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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.

Ss PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES, 30th JUNE 2019 YEAR C

Parish Mass Book page: Vigil Mass: p.177, Mass during the day: p.180

CONFIRMATION

We invite those who are planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to send in their names before the end of July via the parish email or phone. We intend to begin classes in September.

SUMMER FAYRE AT

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

is on Friday 5th July from 3.15pm.

Parish Finances

The offertory collection last weekend came to £907.98 including cheques and standing orders.

Many thanks to all concerned.

Special collection

for Peter's Pence today.

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. 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

This is the eleventh time that a Celebrate weekend has been run in Brighton.

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.

Our First Holy Communion class

have their welcome back Mass this Saturday evening June 29th 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

Parking

July 13th from 3.00-5.00pm the church car park will be reserved for the Salvation Army.

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.

A&B DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Safeguarding Co-ordinator – based at

Bishop's House, Hove

This permanent full-time role is responsible for ensuring that the Safeguarding arrangements of the Diocese are suitable for purpose and comply with all statutory obligations and National Procedures of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The successful candidate will have a professional background in Safeguarding. Closing date: Wed. 17th July by 5pm. Interviews: Tues. 23rd July in Crawley.

Youth Advisor – St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
The successful applicant for this permanent, full-time role will work towards the delivery of the Bishop's Pastoral Plan and will have a key role in the development of Youth Ministry teams in the deaneries. The post holder will be a practising Catholic with a firm foundation in the faith.
Contact coo@abdiocese.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 29th June, 6pm: Autumn Garwood RIP

Sun. 30th June, Ss Peter & Paul, 10am: Ann Peters RIP

11.30am: Alexandra Callow RIP, anniversary.

Tues. 2nd July, 10 am:

Wed. 3rd July, St Thomas, Apostle, 10am:

Thurs. 4th July, 10am: Bill Keppler (birthday)

Fri. 5th July, 10am:

Sat. 6th July, 10am:

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.

RETIREMENT

It's a long enough journey home - 10 hours from house to house - but there's no complaint except a weary body which is not a complaint. Just a fact of nature. There's a great amount of pleasure in the whole process - the train, the airport with an americano stretched out to last an hour so that I can charge my phone, a delayed but lovely flight and running in the rain to catch the 19.45 GoBus with only minutes to spare. And there I listened to all 10 episodes of Vesna Goldsworthy's 'Gorsky' on BBC Radio 4, so beautifully read by Philip Arditti. A voice that has soothed me to sleep some nights. It brought me to within 10 miles of Galway.

I'm home for my brother's retirement as head teacher. He's seven years younger than me, so it's natural that I might taunt myself with the question, "what about me?" A taunt and a temptation. I'm naturally and essentially a very lazy person attracted by idle thoughts of spending my life dreaming, writing, walking. And then I think about the parish in Hastings and the moment in the gospel when Jesus lost most of his followers. The Parish might, like Christ, ask me, "will you go away too?" and I like Peter would answer, "to whom shall I go? You have the message of eternal life!" And this is true! The people of Star of the Sea hold for me the Word, the message of eternal life.

It was lovely in this secular age that the celebration at the school was centered around Mass which I concelebrated with Father Benny McHale who also gives his all. He spoke of Harry's enthusiasm, informing us that the word comes from the Greek "entheos" which means "God within" - to be in God and to have God within oneself. I've looked it up since. An enthusiastic person is one who is possessed or inspired by God. It was an emotional experience hearing about my brother's achievements, some of which I hadn't heard before. He himself would never boast. How proud our parents would be! How proud we his family are of him! I don't think I ever heard Harry give a speech, didn't realize how good a speech he could make. Well put together, delivered with a depth of feeling, revealing emotions that were important for his audience to witness and at the same time he remained master of those emotions.

Another highly anticipated part of this trip was my first encounter with my grand-nephew Cole who was born a month ago to Jenny and Brian. Here he might be called my great-nephew and I his great-uncle! My Camino Companions amusingly tell me that I'm a great Grate-uncle! There was talk of me meeting Cole while Brian was at work but both he and I wanted to be together in the moment and so it was. What a beautiful little child. What a grace to be given him to hold for so long. To be trusted with a child, to be trusted by a baby is a singular blessing, and what a joy to see Brian transformed into a Dad, Jenny transformed into a Mum, to see the completeness of this little family.

In the mix of family, we have our canine moments, which have often been a source of irritation to me. But if I resisted the dogs, then they seemed determined to draw me in. At Brian and Jenny's, I had every bit of my face, neck, clothes licked by their two very lively dogs Willow and Roxy, fearsome looking but very friendly creatures who seem to have taken a shine to me! And Róisín's Neo who liked licking my ears! Evelyn's Charlie and I have already become friends. He's older and tamer than his cousins! But it seems that, despite myself, I am being drawn into closer encounters with God's creatures - dogs now as well as pigeons! *Eamonn Monson sac*

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

Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, James Grant, Peter Ashwood, Linda Fox, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Barry Amar, David McIntosh, Win Goldsmith, Martin Kavanagh, Lucy Marlowe, Vanessa Stockleigh, 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.