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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.

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 29th September 2019 YEAR C**

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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.

September programme:

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

Members free with annual £5 subscription.

Guests welcome: £1 per talk.

Tea or coffee with biscuit 50p.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS

All are welcome to join us at 2.30pm on Mondays: September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

GRANDPARENTS/ PARISHIONERS

'COME TO TEA'

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2pm for a tour of the school with Year 6 pupils, followed by refreshments in the school hall. Donations of cakes can be handed into the school office on the day and would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30 pm free admission to Solemn Vespers at Westminster Cathedral in celebration of the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman.

Seating starts at 2.45pm

HOPE KITCHEN

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

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE

Is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, starting with 10am Mass. Course ends 12 noon.  
Babies and children welcome.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Is on Fri Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes for donations will be at back of church the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October.

The RCIA course

to prepare adults for Baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will begin on Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Anyone interested in joining the course should contact Father Eamonn or Deacon Duncan.

Bible Study Group

Anyone interested in setting up or joining a Bible Study group should contact Father Eamonn or Deacon Duncan.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a group of people to look after the parish hall. Please contact Mary at the parish house.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2016?

If so, they are due to start school in September 2020. Apply by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/admissions) Also, you will need to complete our Supplementary Information Form, available from the school office or at [www.sacredhearstastings.co.uk](http://www.sacredhearstastings.co.uk) Fr Eamonn is available after Masses to sign forms.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. In the church hall. Doors open 10am. Entrance 30p. Under-12s go free. Fundraiser for the Snowflake Charity and St Mary Star of the Sea Church. If you have any jumble donations, please could you phone Tilly on 01424 718493 or leave at back of church after weekend Masses.

PALLOTTINE RETREAT

There will be no Mass on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> as Father Eamonn will be joining the Pallottine Community for their annual retreat in London. A Service of the Word will take place instead of Mass at 10am each day.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 28th September, 6pm: Molly Townson RIP

Sun. 29th September, 10am: Joao Vicente & Ana Francesca D'Souza RIP

11.30am: Autumn Garwood RIP

Tues. 1st October, St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor, 10 am: Service of the Word

Wed. 2nd October, The Holy Guardian Angels, 10am: Service of the Word

Thurs. 3rd October, Feria or The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex, 10am: Service of the Word

Fri. 4th October, St Francis of Assisi, 10am: Service of the Word

Sat. 5th October, Our Lady on Saturday, 10am: Margaret Murphy RIP

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Lorrie Csobonas, Tony and Lisa, Hazel Gordon, Tracey Fischer, Eve, M. Burnes, Peggy Metson, P. Fritchley, Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, Peter Ashwood, Barry Amar, Win Goldsmith, Martin Kavanagh, Linda Frost, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, David McIntosh, 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.

## REFLECTION

Early in September I was concelebrating at Mass with the Pallottine community in Thurles. There were ten of us and most were struggling physically due to age and illness. When it came to the Eucharistic Prayer, I expected that they would all remain seated as they would be entitled to but, not at all. Each one made his way slowly to the altar and leaned on the altar for support. It was like a holy huddle of the humble, lives lived within this mystery, lives given, offered, surrendered. There was a clear and intense focus on the Consecration and I felt that heaven itself had come down among us, heaven and earth meeting in that moment. Our humanity in all its frailty drawn up to the altar of the Most High. It's what happens in every Mass, except we don't always see or feel the reality.

We bring our lives to rest on the altar, finding support there, especially in the areas of life where we are most fragile; we faithfully bring the "little things" (Luke 16:10), all the bits and pieces of our lives, the joys, the successes, the sorrows and failures, all that we have lost and all that we have gained. Every least little thing finds its meaning at the altar, finds its greatness in the reality of Jesus.

*Eamonn Monson sac*

## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Is a successful, over-subscribed primary school and has 2 vacancies on their Governing Body. We are seeking volunteers who can bring their business experience into the world of education and continue to work with the school to ensure every pupil reaches their full potential. We would particularly volunteers with a finance background to express their interest. For further details, please contact the Chair: [chair@sacred-heart.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:chair@sacred-heart.e-sussex.sch.uk)

## MISSION AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October

Led by Fr Stephen Morrison o.praem, with Masses, Confession, Adoration, daily conference.

Full timetable at <file:///D:/8th%20Sept%202019/timetable.pdf> or see timetable on display at Holy Redeemer or St Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Leonards-on-sea. All are welcome.

## FAIR TRADE & TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10am MASS ON SUNDAYS

From October 2019 we hope to help our parish to become more involved in Fair Trade as part of our mission to help Third World countries. In order to do this, we will start with the coffee and tea that we use in our social get-together after 10 o'clock Mass on Sundays.

PLEASE HELP us to do this.

1 Come down to the hall for tea, coffee and a chat with other parishioners.

2 Is there anyone who would like to order and sell Fair Trade products in the parish? Please speak to Claire Power in the hall after 10 o'clock Sunday Mass if you would like to know more about this.

3 Would you be available to make the drinks and wash up one Sunday each month? If you can help please speak to whoever is making the tea next Sunday.

And finally, a huge thank you to everyone who has heroically worked in our kitchen at parish events, particularly since the dishwasher stopped working!