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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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REPRESENTATIVES FROM SNOWFLAKE

will speak at all Masses this weekend.

Meeting for Snowflake volunteers

will take place in the Parish Hall
on November 5th at 6pm.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1st IS:

The Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation,
with Mass at 10am and 7.30pm.

Saturday November 2nd

is the Feast of All Souls.

Blessing of graves in Fairlight

will take place on Sunday November 10th at 3pm

Second collection today

for Retired Priests (Gift Aid)

BAZAAR

This annual fundraiser takes place on Saturday 30th
November in the hall from 10.30am. Please leave
donations of books, bric-a-brac and toiletries in the
box at the back of the church (which is under the
table near the doors leading to the toilets).

FOODBANK

Please leave donations of in-date, non-perishable
foods in the crate at the back of the church.
The warehouse shelves are still empty.

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. October 2019 Programme:
28th: Coffee & Chat.

Members free with annual £5 subscription.

Guests welcome: £1 per talk. Tea or coffee with biscuit 50p.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR MISSO (APF)

next weekend, when Fr. Kevin from MISSIO will speak at our Masses.

The RCIA course

**to prepare adults for Baptism or reception into
the Catholic Church will begin on Tuesday
November 5th 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.
This is such an important ministry.
Please contact Mary at the parish house.**

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE

is on Saturday 23rd November, starting with 10am Mass.
Course ends 12 noon. Babies and children welcome.

CONFIRMATION

There are no classes next week (30th October) as it
is the half term break. The certificates for those
confirmed last year will be presented to the
candidates on Sat 23rd November, the Feast of Christ
the King, at the 6.00 pm Mass.

JUMBLE SALE TODAY

SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER 11am to 2pm. In the church
hall. Entrance 30p. Under-12s go free. Fundraiser for the
Snowflake Charity and St Mary Star of the Sea Church.
Tea, coffee etc will also be available.

If you have any jumble donations, please could you phone
Tilly on 01424 718493 or leave at back of church.
after weekend Masses..

BONFIRE NIGHT AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Is on Friday 15th November. Members of the PTFA
will be selling tickets after our 10am Masses on 27th
October and 3rd and 10th November

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS Please note that if your Mass intention is replaced by a funeral Mass, your Mass will be moved to the next available date.

Sat. 26th October, 6pm: Julie Gibbons RIP & Fr. Seamus RIP

Sun. 27th October, 10am: Frank Emary RIP

11.30am: Roy Fellows RIP

Tues. 29th October, 10 am: Tina Morton RIP

Wed.30th October, 10am: Fr Seamus Stapleton RIP

Thurs. 31st October, 10am: Fr Seamus Stapleton RIP

Fri. 1st November, FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, also First Friday of Month, no abstinence, 10am: Special Intention
7.30pm: Judith Taylor RIP

Sat. 2nd November, ALL SOULS,10am: Hildegard & Edward Dezateux RIP

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Jenny Rowley, Peter Ashwood, Barry Amar, Win Goldsmith, Linda Fox, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, David McIntosh, James Grant, Martin Kavanagh, Lucy Marlowe, Hazel Gordon, Tracey Fischer, Eve, Alice, Darryl, Young Tessa-Mae, Stephen Gurden, Maureen McKenna, Christine Jennings, Freda Barrell, 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.

Immersed In Mercy

During a retreat in the Camaldolese monastery near Frascati in 1839 St. Vincent Pallotti wrote that he was in extreme need of what he calls an "infinite deluge of divine mercy" and he says "I found myself immersed in an immense sea of divine Mercy". The need and the experience of Mercy was vast and abundant. To describe God Pallotti uses words such as infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible. God is immense, infinite, immeasurable and incomprehensible Mercy. They are powerful images - being washed in the deluge, being immersed in the sea and finding oneself. It is when I am so overwhelmed, immersed in God that I find my true self, who I truly am and who I am called to become. What matters in this immersion is that I become an altogether new creation (Galatians 6:15). It matters that I keep striving for this and not settle for less.

I love to stand on a cliff on Inis Mor in the Aran Islands and look out at the expanse of the Atlantic Ocean. It reminds me of God, the Mercy of God and even as I gaze at it in wonder, I know that this ocean is tiny when compared with the reality of God, the Mercy of God. But it is a good reminder. The Mercy of God is big hearted and incredibly generous. If we only knew what God is offering, if we only knew who God really is! If only we would allow ourselves spiritually to go down into the waters of the Jordan, the waters in baptism, to go down in Christ, immersed with Him and in Him. Emerge from it in Him!

Vincent Pallotti says that everything God does is merciful. Mercy is God's very essence, God's very self. Jesus is Mercy in essence. And when we are immersed in Him then everything we experience in life becomes mercy - even when it doesn't seem like it, even when we don't understand it in that way.

And it is by our immersion in the infinite sea of divine Mercy that God reveals, unfolds His true nature to us. Our capacity to receive the fullness of God is always limited but it is important that we come discover who God is in truth, that we are not living with false ideas or shadows of who He is. In discovering who God is then I am called to become like Him, to become Godly, to be shaped by my experience and knowledge of God.

The Mercy of God revealed in and experienced through Jesus - this is what I believe and accept. And I've been growing in that over the years - hopefully giving witness to the God of tenderness and compassion, letting go of my fearsome feeling about God. In Jesus the fullness of divinity lives (Colossians 2:9); He is the definitive expression of who God is and all fullness is to be found in Him (Colossians 1:19). *Eamonn Monson sac*

THINKING OF TEACHING?

Find out more about how to start your teaching career by attending an event at St Richard's Catholic College, 4-6pm on

Tues, 26 November. Local training providers will be there. Find out about bursaries and funding at

getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training

To get more information and register your interest at thinkingofteachingeastsussex.eventbrite.co.uk

St Richard's Catholic College is celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Monday, 18th November 2019. The celebrations will begin at 9.30am with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard followed by a blessing of the new Sports Hall and a display. Visitors will then have an opportunity to tour the school and to have some refreshments. The community of St Richard's Catholic College would be delighted to see you.

RSVP to Mrs Butcher at mrsbutcherr@strichardsc.com by Monday, 11th November or telephone: (01424) 731070

For safeguarding reasons, we need to know in advance who will be attending so responses are essential.

Parish Finances The offertory collection last weekend came to £989.56 including cheques and standing orders.

Many thanks to all concerned.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS All are welcome to join us at 2.30pm on Mondays: Oct. 28th, Nov.11th.

REMEMBERING TOGETHER: Remembrance Sunday, 10th November 2019 at 3pm at Unitarian Church, South Terrace, Hastings TN34 1SA with Jewish Songs of Remembrance