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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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EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to help decorate our church for Easter with white and/ or yellow flowers, please indicate your preferences on the list on the table at the back of the church by 30<sup>th</sup> March, which will give time for any shortfall to be purchased.

Vases, oases and pots will be available after the Passion Service on Good Friday and again on Holy Saturday.

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 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March

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.

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](http://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](mailto:stmarysotsea@gmail.com)

Annual Formation Day for Those who Support the Bereaved in Parishes: This year on Wednesday 20th May, at St Bernadette’s, Crawley. To book contact [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk)

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Peter Smith of the Archdiocese of Southwark who died on 6th. March.  
May he rest in peace.

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At the end of this month, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March,  
England will be re-dedicated  
as the Dowry of Mary.

This is an important celebration for this land, dedicated to Our Blessed Lady by King Richard II in 1381 following an older tradition going back to the time of Edward the Confessor.

The re-dedication will take place in all our Cathedrals on 29<sup>th</sup>. We are encouraged to share in this celebration through the praying of the Angelus and the Prayer for England:

O blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen

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

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The Sacred Heart School Choir  
will join our choir at the 10am Mass today Sun 15th.

All in the Old Town community and visitors  
are invited to a Lent Taize ecumenical service of Prayer in Songs & Words today, Sunday 15th March, at 4 pm in St Clement's Church.

All are welcome to participate in this calm space of peace, Scripture, and silences for reflection and meditation, that hopes to lead participants to contemplate and celebrate their relationship with God and with one another

**MASS INTENTIONS:** 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. 14th March, 6pm:

Sun. 15th March, 10am: Jocelyn Terry RIP

11.30am: Ellen Gray RIP (Month's Mind)

Tues, 17th March, ST PATRICK'S DAY, 10am:

Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10am:

Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> March, ST JOSEPH'S DAY, 10am:

Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> March, 10am:

Sat. 21st March, 10am:

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: David Uihman, Tracey Fischer, David McIntosh, Peter Ashwood, Barry Amar, Hazel Gordon, Win Goldsmith, Martin and Brenda Kavanagh, Yvonne, Clair, James, Russ, Skopie, Caitlin Corcoran, Lucy Marlowe, 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.

Covid 19 (corona virus), latest guidelines from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

The global spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a fast-evolving situation. We are currently at **Stage 2** of our guidance.

This is because the current status is:

**A number of cases in local communities or a case specifically linked to a parish community**

The key things for parishes to do under these circumstances are:

1. Suspend distribution under both kinds (the Host to be given on the hand only, ensuring each others' hands do not touch each other).
2. Suspend the physical sign of peace
3. Remove holy water
4. Public veneration of relics and the Cross on Good Friday should not be by kissing or physically touching them
5. Advice to those most vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long-term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) is to refrain from **large** parish gatherings and stay at home.
6. Cease use of shared hymn books and missals which could help transmit the virus
7. All attending Mass should sanitise their hands as they come into church.
8. Ensure everyone maintains good hygiene especially at Mass and parish gatherings
  - a. All should use universal good hygiene, i.e:
    - i. Catch it – sneeze into a tissue
    - ii. Bin it – bin the tissue
    - iii. Kill it – wash your hands with soap and water
    - iv. Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands
9. Anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from attending liturgical, public events and not attend the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) if symptomatic (A person may just have an ordinary cold but it's important to ensure a precautionary approach).
10. Surfaces lots of people touch regularly (e.g. door handles) should be regularly cleaned.
11. Ministers of Holy Communion continue to sanitise their hands before and after distributing Communion. Everyone should use good hand washing and gel use technique always. You can find more here <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>
12. When visiting parishioners at home, wash hands before giving the sacraments. No pastoral visits to people who are self-isolating until isolation ends. However, do offer phone support.
13. Visits to people in care homes or hospitals should follow advice from the staff on infection control.
14. Suspend catering (teas, coffees etc) at **large** parish gatherings where multiple people touch mugs, utensils, biscuits etc.

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PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB (PCC)

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

March programme: 16<sup>th</sup>: Alexandra Park Greenhouse Project,

23<sup>rd</sup>: Coffee & Chat, 30<sup>th</sup>: 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!

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