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Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines)

OFFICE HOURS TUE-FRI 10.30AM-2.00PM

(Please leave a voice message at other times when phone cannot be answered)

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Sat.), 10am, 11.30am.

Masses on Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 10am

Confessions after 10am and 6pm Masses on Saturdays

Parish Priest: Fr Eamonn Monson, SCA

Parish Deacon: Rev. Duncan Brown

3rd, Gaudete, Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve, 4th Sunday of Advent,

17th & 24th December 2023 Mass Book: pp. 87 & 90

My soul rejoices in my God.

*I am the handmaid of the Lord:
Let what you have said be done to me.*

ADVENT TIMETABLE and intentions

SAT., 16th December, Vigil of Sunday:

6pm: Special Intention

SUNDAY, 17th December:

10am: Franco Betti RIP (1st anniv.)

11.30am: Special Intention

TUES, 19th December in Greater Advent,

10am: Special Intention

WED., 20th December in Greater Advent

10am: Fr Desmond Baker RIP (anniv.)

THURS. 21st December in Greater Advent,

10am: Fr Pat Dwyer SAC RIP (1st anniv.)

FRI. 22nd December in Greater Advent

Day of Abstinence,

10am: James, Louise & Clifford Fox RIP

Saturday December 23rd: Confessions 10.30 to 12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

10am Sat. Mass in Greater Advent:

Shaughnessy & Finan (Dec.)

6pm Vigil of Sunday:

Paul Murphy RIP

Sunday December 24th:

Sunday Mass at 10am:

and 11.30am: Andy Donnelly RIP

See next column for Christmas Eve Masses on 24th December

Next newsletter: 21st January

*A Saviour has been born for us. He is
Christ the Lord*

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Christmas Eve Masses at 6pm (Family Mass) & 8pm.

Carol Service: 9.30pm followed by Mass at 10pm.

Monday December 25th: Christmas Day Masses at 10am & 11.30am.

TUES, 26th December, St Stephen, 1st Martyr, 10am: Ian & Emma Moon & Family intentions

WED., 27th December, St John, Evangelist 10am: Pope Benedict XVI RIP & Cardinal George Pell RIP

THURS. 28th December, Holy Innocents: 10am: Edward & Agnes Joyce RIP

FRI. 29th December, St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr *No Abstinence*:

10am: Miceal & Eamonn Joyce RIP

SAT., 30th Dec., 6th Day in Octave of Christmas, 10am: Harry Monson RIP (anniv.) Mass with anointing and prayers for the bereaved, followed by tea/ coffee in presbytery.

6pm Vigil: Maggie Hynes RIP (1st Aniv)

SUN 31ST: 10am John & Joyce Bumstead & Family

11.30am Paddy Hooke RIP

MON JAN 1ST 2024: Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. Mass at 10am



Parish Office will be closed from Friday December 22nd until Tuesday January 2nd. For urgent matters please phone the Presbytery and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

Grandparents and Older Persons Meeting 20th Dec. St. Mary Star of the Sea.

After the 10.00 am Mass on Wednesday 20 Dec. we will meet in the Parish Hall for tea/coffee and biscuits and mince pies! Moira Ward will give a presentation on the challenges faced by the infirm and physically disabled in getting around in every day settings. Do please join us for what will be an enlightening discussion. We look forward to seeing you all again. Johanna, Ellen and David

TALAN'S TOYS

My mission: Can you bring unwanted toys in a gift bag to church on Wednesday 20th December in the morning. I would like to hand them to children who do not have any gifts.

Thank you for your support. Talan

NB: Toys need to be of excellent quality. They will go to Dom's Food Mission and will be given to children and families at Santa's Grotto on 22nd December.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Next meetings are downstairs in the presbytery at 3pm on Dec. 11th, Jan. 8th & 22nd

PARISH MEN'S GROUP:

Next meeting will be in the church on Monday 8th January (after a break for Christmas and New Year) at 7.30pm and fortnightly from then on. All men are warmly welcome.

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE

Sunday December 17th at 4pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Magdalen Road, St Leonards-on-sea TN37 6ET All welcome. Please join us in praying for peace in the world. If you would like to help lead the music, please arrive at 3pm for a practice.

First Holy Communion course 2024: important information.

If your child is turning 8 in this academic year, is in Year 3, has been Baptised and at least 1 parent is a Baptised Catholic, they are eligible to take part in the First Holy Communion programme this year.

Application forms will be available to collect on Saturday 6th January, after the 6pm Mass and on Sunday 7th January, after the 10am Mass.

Completed forms will need to be handed in the following weekend, after the weekend Masses (Saturday 13th 6pm and Sunday 14th 10am).

Once the applications have been reviewed and if your child meets the application criteria, you will be invited to attend a parent meeting to discuss the course programme. The initial parent





meetings will take place the weekend of the 27th January, after the 6pm Mass and Sunday 28th January, after the 10am Mass. If you have any questions, please speak to Angela or Jenny O'Connor or text Jenny on 07796 156423

Coming in January

It's almost two years since we held meetings and conversations as part of the preparation for the Synod 2021-2024 which Pope Francis called in order to give voice to as many people as possible. Out of respect for that process and the effort put in by many people, we will in January distribute printed copies of the Synthesis Report of the First Session which took place in October 2023. The second session will take place in October 2024. On January 2nd Bishop Richard will publish the third edition of the Pastoral Plan - The Word Who Is Life – for our diocese.

Both documents call all of us to a period of reflection, participation, and prayer, especially Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Francis has stressed that there is no Synodal Path without Adoration

**WISHING ALL OUR
PARISHIONERS &
FRIENDS
A VERY HAPPY AND
PEACEFUL
CHRISTMAS**

