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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.

SECOND 'LOW' SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 28th April 2019 YEAR C

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IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

CHRIS GULLY

who died recently.

May he rest in peace.

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THANK YOU TO ALL

From Father Eamonn  
for your kind Easter offerings,  
cards and gifts.

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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

For the education of future priests.

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FR MARTIN MANUS SAC

from the Pallottine General Council in  
Rome will be on official visitation from  
May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>.

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PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB In the

Crypt. Entrance via blue door in The  
Bourne. Mondays 10.30am to 12 noon.  
April 29<sup>th</sup>: Coffee & Chat + 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.

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ENCOUNTER EVENING (FOR 16-35s) ON  
SATURDAY MAY 4<sup>th</sup> IN EASTBOURNE

at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church (opposite  
the Town Hall, 5 minutes' walk up Grove Road  
from Eastbourne Train Station), starting 7.30pm.  
It's totally free, and you don't need to book.  
ENCOUNTER evenings are all about making  
friends, singing, praying, being inspired, and  
eating! Lots of eating. To find out more, search for  
'Catholic ENCOUNTER' on Facebook.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Today, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm - at St. Thomas  
of Canterbury Church, Magdalen Road,  
St. Leonard's-on-Sea

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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

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THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US WHO  
WERE BAPTIZED OR RECEIVED INTO  
THE CHURCH AT THE EASTER VIGIL

to the kind parishioners who prepared tea,  
cakes & sandwiches afterward for us.  
It was such a kind welcoming thing to do and  
was very much appreciated.  
Thank you to everyone involved for their  
kindness and generosity.

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

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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.

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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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:foleycon@gmail.com).

### MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm: Maureen McKenna, Get well intention

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10am: John Andrews RIP

11.30am: Ellie Twomey RIP

Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> April, St George, Martyr, Patron of England, 10am:

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> May, St Joseph the Worker, 10am: Special Intention

Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> May, St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor, 10am:

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Ss Philip & James, Apostles, 10am:

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May, The English Martyrs, 10am:

### A Heart That Resembles The Heart of God

I am led to the prophecy of Jeremiah in which God says, *"deep within them I will plant my law writing it on their heart"* – the heart being the interior life. The implement of God's writing is very sharp, sharp as diamond, incisive, even painful. Deeply embedded in the heart and soul of the believer. The Law (Torah) that God speaks of is more than a set of rules to live by. It also means instruction, teaching, guidance. It is Divine Wisdom that is written into my heart and yours, a Wisdom which is Mercy, the forgiveness of sin that enables us to know God personally and first-hand.

The movie *'Hacksaw Ridge'* is based on a true story, the story of a young man of great integrity. Desmond Doss was a conscientious objector when he joined the American Army during the Second World War. Jesus says in the gospel, *"you must not kill"* and Desmond accepted that Law of God, accepted it because God said it and he intended to be faithful to it. He was completely faithful to it and in being so he was always respectful and never angry in his living of God's law. He joined the army as a medic in order to save life and not take it. So great was his commitment that he refused to handle a gun and he was treated shamefully in an army that did its best to get rid of him but he stayed and proved in battle to be a man of great courage, a real life-saver for those who would have died if he were not there.

I believe in the commandment *"you must not kill"* as I believe in all the commandments but it seems that what has been written in me by God - that law, that sacred Word, the Truth that is carved into my being has become smothered and cluttered by the experiences of my life, the many compromises I have made – often for the sake of not disturbing the peace! *"The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful."* (Matthew 13:22) To some extent the Word is choked by briars and brambles of one kind or another.

And it seems to me that many of us could ask ourselves two simple questions: firstly, what is it that is smothering or choking the Law of God, the Word of God, the Wisdom of God in my life? And, secondly what am I going to do to become un-smothered, uncluttered – so that I can live my life with the kind of integrity for which I have been created! *The ultimate goal of the Law is to create in each of us a heart that resembles the Heart of God, a heart that reveals itself in goodness, kindness, fidelity, selflessness and all of the virtues that are the fruit of Godliness.* Eamonn Monson sac

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

Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, Barry Amar, Peg Metson, Tony and Lisa, David McIntosh, James Grant, Hazel Fischer, Martin Kavanagh, Tracey, Yvonne, Win Goldsmith, Peter Ashwood, Linda Fox, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Vanessa S., Lucy Marlowe, Ursline Gordon, Maria Damaia, Teresa, Ray Fagan, 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.

OUR NEXT BAPTISM COURSE is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> June are required to attend. Please come with a possible date in mind.

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LONDON TRAIN TO TEACH AT ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM, SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> 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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