

We Welcome New Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish Family
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)
REJOICE SUNDAY

MASSES 11th /18th Mar 2018

Sat	10th Mar	9.30am Joan <u>Guthridge</u> R.I.P (MK) 6.00pm <u>Catenian</u> Ints for the Repose of the Souls of brothers Gerry Davies, David <u>Rutter</u> , James Morgan & Trevor Wiltshire. 1st Mass FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Sun	11th Mar	8.00am Dorothy Shires R.I.P (R&HS) FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 10.30am Ints of Mary Wiltshire (Wedding Anniversary) (MW) 3.00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Mon	12th Mar	7.30pm <u>Maisie</u> & Michael Emanuel R.I.P (MG)
Tue	13th Mar	10.00am John Michael Watson R.I.P
Wed	14th Mar	No Liturgy today
Thurs	15th Mar	8.30am Deceased members of the <u>Kealy</u> Family (WK)
Fri	16th Mar	12noon Mary and the Franks Family Ints
Sat	17th Mar	9.30am In thanksgiving (AL) Feast: St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary 6.00pm For the Ints of all who showed their kindness & sympathy (MM) 1st Mass: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Sun	18th Mar	8.00am Brian <u>Bendell</u> R.I.P (RB) FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 10.30am Deceased family & friends of the Mansfield Family (SM) 3.00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction 4.15pm Latin Mass (Sung)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Next Saturday after 9.30am and the 6pm Mass

Collection: 3rd/4th Mar Total £1103.95 £541.95 £562.00 Standing Order

Second collection this weekend for Easter Flowers

Lenten Arms during the Season of Lent

Mass intention envelopes are available in the porch.

| CHURCH CLEANING: Monday 12th March at 10.00am. Additional help today would be greatly appreciated.

Please pray for all those who are sick in our parish at this time.

Please pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember those from our Parish family whose anniversary occurs at this time, Richard McDonald, Mavis Fairclough, Patrick Kennedy, Denis Chamberlain, Janet Fackler, Winifred Morris, Paul Lester, Winifrid Burton, Isoken Ebuluba, Elizabeth Coombe, Anthony Henning, Sheila Gatward, Christine Smith, Nancy Collins, Peter Farrow Patrick Kennedy. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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LENT IN OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK: A gentle prayer time lasting about 20 minutes to start the day at 8.30am in Fr Paul's on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; a time for Lent prayer on Tuesday at 7.30pm at Fr Paul's; Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 3.00pm on Sunday.

Please note that Mass on Thursday will be at 8.30am as Fr Paul has a meeting of the chapter of Canons at the Cathedral later that morning.

EVENINGS FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: There will be an hour session of training, prayer time and a bit of a social gathering for readers and ministers of the eucharist on **March 15th (for readers) and March 22nd (for ministers) at 7.30pm in the hall.** Please make a note of the dates so that you can be there ~ it's important.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: We will meet again on **Friday 23rd March at 7pm** in the Church hall, starting as always with a shared supper. We shall be watching the next inspirational talk in the Nicky Gumbel series. See notice in porch for more information. All welcome.

ST TERESA'S PRAYER GROUP will meet on Monday 12th March at Shalom - 2pm. Please bring your book 'Living Jesus' with you and you might like to have a look at Chapter 5 in advance. All are welcome.

AT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Dr Stefan Reynolds will be giving a presentation here in St Thomas More, on Saturday 28th April, entitled "Living with the Mind of Christ". For more detail see the poster in the church porch. To book a place tel: *Heather 898548*

MARIAPOLIS 2018: Beyond All Borders at Ampleforth Abbey April 4-8. Based on the prayer of Jesus "That All May Be One" All welcome, including families. See Focolare poster in porch. Local contacts: *Celia 01323 892271 or Hanora 01323 490721.*

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Seaford Catenians are arranging a charity ST PATRICK'S NIGHT MEAL and CELEBRATION to take place on Saturday 17th March at St Thomas More Church Hall from 7.00 p.m. The event is to raise funds for Anney School and is open to all. Tickets now on sale after Mass. For more information please contact *Michael Staples on 01323 894893 or Shaun Reid on 01323 895242*

WAY OF THE CROSS: There will be the '**WAY OF THE CROSS**' on Sunday **18th March at 3pm** on Beachy Head, to pray for and remember all those suffering in Mind and Heart. We start at Bede's School Car Park on Dukes Drive, Eastbourne BN20 7XL.

URGENT: We have some gaps on our current drivers' list for lifts to mass. Please do consider joining our driving rotas to enable those who need assistance in getting to church on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. It involves a once a month commitment, and does make a big difference in enabling some parishioners to regularly attend mass at the weekend. If you can help please ring the Parish Office, or contact *Tony [491638]*.

TRAIDCRAFT: If you would like to order the '**Real** Easter Egg, please sign up on the sheet / poster in the hall foyer [and in the Church porch], or contact *Eileen [491638]*. **The Real Easter egg** is made with Fairtrade chocolate and includes a donation to Traidcraft Exchange's 'Hidden Entrepreneur' appeal.

EASTER CARDS now available from the Parish Repository Shop. There is also a small supply of **St. Patrick's Day** cards and lapel pins available. **Lent Reading:** Small booklets for Lenten reading are available in the CTS porch bookstand. There is also a wide selection of reading in the Parish Library, in the Spirituality and Prayer section, which would be suitable for Lent.

ONE FOR THE BASKET: Many thanks for your wonderful response in providing food for the Seahaven Storehouse to distribute to local people in need during this difficult time. The basket in the porch is a regular feature and all that you leave there is most gratefully received. Keep it up!

JUST FOR NOW: At the parish meeting a couple of weeks ago I explained that the time has come for some extensive and necessary refurbishment of the presbytery, some aspects of which date back to the mid 1930s when it was built and I outlined the costs involved. Because the cost will be substantial and will require the parish working with an overdraft for some time in the future, I and Joe Fackler from the Parish Finance Committee will shortly be meeting with the Diocesan Finance Committee to set out our needs and plans and obtain the necessary consent. We will need to raise the funds here in the parish and one Sunday after Easter I will take the opportunity to put you all in the financial picture. For now, I would ask you to do all you can to keep up with the Offertory Thanksgiving and the Maintenance Fund. I am aware that we all live with financial constraints and I thank you for commitment to the parish financially and in so many other ways.

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Hard copy to the presbytery by 12.00 Wednesday**