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(Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust – Registered Charity 252878) 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. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2nd December 2018 YEAR C

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PASTORAL PLAN FOR A&B

At 7.00pm on December 13th at St. Martha's Bexhill, Bishop Richard will present the Pastoral Plan for the diocese. The plan is his response to the consultation carried out last year. It is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

ON WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER

there will be a Service of the Word instead of the 10am Mass, because Fr Eamonn will be at the Pallottine meeting in London.

CONFIRMATION

Classes in preparation will begin on Thursday Dec 6th at 6pm downstairs in the parish house.

MASS FROM TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS

will be in the Day Chapel in the Parish House while work is being done on the Sanctuary of the church

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 £941.77 including cheques and standing orders..

Many thanks to all.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Do join us in the presbytery at 2.30pm on Mondays 3.12.18, 17.12.18, 31.12.18

BAPTISM COURSE,

SATURDAY 22nd DECEMBER

from 10am to 12 noon

Parents requesting Baptism for their babies or toddlers in the 3 months from 22nd December are requested to attend. Starts with Mass in the church and continues in the presbytery.

STAR OF THE SEA BAZAAR

The grand sum of £2,971.50 was raised. Hearty thanks to Dominic, Susan and all those who worked so hard to make the bazaar such a happy social occasion with such a warm atmosphere. And many thanks to all who came along and supported it.

CAKE SALE FOR SNOWFLAKE

In memory of Fr Seamus.

In the Sacred Heart School Playground after school on Friday 7th December. Do come and support us. All donations of cakes gratefully received.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of FR DAVID GODDARD,

Parish Priest of Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead

who went to the Lord on Friday 23rd November. Please also pray for the consolation of

his wife and children.

May he rest in peace.

ETERNAL REST:

The Funeral of MRS PATRICIA AGNES PACE

took place at Hastings Crematorium on Wednesday 28th November.

Our sympathy and prayers to her family.

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.

<u>9 December 6 - 9.30pm</u>, the Interfaith Forum is holding a Winter Festival of Faiths and Cultures, Music, Dance and Food. Concordia Hall, (Behind St. Thomas's Church) Church Road, St. Leonards. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEASTS

Sat. 1st December, First Sunday of Advent, 6pm: Deceased members of the Joyce family.

Sun. 2nd December, 10am: Autumn Garwood RIP

11.30am: Josephine Foxwell-Martens RIP

Tues. 4th December, 10am: Gavin Fellows RIP Wed. 5th December, 10am: Service of the Word Thurs. 6th December, St Nicholas, 10am: Holy Souls

Fri. 7th December, St Ambrose, 10am: Mary Oliver: Intention

Sat. 8th December, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 10am: Mary Agnes Durkin RIP

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB

In the Crypt. Entrance via blue door in The Bourne. Mondays 10.30am to 12 noon. Annual subscription only £3. Guests welcome at 50p per session. Coffee/tea & biscuit, 50p. Talks free to members, 50p to guests. Only members paid up on 1st Nov. entitled to subsidized Christmas lunch.

December Programme:

3rd:Michael Foster talks.

10th: Christmas Lunch (Angling Club). Booked in advance @ £9 members.

17th: Sing to taped carols and eat mince pies.

24th (Christmas Eve): closed.

31st (New Year's Eve): closed.

January programme:

7th: Christmas experiences chat.

14th: Hastings Part 3 by Mike Plumbe.

21st: Coffee and chat.

28th: Respite care at the Hospice – talk by Felicity.

HOMELESS CHARITY, SEAVIEW

(One of the many things Seaview does is to register guests wishing to go to the Snowflake night shelters.) You are all warmly invited to <u>Seaview's Got Talent</u> 2018, an afternoon of scintillating entertainment: music, comedy, variety acts, prizes, refreshments and more. 14th December 2018 at 2pm.

At Seaview, Southwater Centre, Hatherley Road TN37 6LB.

You are also warmly invited to the <u>SEAVIEW CAROL CONCERT</u>, 8th DECEMBER 2018 AT 5PM at St John the Evangelist, Brittany Road, St Leonards on Sea. Includes Seaview Choir with Barefoot Opera

'Wait for the Lord', an Advent Service of Music and Prayer from Taize and Iona,

on Sunday 9th December 2018, at 4 pm, in the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs, Magdalen Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6ET. Anyone who would like to help lead the music is requested to attend a practice beforehand at 3 pm.

<u>CHRISTMAS STAMPS</u>: This year, Royal Mail has no religious Christmas stamps. They intend to sell religious stamps only every other year. Do write to voice your concern about this to Royal Mail Group Ltd., 100 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0HQ

<u>ADVENT CALENDARS</u>: Beautiful and reasonably-priced Advent calendars with Nativity scenes - and also a wide selection of gifts - can be bought online from Aid to the Church in Need at https://acnuk.org/shop/ or from Apostleship of the Sea at https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/shop

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th September 2019.

£649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knock Pilgrimages @gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.