

## Jean Mary Douglas, RIP, 1927 – 2018



*Thanks to Kathryn Clary, Jean's daughter, for allowing us to print this brief tribute, based on that in the Order of Service for Jean's Requiem Mass at St Teresa's 10 December 2018:*

From an early age, Jean, who was an only child, took over her parents' flower garden, learnt to recognise the calls of song birds and developed a deep love for literature, classical music and poetry. To become an artist was her ambition. Jean had her studio and she would snatch time there whenever possible. Pastels became her favourite medium and she was thrilled when she was accepted to exhibit at the annual exhibition of the Pastel Society in London. Landscapes were her main inspiration but latterly she concentrated on flowers, becoming an established member of the Society of Botanical Artists. She had hoped to read English Literature at Cambridge, but when this plan was thwarted by the war she opted for teaching, her career spanning 40 years. She specialised in English and, of course, Art. She was also a keen historian, frequently researching and writing articles. Early medieval churches particularly moved her. Jean was a woman with strong convictions and a powerful personality combined with great warmth. She appreciated everything in nature including landscape, trees, birds. She was an amazing cook and knew how to bring everyone together. She believed that life was to be lived and made the most of. Her love was generous and selfless and she was and remains the lifeblood of her family. She always made time for her children and grandchildren, supporting them through every trial and rejoicing in their triumphs. She also had long-standing friends from her teaching days and latterly she enjoyed the lively discussions of the local book club and other friends. The last years supporting Frank, who died only a few months before Jean, drew on all her strength and determination, as did the recent months on her own. She painted and wrote poetry right to the end. She was greatly loved and is sorely missed by her extensive family, who often appeared with her and Frank at Mass at St Teresa's.

## St Teresa of Lisieux, Northiam

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**NB** There is no First Friday Mass at St Teresa's on 4 January

**Lima:** The amount collected for Lima in November 2018 came to £24.10 and the grand total is now £17,315.43.

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## Rota of Mass and other Church Duties January 2019

Date	6 January 2019	13 January 2019	20 January 2019	27 January 2019
Sunday /Feast	Epiphany of the Lord	Baptism of the Lord	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Ordinary Time	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Ordinary Time
Reader	Hart Family	Sarah Doggett	Carole O'Hara	Martin Mooney
Eucharistic Minister (tbc)	Joanna Black	Maureen Webster	Brian O'Connell	Elizabeth Norris
Gift Bearers	Children	Sarah Doggett Anne Noakes	Luke Hannam Gilda Hannam	Martin Mooney Christine Mooney
Flowers	Christine Mooney	Christine Mooney	Eileen O'Shaughnessy	Eileen O'Shaughnessy
Cleaning – Church Kitchen	Sally-Ann Hart	Sarah Doggett	Eileen O'Shaughnessy	Martin Mooney
Coffee/Tea Organiser Helper(s)	Sally-Ann Hart			

**Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:** Keith Bourne, Audrey and Terry Evans, Roland Frank, Barney O'Neil, Gérard and Joy Scothern, Kathleen Courtney, Felicity Youlten

**Anniversaries in January:** Please remember in your prayers: Emily Sheila Fry, (better known as Sheila Kaye-Smith), Margot Bruce, Mary Elizabeth Smith, Sheila Hawkins, Doreen Foster, Catherine Mary Devereux, Mary Staples, Bishop Henry Wallace, Fr Antoine Bussutil, Bertram, 5th Earl of Ashburnham, (founder and benefactor of the Battle church), Jon Conkling, Bernard Youlten, Marjorie Loufte, Elizabeth Mary Cuthbert, Frank Reade, Douglas Ashing, Canon Charles Walker, Brenda Campbell

**Bishop's Deanery Meeting.** There was a good turn-out at the meeting on 13 December at St Martha's Church, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea. This was the 12<sup>th</sup> of 13 meetings at which Bishop Richard outlined to parishioners from each deanery the outcome of the parish visitations and consultations held last year. We are part of the St Leonards-on Sea deanery, which comprises Hollington, Bexhill, Hastings and Rye, as well as Battle with Northiam. No immediate changes directly affecting Battle with Northiam were announced, but it is proposed that by 2030 Battle with Northiam will be served by Bexhill. More on this subject next month. Details of the diocesan plan are on the diocesan website (address on P 1)