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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.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, 23rd JUNE 2019 YEAR C

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SUMMER FAYRE AT  
SACRED HEART SCHOOL  
Is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 3.15pm.

Parish Finances

The offertory collection last weekend came to £1053.12 including cheques and standing orders.

Many thanks to all concerned.

The Eucharist Procession  
For the feast of Corpus Christi has been cancelled.

The Big Choir: Friday 28th June  
at St Thomas's with Roger Wilcock and the Hastings BIG Choir, starting at 7.00pm. A varied programme of Populo songs, sacred music and Last Night of the Proms! In aid of music in church and our proposed new Organ. Tickets available on the door; £10 per ticket including a glass of wine or soft drink. Not to be missed!!!

Celebrate Brighton:

Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend  
13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019:

[www.celebrateconference.org](http://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. Theme: "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

Our First Holy Communion class  
will have their welcome back Mass next Saturday evening June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS

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

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB

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

Annual subscription now £5.

Guests welcome.

Please buy a tea or coffee with biscuit for 50p.

June Programme:

24<sup>th</sup>: 5 a day from your garden – talk by Peter Driver

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 also ask that we donate only small or medium size clothes as most people they serve tend to be physically small.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 22nd June, 6pm: Elizabeth Keppler RIP

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Corpus Christi, 10am: Special Intention and Alexandra Callow RIP

11.30am: Betty Johnson RIP, recently deceased

Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> June, 10 am: Patsy Collinson, Birthday intention

Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> June, 10am: Sandie Tangen, in thanksgiving for all the prayers

Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> June, 10am: Mary Oliver, in thanksgiving

Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> June, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 10am: Mary Oliver's intentions

Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> June, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 10am: In thanksgiving

### Mass intentions:

If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone who has died or for a get well or birthday or private 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.

### Second Anniversary

It's two years now since I came to Hastings - June 15<sup>th</sup> to be exact. My first Sunday Mass was the feast of Corpus Christi which was appropriate since the Eucharist, the Mass is the centre of all I am and do in the parish. It is what I love most. Everything else flows from it.

The weather isn't anything as good as it was in 2017. It's cold for June and dull a lot of the time and the beach that was crowded with families having barbeques two years ago, is much quieter in the evenings now. But I seem to have come through my own recent interior dullness, feeling brighter. It is largely the brightness of being at home here. It is no longer a strange place. I am no longer a stranger feeling my way and I am greatly loved.

I went up to the school this morning for a visit having forgotten that it's sports day. Two years ago I went nervously through those gates, thinking that I might not have what it took and now I know I belong here and can feel myself smiling when I walk through the gates, hearing the little ones from reception happily calling out my name. What a beautiful sight! What a wonderful sound! Here is a time and a space of sunshine - families sitting on rugs around the field enjoying food and easy conversation while children run and play, some excited about competing, others not so keen on competitions they might not win. Some of the younger ones are uncertain of my presence asking, "how did you get here Father Eamonn?" and "why are you here?" And I bumped into people I needed to see, people whose concerns are close to my heart, people who warm my heart. And so I thank God for the gladness that surrounds and fills this life of mine.

When I moved into Father Seamus' old room my eye fell on one book among the many - 'The Wounded Prophet' - and within a short space of taking that into my hands my attention was drawn to the BBC drama called 'Broken' about a priest in a declining parish. Wounded and broken are realities that seem to follow me and I'm inclined to think that it is my past wounds and brokenness that have equipped me to be a prophetic presence in this place of God's choosing. I'm inclined to think that whatever is wounded or broken in my life is also already transformed by the risen wounds of Jesus.

I'll finish with a prayer of St. Richard of Chichester on whose feast day - June 16<sup>th</sup> - I celebrated my first Mass in this beautiful church of Star of the Sea. The last three lines I thought originated with the musical 'Godspell' but they are much older than that. Richard died in 1253.

*Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ  
For all the benefits you have given me,  
For all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
May I know You more clearly,  
Love You more dearly,  
Follow You more nearly.*

*Amen.*

*Eamonn Monson sac*

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

Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, Maureen McKenna, James Grant, Hazel Fischer, Peter Ashwood, Linda Fox, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Barry Amar, David McIntosh, Win Goldsmith, Peg Metson, Martin Kavanagh, 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.