

Fr Hugh Writes:

Thank you to the teams that cleaned the church and cut the hedge last weekend and cleared so much debris. All necessary work and keeps our 'face' looking good. Thank you too, to the 'Flower' ladies, we are all keenly awaiting your creations and Thank you to our musicians, Easter demands a lot and the music brings such joy to the celebrations.

Easter Mass will be crowded I know, so please 'budge' up in the pews so that everyone can have a seat, there are often gaps in the front row to be filled. Each pew should be able to seat 6 people and the side pews 3 people.

Should you not have a palm from last Sunday, they are available in the sacristy.

Such joy does the feast of hope bring; may you all have a blessed and Happy Easter. Writing during Holy Week with the Easter Triduum still ahead, but a joyous celebration in the Cathedral now behind. Bishop Gerard led the liturgy beautifully and the clergy shared a meal afterwards as is our tradition.

The Easter Octave opens on Easter day and our Mass readings for the week retell the events of the day of Resurrection for the Lord and the disciples recorded in the gospels. Across the church new members will be welcomed this Easter and we pray for them all, newly baptised as well as received and confirmed.

Warmest wishes and congratulations for Audrey and Russell Shaw who celebrate their Ruby wedding this Sunday.

Our thanks to Chris Harrity for gifting the repainting of the Hall walls for us, and Stuart finished off by doing the lobbies, we are very grateful.

I think you will agree that Peter and Stuart have done a great job and all looks much fresher. Stuart also repaired the water damage above the Tabernacle and repainted. Hopefully, the water ingress is solved

All we have to do is repaint the kitchen at some point, perhaps sooner rather than later, then the whole job will be done.

The Bishops of England and Wales are asking for an extra hour of prayer in a Holy hour on 3rd Sunday of Easter at 4.30pm for the dignity of Human life:, we think that it is not a good time for us in Henfield, but you may wish to have that holy hour.

Please let us know if that is so. Alternatively, we have our monthly holy hour next Sunday (2nd of Easter) which would give us all an opportunity to pray for that cause, as well as the many other needs in our world, for Peace, for a new Bishop, and the ongoing work of parish development following the pastoral plan given to us by Bishop Richard.

There is of course no reason why anyone can't come to the church that afternoon be it alone or in a gathered group to pray, or at any time. As you know the churches in the lane are open all day, every day.

I do encourage us all to stay and pray, and perhaps forego coffee on Sunday (12th).

Our quiz night raised £680 profit for the development of the hall and refurbishments thank you for these contributions, and the collection for Easter Flowers was £104.40

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Notices

Your Easter offering may be gift aided so please use one of the blue envelopes from your boxes. Alternatively there are white envelopes for your offering in the narthex, which can be completed if you are a tax payer.

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Children's Liturgy takes place in our hall at 9.30am on Sunday mornings. Suitable for children aged from 6 to 13 years It is followed by our 10am Mass in church.

For more details please contact Andreia Gaio by [email: andry_nunes_18@hotmail.com](mailto:andry_nunes_18@hotmail.com)

UKRAINE: Thank you to Father Hugh and the Parish for the use of the hall and to all those who supported the Ukraine initiative in whatever way you could. In these challenging times I am always amazed at the various ways people respond.

The truck left the morning of Monday 30th March on its way to the Essex warehouse.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart *Celia*

Our second Sunday Holy Hour is on the 12th April the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Do make every effort to stay and pray: there are so many needs to pray for in our world, a time for pausing and silence. (*See Fr Hugh writes*)

The Henfield Community Fridge opens at Henfield Leisure Centre on Tuesdays 5pm and on Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. Once the food is gone they close!

The Horsham Matters food bank "Hub on the move" comes to the Henfield Library Car Park on Thursdays from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Any food donations may be left in the basket in the Narthex and our thanks to all who continue to donate items.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Good Friday 3rd April - 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 4th April - 8pm The Solemn Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday 5th April - 10am Mass

Sunday 12th April - 10am Mass

followed by Holy Hour until 11.45am

Sundays 19th & 26th April & 3rd May

Booking and tickets available for the Deacon's Lunch on 31st May

Sunday 31st May - Thanksgiving Mass and lunch for Dcns Seamus and Paul

Details to follow after Easter