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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: First Friday of Month 10.30am to 12 noon. Saturdays: 10.30am to 11am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30am and after the 6.00pm Mass.
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IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of AILEEN JEFFERY

Reception of remains: 5th June at 4.30pm Funeral Mass: 10am on Wednesday 6th June May she rest in peace.

'CELEBRATE' BRIGHTON

Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend – but it's for singles too. 14th – 15th July.

A wonderful opportunity to share the joy of being a disciple of the Lord Jesus in an atmosphere of prayer, worship and spiritual formation. Bishop Richard will be the main celebrant at Mass on Sunday 15th July.

Children and young adults have great activities with their own year groups and qualified leaders.

www.celebrateconference.org for booking details.
Adults £37, students £15,

Reception to Year 13 £12, Under 3 (crèche) – must be accompanied at all times – free. 50% discount for new families.

At Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, The Upper Drive, Hove, BN3 6ND

DIOCESAN GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE

to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, WEST Grinstead, with Bishop Richard. Wednesday 13th June 2018, 10.45 to 3.30 approx. Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, Park Lane, West Grinstead RH13 8LT. Adoration and Reconciliation; Mass with Bishop Richard. Coffee & tea provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Limited parking. Please car share. Booking essential due to space. Contact Katherine Bergin 01293 651152. Email:

Katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

Anyone intending to get married

in the diocese of Arundel & Brighton is required to give notice of one year.

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £833.72 including cheques and standing orders.

Many thanks to all. concerned.

MASS ON FRIDAY 8th JUNE WILL BE AT 10.30am instead of at 10am.

The ASCENT – Discipleship Process for Young People
This October, the ASCENT will be launching at Worth Abbey with the support of the diocese. It's a three-year discipleship process involving three weekend residentials a year and weekly online group sessions. It's open to anyone about to go into year 10, 11, or 12 and it's designed to take people with a real interest in their faith and to help them to make a deeper commitment and to explore who God created them to be, while making a few friends and hopefully having some fun in the process. For more details, or to apply, visit theascentuk.co.uk or

contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB

In the Crypt. Entrance via blue door in The Bourne. Mondays 10.30am to 12 noon. Annual subscription £3. Coffee/tea & biscuit, 50p.

Talks free to members, 50p to guests Our new year starts June 4^{th} with an annual subscription of £3. Coffee & chat.

11 June: Winchelsea Anecdotes – talk by Malcolm Pratt 18 June: Outing to Hever Castle – booked in advance – free coach ride but £12 castle entrance

Doors open at 10am on this day.

25 June: Coffee & chat

Non-Catholics and those who have not received First Communion are invited to seek a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest.

COLLECTIVE PRAYER MEETING

on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the parish rooms. Next meeting, 12th June

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA BINGO CLUB

Come and join our friendly and fun club Every Monday night in the church hall (Bourne entrance) Doors open 6pm. Eyes down 7.30pm.

(Cheap prices, less than £10, which includes books, raffle, entrance, lucky lottery ball, football tickets, some of which are optional.)

We also do other social events including

day trips and parties. We finish approx. 9.15pm

PROFITS GO TOWARDS CHURCH FUNDS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 2nd June, 6pm: Anton Lee RIP

Sun. 3rd June, Corpus Christi, 10am: Lucy D'Souza RIP

11.30am: Autumn Garwood RIP

Tues. 5th June, St Boniface, 10am: Attilio DeMarco RIP. Wed. 6th June, 10am: 2nd Birthday of Leyton Vinoya Funeral Mass: Aileen Jeffery RIP

Thurs. 7th June, 10am: Kathleen Gaynor RIP

Fri. 8th June, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 10.30 am: Fr Fabian O'Carm RIP Sat. 9th June, Immaculate of Mary, 10am: Zoe Tangen (Confirmation)

Reflection

A few years ago the Irish Times has run a series on the healing and renewal of the Catholic Church. Two pieces caught my attention. One was the testimony of an 11 year old Lorcan who received the sacrament of Confirmation that year. He says, "On Sundays I go to Mass with my family. I like going up to Communion. The priest says we all have to look out for each other. I don't find it hard to understand how the wine becomes blood, because Jesus did that at the Last Supper."

The second piece was an opinion poll which revealed that only 24 percent of Catholics believe in Transubstantiation. If I were asked as a child, if Lorcan were asked, if many believing Catholics were asked, it is doubtful if many would know what Transubstantiation is but we understand at some level of our being that we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. It takes a child to understand the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, as Jesus himself said "I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and of earth for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children..." and "unless you repent and become like a little child you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."

The uncluttered, simple soul of the child has a way of knowing that transcends the ordinary intellectual way of knowing that we tend to develop as adults and if we are to connect with the mystery of Jesus in the eucharist then we need to connect with the child within us who does understand. If there is to be renewal in the Church then we have to make this connection with our own child and with Jesus.

Trust is central to this experience of faith. Lorcan trusts what Jesus did at the Last Supper, so he has no problem accepting that the wine becomes blood. I believe in the Eucharist because I trust Jesus completely. I accept that, as God, he can do all things and when he says "this is my body" I accept. This is what I receive.

There is something else in Lorcan's testimony that is simply expressed, a sentence in the middle of what he says about Mass and Communion - "...we all have to look out for each other." And that too is central to the mystery of the Eucharist, the reality of Christ Jesus living in us. Eamonn Monson

<u>Walsingham Association</u> Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 10.30am in the Day Chapel. <u>DIVINE MERCY GROUP</u> Do join us in the presbytery at 2.30pm on Monday 4-6-18 and on 18.6.18, 2.7.18, 16.7.18 and 30.7.18.

<u>Franciscan Regional Formation Day</u> Saturday 9 June 10.00 - 3.30 pm, St Teresa's Church Ashford Let Prayer and Contemplation be the Soul of all they do. A day of participation and exploring prayer. Mass, Coffee, Lectio Divina, Midday Prayer from the Divine Office, Bring and Share Lunch Gazing on the Cross with St Clare, Franciscan Crown Rosary

BAPTISM COURSE Our next Baptism course will be on Saturday 23rd June downstairs in the presbytery from 10.30am to 12 noon, but of course you are also warmly welcome to come to our 10am Mass in the church beforehand. Parents requesting Baptism of babies and toddlers in the 3 months from 3rd March are required to attend. Babies and children welcome. Please have a possible date in mind for Baptism when you come.