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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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Best wishes and God's blessings

to Fr. Eamonn, who celebrates 39 years of priesthood and Fr John O'Brien and Fr Tom Daly, who celebrate 40 years of priesthood this Pentecost weekend.

SUMMER FAYRE AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Is on Friday 5th July from 3.15pm. Members of the PTFA will be selling tickets after our 10am Masses on 9th June (First Holy Communion) and 16th June. Tickets 50p each or £2.50 per book.

Parish Finances

The offertory collection last weekend came to £925.60 including cheques and standing orders. The collection for the Catholic Communications Network came to £86.10. Many thanks to all concerned.

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

to all our candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Thomas of Canterbury Church last Sunday. We wish them every blessing.

Today, Sunday June 9th, Feast of Pentecost, we have First Holy Communion at the 10.00am Mass. Please pray for all our children and their families.

The Eucharist Procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday June 23rd has been cancelled.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS

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

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:

10th: The Panama Canal – talk by Shirley Kleintot
17th Coffee & chat
24th 5 a day from your garden – talk by Peter Driver

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

and there will be a special second collection for the Day for Life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 8th June, 6pm: Marc & Sophia Tolley, married in Portugal today

Sun. 9th June, 10am: Ana Francesca & Lucy D'Souza RIP

11.30am: Jenny Tangen, Confirmation Intention

Tues. 11th June, St Barnabas, Apostle, 10am: Carlos & Teodora Olaer RIP

Wed. 12th June, 10am: Michael Moriarty

Thurs. 13th June, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, 10am: The Fisher Family Intentions

Fri. 14th June, 10am: Private Intention

Sat. 15th June, 10am: Private intention

MY FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Doctor Evelyn Tully told me to pray for a baby brother since I was the only boy among three sisters. I was seven years old and my mother was "expecting" as they used to say. I prayed for a brother and Harry was born on May 22nd 1962. Shortly after his birth I made my First Holy Communion, so I think there is something potent about the prayer of a child during that period of life. It must be the purest of prayers.

On the Saturday, the day before Communion, Noreen Carr and I walked on our own the two miles over to Castlegar church to make our First Confession. It was a time in life when two seven-year-old children could go that distance alone and be safe.

Canon Mitchell was inside the box in the middle and I went in the door on the right-hand side. It was dark but I was unafraid; I knelt even though my little head didn't even reach up as far as the ledge that adults used to rest their hands on. I stayed kneeling anyway, my head turned upwards. The small slide door opened above me and a dim light flowed through. "Bless me Father for I have sinned. This is my first Confession." And a kind old voice responded. That's all I remember. It was fine. We ran home delighted.

Next day we walked over to Castlegar again and I think I went with Julia Kilgannon whose son Sean must have been making First Communion as well. Noreen would have been there too. Mam was still in bed with the new baby.

Sister Francis in Scoil Iosagain had prepared us thoroughly and I obeyed everything down to the last detail. I didn't know then how not to obey. Walking up the aisle in line, hands reverently joined, I was calm with an expectant calm. We were told that our souls would shine bright when we received Jesus in Communion and I didn't know the difference between my soul and the sole of a shoe, so I was expecting the soles of the shoes of the children kneeling down to shine. We used to kneel for Communion at the altar rails in those days so that I could see the soles of every child ahead of me. None of them shone and this surprised me, so I thought it must be something else. I trusted Sister Francis totally and knew there would be a shining of some sort.

And shine I did! I felt a brightness within me when I received Jesus and have felt it all my life – sometimes more and sometimes less intensely. It's there for all of us if we pay attention and give it time. *Eamonn Monson sac*

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

Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, Patrick Kavanagh, Hazel Fischer, Patrick Ashwood, Linda Fox, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Barry Amar, David McIntosh, Paul, James Grant, Win Goldsmith, Eve, Sharon, Pam, Maureen McKenna, Lucy Marlowe, Ray Fagan, Peg Metson, Maureen Lennard, 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.