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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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Cafod Family Fast day was on Friday March 6th.

There will be a collection box at the back of the church for contributions in CAFOD envelopes after this weekend's Masses.

CORONA VIRUS

People with a cold or cough are kindly requested to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

We also 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

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

Catholic Missionary Luigi Di Paulo

has arrived in Banos, Ecuador, to start helping very poor people with building projects. Luigi thanks Star of the Sea parishioners for the generous help they have given and asks if you could keep him in your prayers.

THE ORIGINAL REAL EASTER EGG

Although it is too early to buy Easter eggs, they are already in the shops. It is worth bearing in mind for nearer Easter that Fair Trade Chocolate Easter Eggs with Easter story-activity books, are available at www.rpbooks.co.uk Price £3.99.

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

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates,
who will be meeting with Bishop Richard in St. Mary Magdalene, Bexhill on March 13th.

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

Information Evening: 25th March: 7pm: St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

If you would like to bring a group of young people to Big Church Day Out (22nd – 25th May) to take part in the youth stream, join the Diocesan group **and let me do all the hard work for you!** I will do all the risk assessments, hire the tents, arrange camping stoves to cook, everything!
You just need to bring your young people.
If you want to know more about this, book in to our information evening by contacting me lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

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 16th and 30th 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.

All in the Old Town community and visitors
are invited to a Lent Taize ecumenical service of Prayer in Songs & Words on 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. 7th March, 6pm: Darek (birthday)

Sun. 8th March, 10am: Peter Holland RIP

11.30am: Jocelyn Terry RIP

Tues, 10th March, 10am: Ints of Sliwa, Paderewski and Syroczyński Families

Wed. 11th March, 10am: Terry & Kathleen Hooke RIP (anniv)

Thurs. 12th March, 10am: Deceased Members of Sliwa, Jarecki, Jaszczuk and Syroczyński Families

Fri. 13th March, 10am:

Sat. 14th March, 10am:

Please remember in your prayers all who are ill, including: Archbishop Peter Smith, David Uhlman, Tracey Fischer, David McIntosh, Peter Ashwood, Barry Amar, Hazel Gordon, Win Goldsmith, Martin and Brenda Kavanagh, Yvonne, Lawrence Sangster, Eileen Walshe 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.

The Way, the Gate, the Door

As I was pondering during the 10-hour drive from Marrakesh to the desert, it seemed like Jesus said to me, "I am the Way, I am the Gate, I am the Door!" And in my mind's eye I saw the Way like the highway on which we were driven, a direct and simple route to Jesus, a Way along which I am escorted by Our Lady. The Gate led into a beautiful garden at the other end of which was the Door that led into the House of the Lord and the Table of the Most Holy Trinity where a place is reserved for me. All very neat, simple and direct. And now the desert presents me with a very different kind of Way and Gate and Door but I feel that the purpose of this struggle with God's Garden will lead to greater simplicity within myself. The desert is the outer expression of what is taking place in the interior of my soul.

When I would see Hussein leading the group up yet another dune I would groan out loud and say, "Oh God no!" but I learned very quickly to follow up with "thank you Lord!" and on reaching the top would find myself praying Psalm 117 "O Praise the Lord all you nations, acclaim Him all you peoples. Strong is His love for us. He is faithful forever!"

And when we came face to face with Abid Lia, that seems as great as Croagh Patrick, I was with Jacob again, realizing with delight "How awesome this place is; this is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven..." (Genesis 28:17). It was appropriate for me that we had adoration in the tent in this place. The Tent of meeting.

On the second day I asked the desert how far we had walked, how much further we had to go, how high was that dune and what time of day it was. Of course, the desert remained silent and it soon became clear to me that it does not matter how far, how high or what time. It is what it is. We are where we are. There's no need to know anything more. We had abandoned our watches and mobile phones which were being carried by the camels in our luggage. We got used to not knowing. The only time it challenged me was when I woke up in the morning – not knowing if it was time to get up or not.

Eamonn Monson sac <https://eamonnmonson.blogspot.com>

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB (PCC)

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

March programme:

9th: Coffee & Chat

16th: Alexandra Park Greenhouse Project

23rd: Coffee & Chat

30th: Bring an eggcup for a competition prize! Shirly'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!
