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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 OF EASTER 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 YEAR C

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THE PALLOTTINE COMMUNITY

is saddened by the death on May 13<sup>th</sup> of Fr. Noel O'Connor SAC. Noel has been a good friend to Fathers Eamonn, John O'Brien and Tom Daly since 1972. They were together as young men in the Seminary.

May he rest in peace.

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PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB In the Crypt.  
Entrance via blue door in The Bourne. Mondays  
10.30am to 12 noon.

May programme:

20<sup>th</sup>: AGM: Raffle and buffet lunch.

27<sup>th</sup>: Closed: Spring Bank Holiday.

This is a boring but important month for the club. Please look forward to June when we will be doing things and having super talks.

Annual subscription £3. Coffee/tea & biscuits 50p.

Talks free to members, 50p to guests.

AGM next month: prices may rise.

Parish Finances

The offertory collection last weekend came to £1088.97 including cheques and standing orders. Many thanks to all concerned.

40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration:

From Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May until Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May The Parish of the Good Shepherd will undertake 40 continuous hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will commence with Mass of Exposition at 7.30pm on Tuesday at St Thomas'. Fr Tristan Cranfield will be the Homilist and will conclude on Thursday morning followed by Mass of Thanksgiving at 10am. There are sign up sheets available at the back of St Thomas'. I am sure we will achieve this wonderful devotion again this year with some prayer and planning. The graces that will flow as a result for our families and parish are immeasurable. Together we can make this happen. All are welcome. Fr Míceál

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

MARGARET SKINNER RIP

who used to come to Mass at Star of the Sea with her late husband Don.

Funeral Mass: St Martha's Catholic Church, Bexhill on 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm

and

FAUSTINA LANE

and

ALBERT DENNETT (husband of Yvonne)

Reception of remains into church:

Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm

Funeral Mass: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10am followed by burial at Hastings Cemetery.

May they rest in peace.

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DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS

All are welcome to join us at 2.30pm on Mondays: 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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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.

Next weekend May 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>

there is a special second collection (Gift Aid) for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese.

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Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>

is the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of obligation.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm: Paul Murphy RIP

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> May, 10am: Hazel: Special Intention

11.30am: Colette Cullen, 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10am:

Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 10am: Teresa Adams RIP

Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 10am: Funeral Mass: Albert Dennett RIP

Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> May, 10am:

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> May, St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor, 10am:

## Lessons from Laura

It's true that I am at times too sensitive to sorrow and, in week that has been emotionally very draining, it's easy to lose sight of brighter experiences that are clear reminders of how God is at work, looking after the way that life unfolds.

There has been a series of providential happenings, things that occurred exactly at the right time. First, there was the arrival in Galway of an old friend whom I hadn't seen for over forty years and it was seemingly by chance I discovered he was passing through my home town the day after I arrived there. We managed to make contact and got to spend a most pleasant hour catching up. I also found myself visiting two friends in different hospitals a couple of days before each of them died, sacred endings by which I am blessed.

Most beautiful of all was my niece Laura's First Holy Communion on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the joy of looking into the happy, innocent face of this eight-year-old child who has some understanding of the importance of what was taking place in her life. Like many a child, and many an adult for that matter, she finds Mass boring - she didn't even like the taste of Communion but I told her it's not the taste that matters but what it does to her on the inside. I'm sure that the party afterwards held much more pleasure for her because it was simply fun which the Mass is not. But two things she said resonated with me. She told her Dad, "I'm not going to call Communion 'Holy Bread' because I know it's the Body of Christ." And she also said that she knows Communion should change her on the inside, should stop her saying things she shouldn't say. Even though, from my own personal experience, I know it will take a lifetime for that change to take place completely, it has already begun in her little heart. And she is teaching me lessons that I need to learn again!

It reminds me of what St. Paul says in Philippians 2 that in our minds we must be the same as Christ Jesus who emptied Himself. And that's the question I ask myself all the time - when I come to celebrate the Mass, how much like Christ am I really, in the way that I think, speak and behave? Do I have the courage to empty myself so that, like John the Baptist says of Jesus, "He must increase and I must decrease! - He must grow greater and I must grow less!"? So that Christ is everything and in everything! *Eamonn Monson sac*

CAN FAITH AND SCIENCE BE RECONCILED? A presentation by Fr Andrew Pinsent, formally a physicist on the ELPHI Experiment at the CERN laboratory. He is now Research Director of the Ian Ramsay Centre for Science and Religion at Oxford. Q&A and refreshments to follow. At St Martha's Church Hall, Cooden Sea Road, Little Common, Bexhill TN39 4SP on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 till 9pm. All welcome.

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

Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, Hazel Fischer, Martin Kavanagh, Tracey, Peter Ashwood, Linda Fox, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Darryl, Barry Amar, David McIntosh, Pam, James Grant, Maria Damaia, Win Goldsmith, Eve, 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.