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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY (GAUDETE) OF ADVENT, 22nd DECEMBER 2019 YEAR A

Parish Mass Book page: 90

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.

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PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB (PCC)

In the Crypt. Entrance via blue door in The Bourne.  
Mondays 10.30am to 12 noon.

PCC wishes all a happy and holy Christmas.

January 2020 Programme:

6<sup>th</sup>: LOADS OF CHAT: What did you do?

13<sup>th</sup>: English Rivers talk by Claire Power

20<sup>th</sup>: Coffee & Chat. Bring photo of a RIVER if you have one.

27<sup>th</sup>: Anecdotes of Winchelsea's past by Malcolm Pratt

*Don't let any winter wind keep you in your shell.*

*Come to our warm hall and 'ave a laff.*

Members free with annual £5 subscription. Guests welcome: £1 per talk. Tea or coffee with biscuit 50p.

Parish Finances

The offertory collection last weekend came to £665.11 including cheques and standing orders.

Many thanks to all concerned.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christine Jennings who died on December 8<sup>th</sup>. May she rest in peace. Many of you will remember her late daughter Susan. Christine's funeral Mass will be celebrated on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS All

welcome to join us in the presbytery at 2.30pm on Mondays: Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

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**Mass of Anointing**

**The monthly Mass for the Anointing of the sick with prayers for healing will be celebrated on Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Pallottine Prayers**

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019 at  
ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA**

**Sunday December 22nd**

10.00am – Mass; 11.30am – Mass

**12.30pm: Confessions/Reconciliation**

**Christmas Eve Tuesday December**

**24th:**

9.30am – Adoration & Morning Prayer

10.00am – Morning Mass

**10.30am: Confessions/Reconciliation**

**2.00pm:**

**Confessions/Reconciliation**

5.00pm – Children's Mass

9.30pm – Christmas Carols

10.00pm – Christmas Night Mass

**Christmas Day Wednesday**

**December 25th:**

10.00am – Mass; 11.30am – Mass

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**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

We wish all of you every blessing and happiness at Christmas and throughout 2020. Remembering especially those who are ill at home or in Care Homes; those who are alone at this time and those who are experiencing their first Christmas without their loved one who has died. May we all experience that loving kindness of God in Jesus who visits us life the dawn from on high. Many thanks for your continued presence in our Parish Community.

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS Please note that if your Mass intention is replaced by a Funeral Mass, or if there is a Liturgy of the Word on that day, your Mass will be moved to the next available date.

Sat. 21st December, 6pm: Roy Bourner RIP

Sun. 22nd December, Fourth Sunday of Advent, 10am: Miceal & Eamonn Joyce RIP

11.30am: Patrick McManus RIP

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve, 10am: Parishioners

Tues. 24th December, Children's Mass of Nativity of the Lord, 5pm: Autumn Garwood RIP

Mass of Nativity of the Lord, 10pm: Eileen Tangen, remembrance of Baptism

Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> December, Nativity of the Lord, 10am: Autumn Garwood RIP

11.30am: Richard Radecki RIP

Thurs, 26th December, St Stephen, First Martyr, 10am: Agnes & Edward Joyce RIP

Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec., St John, Apostle and Evangelist, 10am: In Thanksgiving (Mary Oliver)

Sat. 28th December, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, 10am: Hildegard & Edward Dezateux RIP

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Patrick Coates, Lawrence Sangster, Lucy Marlowe, Kaylie, Tracey, Hazel Gordon, Peter Ashwood, Barry Amar, Win Goldsmith, James Grant, Martin Kavanagh, Linda Frost, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, David McIntosh, Young Tessa-Mae, Jenny Rowley, Stephen Gurden, Maureen McKenna, Fiona Skowronski, 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.

#### IF YOU WANT

If  
you want  
the Virgin will come walking down the road  
pregnant with the holy,  
and say,  
"I need shelter for the night, please take me inside your heart,  
my time is so close."

Then, under the roof of your soul, you will witness the sublime  
intimacy, the divine, the Christ  
taking birth  
forever,

as she grasps your hand for help, for each of us  
is the midwife of God, each of us.

Yet there, under the dome of your being does creation  
come into existence eternally, through your womb, dear pilgrim—  
the sacred womb in your soul,

as God grasps our arms for help; for each of us is  
His beloved servant  
never far.

If you want, the Virgin will come walking  
down the street pregnant  
with Light and sing ...                    *St. John of the Cross*

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**ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS:** *The Nativity at the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be played by the class preparing for First Holy Communion. Those children who do not have a particular role in the Nativity are invited to come to Mass as Angels and Shepherds, to honour and worship Jesus in the joy of Christmas night.*