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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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 7th 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ANOINTING

at our 10am Mass on Saturday 6th July.

All warmly welcome.

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.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine,
Ireland, 26th August 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association, and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

NEXT SUNDAY, 14th JULY IS:
SEA SUNDAY

Please give generously to the Apostleship of the Sea collection to help seafarers.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
RYSZARD WOJCIECH RADECKI

Monday July 15th:

11.00am Remains received into the church
12noon Requiem Mass in Polish followed by
cremation at Hastings Crematorium
and

MARGARET HALL

Friday July 19th:

Funeral Mass at 1.30pm followed by cremation at
Hastings Crematorium
May they rest in peace

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS

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

July programme:

8th: Judy Rogers: What I do now!

15th: Coffee & Chat

22nd: Adrian Quiz

29th: Coffee & Chat

Members free with annual £5 subscription.

Guests welcome: £1 per talk.

Tea or coffee with biscuit 50p.

A DAY WITH MARY

At Arundel Cathedral, 13th July, 10am to 5.30pm.

With Mass, rosary, Reconciliation, Adoration, homily. Based on Fatima 1917.

See notice on noticeboard in porch.

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 6th July, 6pm: Richard Keppler (birthday intention)

Sun. 7th July, 10am: Maria da Rocha Fernandez RIP, recently deceased

11.30am: Catherine Harding RIP (anniversary).

We also pray for James Molloy RIP at our Masses this Sunday.

Tues. 9th July, Feria in Ordinary Time, week 14 or St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions, Martyrs of China, 10 am:

Wed. 10th July, Feria in Ordinary Time, week 14, 10am: Ann-Marie Hassan (birthday intention)

Thurs. 11th July, St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe, 10am: Jesus Balignot RIP, Leonila Nicar RIP and Rosario Olaer RIP

Fri. 12th July, Feria in Ordinary Time, week 14, 10am: Seamus McDonagh RIP (anniversary)

Sat. 13th July, Our Lady on Saturday, 10am:

REFLECTION

It's Monday, my day off and knackered is the only word for what I feel. I'm having an americano on the pier in sunshine. It must have to do with the intensity with which I live the weekends, especially in celebrating Mass. A surprising thought entered my mind during the consecration at the last Mass yesterday, just as a weary knee genuflected - "this is where I would like to die - here, celebrating Mass!" And in the state of grace! An honest, unbidden desire! And I thought of how awful that would be for my family and all who love me. I know the awful shock of sudden death and yet, if God chose to call me in that way, then I would serve them best by it. You never know the kind of thoughts that fly through your head at such sacred moments.

Friday, we had Mass for the feast of the Sacred Heart up at the school. Always a special experience from the time I walk in the gate to be mobbed by the children from Reception, many of whom want to hug me, others want to tell me about their cuts and bruises.

I used photos of my resident pigeons, projected onto the wall, to speak of God's constant and protective love – the way the mother and father pigeons take turns sitting on the eggs to keep them warm and safe. They laughed when I said, "of course God doesn't sit on us!" The children get it. It's such a simple message, the message of the gospel. And it's such a joy to watch the uninhibited bopping of the children to the rhythm of the hymns. They are so happy in the moment, happy in the message. Trustful in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And what a delight it was for the Vigil Mass of Saints Peter and Paul to have the First Holy Communion children back in all their finery, presenting them to the congregation, hearing them declare with St. Peter their love for Jesus.

The pigeon's eggs are symbolic of breaking out of the shell that encases us – breaking out, breaking through, breaking into the new life that is offered. And this experience of the pigeons is utterly new, something I have never ever seen before, hinting at the ever newness that opens up for us in God.

And there they are, eighteen days later, these little scrawny baby birds. Ugly looking things at first sight but when I allow myself to "see" them, they are a wonder. They remind me of unborn babies. That thought sends me into a spin! I was reading about a woman who regrets having voted "Yes" in last year's referendum in Ireland. She and other "yes" people are distressed by the laws that have been introduced. I am impatient with such regret, intolerant of it because it is utterly useless and absolutely too late.

Mam's sister is now seriously ill in hospital, our last remaining aunt. After Mass yesterday I went up to London to visit her. She was sleeping so I sat looking at her, praying silently. Like Mam she has macular degeneration and, when she woke up, she looked at me saying, "hello, who is it?" When I leaned over her and spoke, she knew me. "I thought you were that man with the white beard from the Dubliners, the one who plays the fiddle." We laughed. She too is resilient and very patient with her lot. She's waiting for one of these scope tests and hasn't been given any food or drink for four days. It's awful but she isn't complaining when she says how she longs for a cup of tea and chocolate.

As I'm leaving, I lean over her again and give her a quiet blessing. She holds my face in her two hands like she always does when we say goodbye. It's the tenderest of gestures. She is not holding on to me, she is giving *to* me, perhaps giving me away. I tell her it feels like a blessing when she does that. She said it feels like a blessing to her when she touches my face.

Eamonn Monson sac

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, James McLaughlin, James Grant, Peter Ashwood, Linda Fox, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Barry Amar, David McIntosh, Win Goldsmith, Martin Kavanagh, Peg Metson, Hazel Fischer, Tony, Patricia Burns, 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.