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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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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

For the education of future priests. (Gift Aid.)

Next weekend

we welcome very specially Fr. Martin Manus SAC from the Pallottine General Council in Rome who will be on official visitation until Monday 13th. He will also celebrate Mass at 10.00am before leaving on Monday.

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

May programme: 6th: closed: Bank Holiday.

13th: Run-up to AGM.

20th: AGM: Raffle and buffet lunch.

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. Guests welcome at 50p
per session. Coffee/tea & biscuits, 50p.

Talks free to members, 50p to guests.

AGM next month: prices may rise.

School Chaplains: Taste and See Sessions

The need for every Secondary School to have a full-time Chaplain and for Chaplaincy to be available for every Primary School was identified in the Pastoral Plan. To help this happen, Bishop Richard Moth, and Father Stephen Ortiger, O.S.B., (Diocesan Chaplain Coordinator) will be holding a series of regional meetings for members of parish communities who would like to find out more about School Chaplaincy. From 7 pm to 8.30 pm on Thursday 6th June at the Sacred Heart, Cobham, Wednesday 12th June, at the Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield, and Thursday 13th June at St John The Evangelist, Horsham. To reserve a place contact Claire Martin, CPD Administrator at the Diocesan Education Service claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk or ring Claire Martin on 01293 511130.

Parish Finances

The offertory collection last weekend came to £946.23 including cheques and standing orders.
Many thanks to all concerned.

THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS

IN THE EUCHARIST

At a meeting of ministers of Holy Communion we reflected on the sacredness and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and so we respectfully request that people should consume the Sacred Host, the Body of Christ, immediately on being given it by the priest or minister. We also ask you not to dip your Host into the Precious Blood in the Chalice because of the risk of it dropping on the floor or clothing. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

Are offered to Laura on receiving her First Holy Communion in her parish church in Athenry, Co. Galway, from her uncle Fr Eamonn Monson on Saturday 4th May 2019.

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

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.

Vocations Weekend for young women in their 20s and 30s

Theme: Discernment and Vocation. Dates: 24-26 May 2019
Location: Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4th May, 6pm: Peter Prior RIP (First Anniversary)

Sun. 5th May, 10am: Andrew Gunn on the 50th Anniversary of his First Holy Communion

11.30am: Patrick and Esther Elshen, married at 12 noon today in York

Tues. 7th May, 10am:

Wed. 8th May, 10am:

Thurs. 9th May, 10am: Sandie Tangen (surgery)

Fri. 10th May, 10am: Mark & Helen Connor, Birthday Mass

Sat. 11th May, 10am: Rex Cogbill RIP

First of May

When I was small we all looked forward to the first of May – long before the Bee Gees wrote their beautiful song - when the leaves were fresh on the trees and the sun seemed to shine most of the time, though sometimes it rained heavily as we made our daily pilgrimage to the Grotto in Castlegar, about two miles from home. We were right on the edge of Galway city and it was over the wall and through the fields that we made our way, taking time to play among the rock and bushes, dreaming up great fantasies and dramas from snake valley to mansions and boats carved out of stone.

It was a time when faith was woven fairly seamlessly into ordinary life as we were keenly aware of the Divine in our midst and we turned to the Mother of Christ for help in everything we had to undertake. For us children as we grew into secondary school, we needed her help with exams. We went to her in droves every day after school, though I didn't fare too well in exams even after the most fervent of praying but it wasn't her fault because I was made for things other than formal education and I didn't put in the kind of effort that was necessary to do well with study.

At the age of fifteen I was already breaking in and out of innocence, familiar with teenage turmoil and the Grotto was for me a place of bliss where the birds sang as if in paradise and we were held beneath a canopy of green trees rustling in the wind. There were five stone steps for us to kneel on, one for each of the mysteries of the rosary and I would look up at the tranquil statue of Our Lady who seemed to be gazing into a distance that I felt to be my destiny. No other Grotto in the world has ever come near to Castlegar for beauty, atmosphere, mystery – not even the great Grotto of Lourdes. It has a power to awaken hidden memories of hope, hope that is born of God and has its fulfilment in God. I pray for everyone who has ever prayed there. Everyone who has gone there has done so with utmost sincerity, though some may have lost a lot on the way of life. We have all lost! May it be recovered and may each one be restored to that blessed interior innocence of the child of God and Mary. *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 4th June 7.30 till 9pm. All welcome.

The March for Life UK

will take place on Saturday 11th May starting outside Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BN at 2pm. There will also be events in the morning from 9:30am until 1:30pm. For more details and local coach information see www.MarchforLife.co.uk

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

Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, Peg Metson, Tony and Lisa, Hazel Fischer, Martin Kavanagh, Tracey, Yvonne, Win Goldsmith, Peter Ashwood, Linda Fox, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Teresa, Albert Dennett, Darryl, Barry Amar, David McIntosh, 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.

Celebrate Brighton: Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend 13th and 14th July 2019: www.celebrateconference.org Brighton Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for the whole family in which young and old can join together in a vibrant and faith-filled atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. This is the eleventh time that a Celebrate weekend has been run in Brighton. The theme for this weekend is: "Be strong and courageous! For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9 [NLT] for how to book, telephone 01444 450203.

Medaille Trust: Combatting Modern Slavery: Spring 2019 booklet available now: www.medaille-trust.org.uk