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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 6th October 2019 YEAR C

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We offer our sincere sympathy
to Deacon Duncan on the death of his Mum
June. Our love and prayers are with him,
his Dad Peter and all the family.
May June rest in Eternal Peace.
Funeral Mass: 10th October at 10am

HARVEST MASS, 13th OCTOBER

Pupils and staff of the Sacred Heart School will be
joining us at our 10am Mass. They will be holding
a sale of produce in the church hall after Mass
in aid of CAFOD.

Any unsold produce will go to the FoodBank.

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:

7th Pam's Husband's Story – Pam Vale

14th Coffee & Chat

21st: Inside Local Government – the Cogs – one
woman's view, Tania Charman

28th: 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:
October 14th, 28th, November 11th.

You are invited to join in the Good Shepherd

Parish Mission which begins this weekend
Saturday 5th until Friday 11th of October.

The theme of the Mission is
'Rediscovering Our Faith'

The Funeral Mass of Joan Gasson
will take place on Friday 11th at 10.00
followed by burial at Hastings Cemetery
May she rest in peace.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

There will be a second collection today for CAFOD,
following CAFOD Family Fast Day.

The RCIA course

to prepare adults for Baptism or reception into the
Catholic Church will begin on Tuesday November 6th 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.

Knights of St. Columba Grand Autumn Charity Quiz

Holy Redeemer Church Hall

Saturday 26 October @7.30 for 7.45

Raising funds for local charities including

Snowflake night shelter and the Hastings food bank.

Tickets £5.00 each or £12.50 2 Adults and 2 children
under 16

Light snacks provided, please bring your own wine/beer

Tickets from Patrick 439871 or David 754721

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE

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

JUMBLE SALE WILL NOW BE ON

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

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. 5th October, 6pm: Sister Regina RIP

Sun. 6th October, 10am: Eileen Delaney RIP, first anniversary

11.30am: Danny Murphy RIP (recently deceased)

Tues. 8th October, 10 am: Con Power RIP

Wed. 9th October, Feria or St Denis or Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest, 10am: Margaret Murphy RIP

Thurs. 10th October, 10am: Funeral Mass: June Brown RIP

Fri. 11th October, 10am: Funeral Mass: Joan Gasson RIP

Sat. 12th October, St Wilfrid, Bishop, 10am: Silvia Hooke RIP

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Christine Jennings, Elliot, Jean, Tony, Hazel Gordon, Tracey Fischer, Yve, Maggie Burnes, Peggy Metson, Phyl Fritchley, Jenny Rowley, Fr Gerard Hatton, Peter Ashwood, Barry Amar, Win Goldsmith, Martin Kavanagh, Linda Fox, 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

The 4th chapter of the Catechism talks about 'THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH' - faith being the human response to God's revelation. The ultimate goal of faith is Eternal Life with God in Heaven – that is the destination that gives meaning to our believing and all our striving.

To obey means first of all to listen attentively to what God is saying and then to do what God has said. Obedience is not just about doing what we're told but it is first of all about listening. In the Bible the most commonly used word is the name of God in its various forms and the next most commonly used word is to "listen" – listening to the voice of God, believing what He is saying and being willing to be taught, willing to learn. Faith is about paying attention to God, paying attention to what we are doing in life, paying attention to how we are living.

I'm not the most faithful of environmentalists but a few years ago – on the advice of government – I decided to drive a diesel rather than a petrol car. I loved my red Yaris and was happy to be doing my bit for cleaner air. Unfortunately, the government decided later that diesel was worse than petrol.

On my way one Saturday morning to celebrate the baptism of a friend's baby I stopped at a "petrol" station and became distracted by a man who was looking for directions so I tried to help him while at the same time filling up my car! I drove off. Celebrated the Baptism. Went to the party and on my way home my red Yaris started to shudder and came to an abrupt stop in the middle of a busy road. A couple of hours later the rescue truck arrived and, when they guy checked the car, he told me I had filled it up with petrol. I was stunned that I could have been so stupid, so unaware of what I had been doing. Distracted living is not the best of ideas but we do it so often!

The experience is a bit of a parable about life and faith! First of all, we need to pay attention to what we are doing and then, just as we need to put the right fuel into our car so we need to put the right spiritual fuel into our souls for them to function properly, to prevent our soul from breaking down altogether. What is happening to a lot of people now with regard to their spiritual life is that they are inadvertently putting the wrong spiritual fuel into their souls – it's not deliberate but it has the same effect.

And so we need to look at what we are feeding our souls with - the information, the ideas, opinions that influence our lives. Much of the information we are receiving in public life is designed to weaken and even destroy faith rather than to strengthen it. So we have to make clear and deliberate choices and the basic choice for us centres on the person of Jesus Christ. *Eamonn Monson sac*

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!

Parish Finances The offertory collection last weekend came to £998.19.

The offertory collection the weekend of 22nd September came to £969.7, including cheques and standing orders.

Many thanks to all concerned.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We are a successful, over-subscribed primary school and have 2 vacancies on the 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