame, is reminding us how things really are.

Much of the reaction has been about the physicality and cultural importance rather than the spiritual and, it's very interesting that politicians and the wealthy could so readily commit money to the restoration of this great building but do not show the same readiness to put money into the restoration of the lives of the poor. Still, the burning of this much-loved building has brought people's attention to its sacredness and we have the witness of Fr Jean-Marc Fournier who entered the burning building to rescue the Blessed Sacrament and the Crown of Thorns. And when the fire went out, there stood the altar and the cross shining above as another prophetic statement of what survives, signs of hope in the midst of disaster. There must always be hope. There *is* always hope in Christ.

The burning of Notre Dame sent my mind off to the other great Basilica of Paris, Sacré Cœur which I love very much because I experienced it as a wonderful and vibrant place of prayer. Sacré Cœur, the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It was Sacré Cœur that came into my conversation with a man in a nursing home whom I visited that afternoon. We hadn't spoken of Notre Dame but he talked about how he had become an atheist at the age of 16 and, still an atheist at 24, he found himself going up the steps of Sacré Cœur in Paris, just one of the many enthusiastic tourists gathered there. It was night but the doors of the Basilica were open and he found himself drawn to the light there and on entering he saw the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar and it seemed to be a blazing beacon that reached out to him. All he could do was fall on his knees.

Then, after he left, he started to rationalize the whole experience until he dismissed it altogether and reverted to his atheism. But that light would emerge in him many years later, it would lure him back to the faith into which he was baptized. When I visit him now he is hungry for the Eucharist, he glows in the light that was ignited in him as a 24-year old young man and for me this is a story of resurrection, the life that can rise from the ashes of unbelief, from the grave wounds in which a human life can be buried. Jesus is that light, He is the beacon and the fire. He is the Light and the Life that would not be held back by the tomb but broke free on the first Easter morning, that breaks free in surprising ways from the tombs in which we find ourselves. There is always hope in Christ. *Eamonn Monson sac*

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.

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>.

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