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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 26th MAY 2019 YEAR C

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Thursday May 30th

is the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am and 7.30pm

Saturday June 1st

is the Pallottine Feast of Our Lady Queen of Apostles

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB

In the Crypt.

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

May programme:

27th: 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 £877.33 including cheques and standing orders.

Many thanks to all concerned.

This weekend May 25th/26th

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

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of FAUSTINA LANE

Reception of remains: Ascension Thursday 4pm

Funeral Mass: Friday 31st May at 10am
May she rest in peace.

On Wednesday May 29th

there will be no 10am Mass as Fr. Eamonn has to attend a clergy in-service day with the Bishop. A special Liturgy of the Word will replace Mass that day.

Confirmation practice

will take place on Friday May 31st at 6.30pm in St. Thomas of Canterbury, Magdalen Road, St. Leonard's on Sea. Please pray for our candidates who will be Confirmed on Sunday June 2nd at 3.00pm

On Sunday June 23rd at 3.00pm

we will hold a Eucharist Procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS

All are welcome to join us at 2.30pm on Mondays: 3.6.19, 17.6.19, 1.7.19, 15.7.19, 29.7.19. No meeting on 22.4.19

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.

Seaview Homeless Services:

If you wish to donate clothes to the Seaview Project please bring them directly to their centre on Hatherley Road, St. Leonard's on Sea TN37 6LB. They are not in a position to come here to collect the clothes. They have also asked that people donate only small or medium size clothes as most of the people they serve tend to be physically small. The Project expressed their gratitude for all the donations they have received to date.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 25th May, 6pm: Autumn Garwood RIP

Sun. 26th May, 10am: Gilbert Stretton RIP

11.30am:

Tues. 28th May, 10am: Vincent Skowronski, birthday intention (b'day 1 Jun)

Wed. 29th May, 10am: Liturgy of the Word

Thurs. 30th May, Ascension of the Lord, 10am: Florence Amy Bate RIP 7.30pm:

Fri. 31st May, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 10am: Funeral Mass: Faustina Lane RIP

Sat. 1st June, Pallottine Feast of Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 10am: Maria & Alex Colaris

Mass intentions: If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone who has died or for a get well or birthday etc intention, just go into the parish office in the presbytery after any Mass. A Mass is a powerful present to give. Mass stipends are £10.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

"Wherever I shall be, I intend to imagine myself to be together with all the creatures in the Cenacle in Jerusalem where the Apostles received the Holy Spirit. I shall remind myself to renew this desire often. As the Apostles were there with Mary, so will I be in spirit with the most beloved Mother and Jesus. As they are my special intercessors, I am confident that they will help me and all other creatures to receive the abundance of the Holy Spirit" (St. Vincent Pallotti)

I take this prayer of St. Vincent Pallotti and place myself before the image of the Cenacle – Mary in prayer in the Upper Room, surrounded by the apostles and disciples of Jesus after His Ascension into heaven. There's an empty space in front of Mary and I think of myself going in there to kneel at her feet, my hands resting on her lap in prayer. It reminds me of Mary Ann McDonagh who was, as I thought then, an old woman, though probably not yet fifty. When I was a boy in Aran where she lived, I loved her, the home maker. The warmth of her and the deep tone of her voice that sounded like freshly baked brown bread. Mornings when I played alone on the beach near the pier, Mary Ann would call to me from the door of the pub to come up and have tea with her in the kitchen. And when I got there, in the presence of the old black range with its huge and ever-boiling black kettle, we prayed. She seated on a chair and I kneeling at her feet with my hands resting on her lap. It was very tender. The prayer I remember us saying was the prayer to the Guardian Angel. Then there was the tea and Kimberley biscuits - a whole packet for myself. Prayer and Kimberley biscuits! My encounter with Mary in the Upper Room is not much different to that, no grander, no more complicated. We pray and she lavishes me with the abundance of Divine Tenderness that is in her, feeds me with the abundance of Divine Love that is in her heart, the oil of her kindness. And, without asking anything in particular, I am quietly changed for the better. *Eamonn Monson sac*

Calling all Grandparents!

Diocesan Grandparents' Pilgrimage 2019. Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Park Lane, West Grinstead RH13 8LT Wednesday 12 June 10.30 to 15.00. With Bishop Richard. Adoration and Reconciliation, Visit to Secret Chapel*, Mass with Bishop Richard, Retiring Collection for Upkeep of Shrine. Coffee and tea provided, please bring packed lunch. Limited parking, please car share if possible. Please book: Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk or 01293 651161

* Masses were held here throughout the Reformation

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, Barry Amar, David McIntosh, Pam, James Grant, Maria Damaia, Win Goldsmith, Chris M., Vanessa, Alice, Tony & Lisa, Yvonne, Paul, Ray Fagan, Lucy Marlowe, Peg Metson, 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 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.

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 4th June 7.30 till 9pm. All welcome.