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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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, 24th NOVEMBER 2019 YEAR C

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ANOIDING OF THE SICK

during our 10am Mass on Saturday, 30th November, and the last Saturday of every month.

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).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT OUR 10am MASSES ON SUNDAYS

If you feel called by God to the ministry of children's liturgist or helper and would like to find out more, please email stmarystarofthesea.hastings.uk@gmail.com

Please type CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM in the subject line of your email.

Or text 07850 561828

We hope to be welcoming you to our team to join us in this joy-filled ministry.

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. November 2019

Programme:

25: Coffee & chat & wrapping for Bazaar.

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 £953.95 including cheques and standing orders.

Many thanks to all concerned.

WINTER FESTIVAL OF FAITHS & CULTURES

Sunday 8th December 2019 5:30 to 9.00pm

Concordia Hall, Church Road, St Leonards on sea

Free Entry, Cakes, Finger Food and Drinks

Festive music performances stalls raffle

Hastings and District Interfaith Forum

Supported by Chalk Cliff Trust and Hastings Borough Council

Conquest Hospital Chaplaincy are seeking Churches

who are willing to come and lead a service in the Hospital Chapel at 3pm on a Sunday afternoon. We currently have a number of Churches that help us in this way but still have some space on our rota for 2020. The format of the Service is that it is non-Eucharistic and consists of hymns, a reading, a talk and some prayers but there is a degree of flexibility as to content. The service is recorded for broadcast one week later on Hospital Radio. Some patients, staff and Chaplaincy Volunteers attend the service but numbers are always difficult to predict. There is an organ in the Chapel which can be used. If you have a team that could manage one or more services per year we would be extremely grateful. Please contact Chaplain Rev Graham Atfield on 01424 757088 or email to graham.atfield@nhs.net

PRAYER OF OUR TUESDAY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Dear Lord, You hold time within your hands and see it all, from beginning to end. Please keep and carry the bereaved families in this parish on their journey through sadness and loss.

Enfold them in your wings of love; give their weary hearts rest and their minds consolation.

Lord, lift their eyes so that they may catch a glimpse of eternity.

And be comforted with the promise that we will all meet again and be together for ever with you in heaven.

Give us in our community the love, compassion and wisdom to be true friends and to be sensitive to the individual journey that each is travelling on in their times of need.

We ask all this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen

BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

Will meet on the 3 Thursdays of Advent: 5th, 12th and 19th December. In the Parish House. The group will

be facilitated by Michael Georgiou. Please join us.

This would be a good way to prepare for Christmas.

'Wait for the Lord'. a Service of Music and Prayer

from Taize and Iona on Sunday 8th December, at 4

pm, in the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury and

English Martyrs, Magdalen Road,

St. Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6ET.

Anyone who would like to help lead the music

is warmly invited to attend

a practice beforehand at 3 pm.

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. 23rd November, 6pm: Autumn Garwood RIP

Sun. 24th November, 10am: Autumn Garwood RIP (birthday remembrance)

11.30am: Lorna Leeves RIP (first anniversary)

Tues. 26th November, 10 am: Adriane Thornton RIP

Wed. 27th November, 10am: Patricia Burns intention

Thur, 28th November, 10am: Patricia Pace RIP

Fri. 29th November, Day of Abstinence, 10am: Hildegard & Edward Dezateux RIP

Sat. 30th November, St Andrew, Apostle, 10am: Marie Kathleen Wilson (nee Higgins) RIP

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Jenny Rowley, Peter Ashwood, Barry Amar, Win Goldsmith, James Grant, Martin Kavanagh, Hazel Gordon, Tracey Fischer, Yve, Linda Fox, Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Tony, Paul, David McIntosh, Alice, Lucy Marlowe, 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.

REFLECTION

"Are you happy there?", she asks on the phone from across the sea. Happy is a word I treat with a bit of caution because I read once that it comes from a word that means hap-hazard. And indeed happiness can be quite hap-hazard, unpredictable.

But I am happy now! A feeling has come over me lately, quite a strong sense that my whole life to date has been a preparation for this place and time. It used to seem that it was all fragmented, one experience or period disconnected from the rest but now it appears to me like one great continuous arc from eternity to eternity.

Celebrating Mass is never easy because it is an awesome reality – this great mystery of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection which I am privileged to share in a most intimate way. Never easy but here in this place, at this altar, in this church I feel at home and content in a way that I have never felt anywhere in my entire life as a priest. And that's nearly 40 years!

The church itself is most beautiful, *the* most beautiful that I have served in. People, strangers wander in here and look up, look around saying what a beautiful place it is. It has a monastic feel for me and it seems to be the monastery that I have been seeking for many years now. But it's not the building, however beautiful! It's what's within it that matters; the abiding Sacramental presence of Jesus and we the people who gather in prayer every day, every week. The essential wonder of this place comes down to persons – Jesus and His people.

Indeed, Jesus Himself seeks to draw us from what is solid, external to the interior of everything. *While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."* (Luke 21:5) The structures that we place so much trust in will be dismantled, especially those that are obviously unjust but also those that are essentially good, yet have lost their way. It is when the Church seemed to be at its best, most strong and ordered that the most wicked things were going on within and beneath.

The cleansing of the inside of cup and dish is uppermost in the mind of Jesus; the cleansing of the interior heart, soul and mind is what He seeks. And so, within this special place where we pray together, Jesus seeks to go further inside still, inside the deepest part of our lives to save us from our sins, to heal our wounds.

'For you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays,' (Malachi 3) Jesus is the Son of righteousness who heals. *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

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS All welcome to join us at 2.30pm on Mondays: Dec. 9th, 23rd. Jan. 6th, 20th. Feb. 3rd

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 16th March 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. 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

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