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**Office Hours for Hall Bookings and Baptism Certificates 10am-2pm Mon-Fri**  
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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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 28th July 2019 YEAR C

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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.

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.

July programme:

29<sup>th</sup>: Coffee & Chat

Members free with annual £5 subscription.

Guests welcome: £1 per talk.

Tea or coffee with biscuit 50p.

Lourdes Deanery Reunion

For those who have been or are considering going to Lourdes with the Annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, a Re-Union/Tea Party is being held at the Church Hall, Holy Redeemer, St Leonards On Sea, TN37 7AS, on Saturday 21st September 2019 between 14.30 and 16.30. This is an opportunity to meet up with fellow Pilgrims or to find out more about the Pilgrimage that takes place at the beginning of the School Summer Holidays each year. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS

All are welcome to join us at 2.30pm on Mondays: 29.7.19, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>. No meeting during August.

DURING AUGUST

There will be no Children's Liturgy.  
There will also be no newsletter in August.

Parish Finances

The offertory collection last weekend came to £915.21 including cheques and standing orders.  
Many thanks to all concerned.

HOPE KITCHEN [www.hopekitchenhastings.org.uk](http://www.hopekitchenhastings.org.uk)

Local soup kitchen shuts its doors owing to the apathy of local churches. The soup kitchen at Wellington Square Baptist Church reluctantly made the decision that they could no longer open on a Saturday because of low volunteer numbers. They are appealing for volunteers. You can contact Dr Mike Cooper at [tfmcooper@gmail.com](mailto:tfmcooper@gmail.com) or Edward Towner at [edwardtowner@towners.co.uk](mailto:edwardtowner@towners.co.uk)

All in the Old Town community and visitors are invited to a Taize-style service of Prayer in Songs & Words on the first Sunday of Old Town Week, 4th August, in St. Clement's Church at 5 p.m.

All are welcome to participate in this calm space of peace, silences, reflection and meditation, and it is hoped the music, readings, and prayers will help in drawing close to God, that He may touch and refresh all our lives.

Advance Notice of Parking Restrictions

Please can parishioners who attend the 6 pm Mass on Saturday evenings be aware that there will be road closures in Hastings Old Town from 3 pm until 8 pm on Saturday, August 10th, 2019. This is because of the annual Old Town Carnival Procession taking place. Any cars that are parked in the High Street after the road closure will be removed. No one will be able to drive into the Old Town until the roads re-open. Thank You, Michelle Brown, Hastings Old Town Carnival Committee.

There will be no Mass on Tuesday.

A Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated instead.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor

plan to attend our 6pm Mass on Saturday 3rd August and the Deputy Mayor hopes to attend the 11.30 Mass on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm: Autumn Garwood RIP

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> July, 10am: Annelous Igbokwe RIP, anniversary

11.30am: Vincente & Ana-Francesca D'Souza RIP

Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> July, 10 am: Liturgy of the Word

Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> July, St Ignatius Loyola, 10am: Dennis Cullen RIP, birthday remembrance

Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> August, St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor, 10am:

Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Feria or Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 10am:

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Our Lady on Saturday, 10am:

### *Twenty Years After Maura*

Up till then I never loved anyone as much as I loved my older sister Maura and then I wondered had it been a mistake to love so much. The pain of her absence was unbearable, and I honestly thought I wouldn't survive. I thought too that I would never dance again. It was with her that I danced best, most joyfully. But I have survived and have loved again. I have danced, but never so joyfully as with her.

The morning of July 28· 1999 I was in London on my way home from holidays. There was a message to phone my sister Rose. There was no answer. So, I phoned Maura. Her youngest son answered. I said, "can I speak to your Mum." He said, "she's dead!" She went to bed at the age of 46 and never woke up. That was the beginning of my worst nightmare. I didn't just cry. I howled. Those who were with me then still speak of the sound of my grieving. The experience left us all reeling as a family, fragmented and nearly destroyed. She was my best friend, my sister and the link that held us together as siblings. It felt like God picked us up in His two hands, tossed us into the air, all of us landing in different and strange places.

It was the loss of one whose soul was knitted to mine - a pain impossible to express. I loved her more than my own soul. These words of *St. Gregory Nazianzen* express something of the reality that we shared, and I am now immensely grateful for it:

*We seemed to have a single soul*

*Animating two bodies...*

*We were in and with each other.*

She saw beauty everywhere, praised beauty and I wrote this poem about the last time we were together:

### *Beauty of the Sky (In Memory of Maura}*

She leaned forward  
From the back seat  
To speak of the singular  
Beauty of the sky

Her right hand resting  
On my left shoulder

Our eyes meeting  
In the mirror  
For the last time

For the last time  
We walked the Prom  
And never said goodbye

Or anything significant  
As a last saying  
That I might cling to  
As some kind of assurance

*Eamonn Monson sac*

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, Peter Ashwood, Linda Fox, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Barry Amar, David McIntosh, Win Goldsmith, Martin Kavanagh, Peg Metson, Ray Fagan, Lucy Marlowe, James Grant, 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.