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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.

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Remembering Babies Who Have Died

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 this weekend but particularly at the 10am Mass on the Sunday.

<https://lifecharity.org.uk/baby-loss-matters>

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday of Lent
after the 10am Mass.

Cafod Family Fast day is on Friday March 6th.
Envelopes are available at the back of the church
for contributions to CAFOD and
will be collected next Sunday.

Parish Finances

The Offertory collection last weekend came to £900.55
including cheques and standing orders.
Many thanks to all concerned.

CORONA VIRUS

We consider it prudent to exclude the sign of peace and
the reception of the Chalice at Holy Communion
for the time being.

Lent Material 2020

This year the Diocese is pleased to share the Lent
programme from Churches Together in Britain and
Ireland. A number of churches are keeping 2020 as “the
Year of the Word” so this course, with its focus on
scripture, will be an ideal resource for Lent 2020. Can
be downloaded as one booklet from
www.ctbi.org.uk/lent

GIFT AID envelopes

for the tax year April 2020 to March 2021 are now
available for collection at the back of the church.
If any parishioners wish to sign up for Gift Aid and
help raise valuable funds for our Parish, please
contact Carolyn Jones our Gift Aid Co-ordinator
for further details stmarysotsea@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

JENNY ROWLEY

Removal to church: Monday March 2nd at 4pm

Funeral Mass: Tuesday March 3rd at 10am

May she rest in peace.

Notice of Intention to Marry:

For those of you considering marriage please be aware
that this Diocese requires that you contact the parish in
which you wish to be married 12 months beforehand, in
order to begin the appropriate preparation and complete
the required paperwork. Thank you. Bishop Richard

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETINGS

All welcome to join us in the presbytery
at 2.30pm on Mondays:
2nd, 16th and 30th March

SEND OUT YOUR LIGHT

The Parish of The Good Shepherd extends a very warm
invitation for you to attend "Send out your light", a Lent
Service of Music and Prayer from Taize and Iona today
Sunday 1st March, at 4 pm, at St. Thomas of Canterbury,
Magdalen Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6ET and, if
you would like to help lead the music, you are invited to
attend a practice beforehand at 3 pm.

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.

Beginning Experience, a notice from Jon Harman
Diocesan Adviser for Formation and Spirituality

A weekend away for those who find themselves single
again following separation, divorce, or the death of a
partner. The Beginning Experience is a weekend
programme to help you to move from the darkness of your
grief into the light of a new beginning and to face the
future with renewed hope.

Next weekend is 3-5 April at the Domus Mariae Centre,
Chigwell, Essex. More information from Freda 01322
838415 or Maura 01322 551503 or John at
johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

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. 29th February, 6pm: John & Joyce Bumstead RIP, wedding anniversary

Sun. 1st March, 10am: Victoria & Gareth, thanksgiving

11.30am: John Walsh RIP, 1st anniversary

Tues. 3rd March, 10am: Funeral Mass: Jenny Rowley RIP

Wed. 4th March, 10am: Richard Fitzgerald RIP, recently deceased

Thurs. 5th March, 10am: Kathleen Gaynor RIP, anniversary

Fri. 6th March, 10am:

Sat. 7th March, 10am: Sybil Robinson, birthday intention

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Tracey Fischer, Clair, David McIntosh, Peter Ashwood, Barry Amar, Hazel Gordon, Eve, John Steli, Hazel Bilsby, Win Goldsmith, Martin and Brenda Kavanagh, Young Tessa-Mae, 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.

Morning

We are led away each day by our young guide Hussein while Hassan takes up the rear to make sure no one gets lost. We don't talk at all during these morning hours of walking, the mornings being mostly about silence. It is then that one can hear God speak most quietly, delicately.

The first day out was like a piece of cake, being mostly on flat hard ground where my stride is fairly good and I can keep going for a long time but the second day saw us climbing impossibly high dunes along narrow ridges that literally took my breath away. The last time I gasped and panted so much was going up Mount Longonot in Kenya with Mike O'Sullivan but that was just a few hours of a day. This now became an all-day, everyday thing and, on the second day, I struggled very badly both with my breathing and the height which caused something in my head to wobble and my knees to tremble. It was humbling to be so exposed, to be the weak one of the group. Weak and in need in the physical sense but my hope too is that this testing in the desert, the testing of my breath to its very limits is somehow an expression of the Holy Spirit praying, gasping within me beyond the utterance of words.

The desert has its own rhythm that demands that I adapt to its way of walking, forcing me to struggle with it as Jacob wrestled with God at Penniel, prepared for both blessing and injury in the encounter. Both Luc and Philip Thomas told me that there was no need for me to try to keep up with the others, to go at my own pace and this helped me greatly, giving me space to look beyond the struggle to see the utter majesty of God's Garden. That's what they say the desert is – it belongs to God and it is His Garden, a quiet lonely place that speaks to my inner loneliness. Not loneliness in a negative sense but in the sense of my deepest desire and yearning, though it may also encounter aspects of human loneliness. *Eamonn Monson sac* <https://eamonnmonson.blogspot.com>

CHURCH TOGETHER Prayer for Hastings Council

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour 1 Timothy 2; 1-3

We at Church Together have been asked if we would be able to pray regularly for our Council in its deliberations and, in particular, before the Annual Council/Mayor Making on May 13th. Would you like to be part of this? If you can come and join others to pray as Paul told us in his letter to Timothy, please email info@hastingschurches.org.uk If you do not have access to email, please ask a friend to email on your behalf.

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB (PCC)

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

March programme:

2nd: Street Pastors

9th: Coffee & Chat

16th: Alexandra Park Greenhouse Project

23rd: Coffee & Chat

30th: Bring an eggcup for a competition prize! Shirl's going to bring her collection.

Members free with annual £5 subscription (now £2.50).

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

Tea or coffee with biscuit 50p.

Come on in! The hall is warm!
