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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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 YEAR A

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NEXT SUNDAY IS:

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

If you wish, do bring a candle to be blessed.

ORDINARY TIME

Cycle of Prayer: During Ordinary Time up to Lent, we are asked to pray for: peace on earth, Christian unity, the sick and those who care for them, victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it, those who are unemployed.

On Ferias, weekday readings at Mass are taken from the Weekday Lectionary, Year II cycle, Sundays from Year A.

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 (PCC)

In the Crypt. Entrance via blue door in The Bourne.

Mondays 10.30am to 12 noon.

January 2020 Programme:

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 on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January came to £974.83 including cheques and standing orders.

The collection for Pax Christi came to £87.92.

Many thanks to all concerned.

Church Together: Children's Hub,

A new opportunity for those who share God's love with children in local churches, Wed 5 Feb at St Ethelburga's Church, St Saviour's Rd, St Leonard's, 7 -8.30pm. Tea & cake provided. RSVP Jane Hart, [mrsh1011@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsh1011@yahoo.com)

Mercy and the Migrant Crisis

Tuesday 18th February 7pm for 7.30pm - 9pm. A talk by Georgia Clarke from Catholic Voices. Christ the King Parish Room, 3, Princes Road, Eastbourne. BN23 6HT. Organised by the Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association. Entrance Free.

All warmly welcome.

For further information contact Alex 07957632208 or Barbara 01424 219788 or John 01323 726334.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS

All welcome to join us in the presbytery at 2.30pm on Monday Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

CHRISTIAN UNITY

All are warmly welcome to attend an ecumenical service at Kings Church, The Ridge, at 3pm this afternoon, Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

KATHLEEN RANDALL

who was a parishioner at Star of the Sea.

Funeral Mass: St Mary Magdalene Bexhill, Wed 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10am

and

KATHERINE BASKERVILLE

Funeral Service at Hastings Crematorium, Jan.30<sup>th</sup> at 2.45pm

and

JOSEPHINE KENNEDY

Funeral at Hastings Crematorium. Jan.31<sup>st</sup> at 2pm

May they rest in peace.

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. 25<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm: Paul Murphy RIP

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> January, 10am: Autumn Garwood RIP, second anniversary

11.30am: Patrick Kelly RIP, first anniversary

Tues, 28th January, St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor, 10am: Special Intentions

Wed. 29th January, 10am: Katherine Baskerville RIP

Thurs, 30th January, 10am: Josephine Kennedy RIP

Fri. 31st January, St John Bosco, Priest, Day of Abstinence, 10am: Donald Cecil Stewart Rowe RIP, Father Abbott Cuthbert Johnson OSB RIP of Quarr Abbey and Josephine Kennedy RIP

Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> February, Our Lady on Saturday, 10am: Josephine Kennedy RIP

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Anne Turner, David McIntosh, Eve, Kane Gordon, Lorri Fritchley, Tracey Fischer, Hazel Gordon, Peter Ashwood, Barry Amar, Win Goldsmith, James Grant, Martin and Brenda Kavanagh, Lucy Marlowe, Shamie and Mary Corcoran, Young Tessa-Mae, Jenny Rowley, Desmond Coles, 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.

Pastoral Message from Bishop Richard:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his recent letter *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis has designated today as **The Sunday of the Word of God**. This day takes on a particular significance for us this year here in England & Wales, as we reflect very particularly on the theme: “The God Who Speaks.”

The Scriptures are, of course, central to our lives. Our reading and reflection on the inspired texts of Old and New Testaments enable us to encounter the God Who is love; Who sustains His people on their pilgrim way; Who is always faithful to us even when we go our own way; Who calls us back to Him and Who sends His Son, the Word made flesh, to dwell amongst us, to suffer and die for us and enable us to find new life through His resurrection. It is in the Scriptures that we read the account of the early Church as those who first responded to Jesus’ call, through their encounter with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, began the Mission that we continue today.

The practice of *Lectio Divina* has been spreading in the Diocese in recent years and renewed copies of the leaflet outlining this way of prayer are available in parishes today. Join me in your encounter with the Word Who is Life through this way of prayer.

During this year, we shall have particular opportunities to join with our brothers and sisters in England & Wales in our celebration of “The God Who Speaks”, notably at the Corpus Christi Celebration at Arundel Cathedral and – most especially for our school communities – at the Good Shepherd Celebration and the Secondary Schools’ Pilgrimage to Arundel.

May we all deepen our experience of God’s love for us as we read the Scriptures and hear them proclaimed in our Liturgy, that we may be formed by the Word for the Mission to which we are called.

With every Blessing,

*Bishop Richard*

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.