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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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas), 2nd February 2020 YEAR A Parish Mass Book page: 299

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY FIFTH SUNDAY 9th February 2020 Parish Mass Book page: 133

TODAY, THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

If you have brought a candle to be blessed, do put your name on it and leave it at the altar.

BLESSING OF THROATS

At Holy Redeemer, Hollington

Monday February 3rd at 10am Feast of St. Blaise

Voluntary Second Collection for
the Catholic Association for Racial Justice
next weekend.

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.

February 2020 Programme:

3rd Coffee & Chat

10th The cost of dying: talk by Claire Power

17th Sale of pre-loved good warm clothing

24th Competition of Photos: bring one of yourself as an adult and one as a baby or child. Don't put your name on them: we've got to guess!

Let it snow! The hall will always be warm and dry

Members free with annual £5 subscription.

Guests welcome for free (except £1 per talk).

Tea or coffee with biscuit 50p.

Parish Finances

The Offertory collection on Sunday 19th January came to £1169.15 including cheques and standing orders. 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

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.

CORONA VIRUS

On further consideration we consider it prudent to exclude the sign of peace and the reception of the Chalice at Holy Communion for the time being

CHURCH TOGETHER

LOAF First Sunday of the month walk today, Sunday February 2nd.

Meet at 2pm at the Café in Alexandra Park for a 3-4 Mile wander taking in some lesser known green gems of Hastings. Some hills and mud in places. Stout shoes or light walking boots advised. It would be lovely to walk with people from more different churches, so bring friends.

Roger Mitchell, acting Chairman of Church Together, Hastings & St Leonards

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sylvia Iorio of Filsham Road who died during the week
May she rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION (GIFT AID) FOR THE
LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND
Weekend of February 15th-16th

Wednesday February 5th the Funeral Mass of Jocelyn Terry will be celebrated at 8.30am, followed by cremation at 9.30am
There will be no 10am Mass on that day

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. 1st February, 6pm: Special Intention: The Rendle Family

Sun. 2nd February, Presentation of the Lord, 10am: The Fisher Family. 11.30am: Alcanttara Antonio Guardiola RIP

Tues, 4th February, Feria in Ordinary Time, 10am: Thanksgiving

Wed. 5th February, St Agatha, virgin and martyr, FUNERAL MASS OF JOCELYN TERRYAT 8.30AM

Thurs. 6th February, Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan, 10am: Patricia Cramer RIP (1st Anniv)

Fri. 7th February. Day of Abstinence, 10am: **ANNE BANNON RIP (ANIV) TRANSFERRED FROM FEB 5TH**

Sat. 8th February, St. Cuthman, Hermit and St Josephine Bakhita, virgin, 10am: Dawn McGrath RIP

Sat. 8th February 6pm: Special Intention

Sun 9th February 10am Special Intention. 11.30am: Emilio and Elizabeth Rodrigues and Family RIP

Tue 11th February, Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of the Sick: Monica Tangen (Intention)

Wed 12th February, Feria in Ordinary Time Week 5: Denis Mitchell Intentions

Thurs 13th February, Feria in Ordinary Time Week 5: Mullen Family RIP

Fri 14th February, Sts Cyril and Methodius: O' Hara Family RIP

Sat. 15th February, Our Lady on Saturday: Holy Souls

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Linda Deeley, Helen Surges, Linda Fox, David McIntosh, Tracey Fischer, Hazel Gordon, Yvonne, Claire, Peter Ashwood, Barry Amar, Win Goldsmith, James Grant, Martin and Brenda Kavanagh, Brian Hicks, Hannah, Donna, 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, Tommy Gaynor and Donna.

Remembering Babies Who Have Died

The 3rd February is when the Charity LIFE, commemorate the all-too-brief lives of babies who did not live to birth or beyond infancy. The main purpose is to remember the lives lost and to reach out to anyone affected, with support and compassion. Here at St. Mary Star of the Sea we will hold this commemoration on Sunday March 1st at all Masses that weekend but particularly at the 10am Mass on the Sunday. <https://lifecharity.org.uk/baby-loss-matters>

Reflection

We gather in the Cemetery on a fine cold February Saturday morning. Family – grandparents, great grandmother, aunts and uncles – holding white balloons. The two cemetery attendants and I talk about the sorrow that fills the place where we stand. One of them, John, assisted me in burying still-born baby twins a few years ago. They say that I do death well. So does John. His kind nature is ideal.

The car arrives and the young family begin their lonely walk up the path – two men carrying the little white coffin. Lennon's daddy and uncle. The boy was born a few days ago. A beautiful boy his dad told me in a voice that was filled with love and admiration. We knew ahead of time that he would not survive. And looking at them, the mammy behind the coffin – how physically hard as well as mentally and emotionally, to give birth and, within days, to walk to your baby's grave. They are a beautiful, handsome couple. Dignified. She is radiant with motherhood – radiance mingled with sorrow. He and I have spoken on the phone a few times in preparation. He has a fine, loving nature – all his caring is for her. I think of the mystery of this baby whom God knew and loved before he was formed in his mother's womb, loved long before the world was ever made; how he was the face of God for them for those short hours. Why so short a time? Only God knows. They place the coffin in his grave. We pray. White balloons released into the air. We part and on parting I discover that I baptized their first child a couple of years ago. She is well. Every single person there is grateful, expresses gratitude for the prayer. We are all in that moment the best of people, participating in something sacred. I would love to hold the couple and mind them and save them from pain. But I can't. This is their journey. But I will hold them in my heart in prayer, in that lonely space within me that is reserved for grief and its healing.

Eamonn Monson sac