Fr Hugh Writes:

TODAY REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – PLEASE REMEMBER, MASS AT 9AM
Please also note there will be no Children's Liturgy today before Mass.

A day of special prayer for the many who's lives were lost in the armed conflicts especially over the last century. We remember in prayer the people of Gaza, The West Bank, Ukraine and Russia too where so many people have been killed in the current wars.
We will meet at the War Memorial in Cagefoot Lane for the silence at 11am.
The book of remembrance stands before the altar should you wish to add any names of your deceased relatives and friends.
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Fidelis, (poor Clare) who died on Tuesday last.
Mass on Tuesday is concelebrated at 12noon at St John's, Horsham for the deceased clergy of the deanery, all are welcome and please do come and join us if you are in Horsham at noon.

Monday is the feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, that is the Cathedral of Rome, Pope Leo's church as Bishop of Rome. It is a universal feast.
Tuesday is the Memoria of St Leo the great, Pope. He died in 461, in our time, the current pope took the same name, the 14th in that line

Thursday 12th is the Requiem Mass for Dan Hurley at 12.30pm. Please come and join us for Dan's funeral, and especially to support the music if you are free.

Friday 13th!! Is a very special day for Francesca and Brian Crook who celebrate their Diamond wedding. Our warmest congratulations to them on this special anniversary.
Please come and join them in the hall following our 10am Mass for a celebration cake and drink. Coffee or tea!
This is the 3rd diamond wedding we have celebrated this year in our small parish.

Next Sunday 15th, there will be a retiring collection for the retired priests of the diocese. Please use one of your purple envelopes or a white gift aid envelope from the narthex.
All you are doing, by gift aiding is allowing the diocese on our behalf to recover the tax you have paid on this offering.
The recent 2nd collection for PACT raised £119. A cheque has been sent.

I shall be taking a few days retreat from Monday 16th November.

Our Advent Penitential Service is here at Corpus Christi at 7pm on 7th December, the 2nd Monday of Advent.

Christmas tree festival; Free Church, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th December. As In the past, we have been involved and contributed a tree, would anyone like still to do this on behalf of Corpus Christi?

Bishop Stephen is meeting with the clergy of the diocese, in Cobham, Arundel, and Burgess Hill, so the 3 counties that form Arundel and Brighton diocese. For the West Sussex Clergy, our meeting is on 2nd December.

Autumn is certainly with us with a marked drop in temperature this week. The leaves are dropping rapidly, and should be cleared from grass areas, otherwise wet leaves kill the grass with no light able to get through. Alternatively 'mow' them up, which means they get chopped and compost quicker, (that's less energetic!)
The change of season brings out the winter colour in the stems of willow and dogwood, berries and winter flowering shrubs.

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Dcn Paul Writes:

As I write today (Thursday) the Mass gospel is from St Luke (15:1-10): "The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to Jesus".
Luke then tells us that "the scribes and Pharisees grumbled" at Jesus' mixing it with such damned/outcast riff-raff. Jesus follows up with two stories: one of the shepherd who goes in search of his lost sheep and rejoices greatly on recovering it, and the other of the woman who has lost a coin and who sweeps and searches "diligently until she finds it", and likewise rejoices greatly on finding it. "Just so, I tell you", says Jesus, "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine who need no repentance".

It is clear that Jesus very much wanted to mix with the outcasts, and the outcasts must clearly have enjoyed Jesus' company (for they ate and drank together, as the gospels tell us). Why did this work so well for both parties? Why were the outcasts such ready listeners to Jesus? I suggest that the outcasts were those who felt vulnerable in life, and Jesus' company brought them reassurance, love and hope. Jesus' remark about the "ninety-nine who need no repentance" was of course sarcastic but, 'ouch', does it apply to me? The difference between the two groups of people is that one group is well aware of its moral shortcomings and inadequacy before God and man (its need for 'salvation') whilst the other feels it's 'doing pretty well, on the whole', and is living blithely unaware of the depth of its need for God's saving love.

Where do I stand? Do I feel vulnerable, wanting to give a warm and genuine welcome to Jesus, who looks to help me in this life and set right my relationship with God, or am I doing OK in life organising my own affairs, and feel no need for my boat to be rocked?

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Notices:

Remembrance Sunday: Our 9am Mass starts before the parade leaves Cagefoot Lane at 9.10am to march to St Peter's for the 9.45am service. You can drive to Church and park and then make a quick exit after Mass, whilst the parade is still in St Peter's.
The parade reforms at 10.30am to march back to the war memorial in Cagefoot Lane for a short service, wreath laying and the two-minute silence at 11am.

Thursday 12th November

Dan Hurley's Requiem at 12.30pm, followed by cremation at 2pm.

ALSO

House Group at 7.30pm at 'Sunnyside', Upper Station Road

Diamond Wedding on Friday 13th: Francesca and Brian will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Father Hugh will be offering Mass for them at 10am and this will be followed by a little gathering with cake and coffee/tea in the hall. It would be lovely if some of us could be there to celebrate with them.

Pray with the Pope: Pope Leo XIV has released the "Pray with the Pope" video accompanying his prayer intention for this month of November which is 'For the proper use of wealth'.
In the video, produced by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, the Pope prays for the proper use of wealth; that by not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and in solidarity of those who have less.

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Ukraine: A big thank you from Celia to everyone who helped us send off well over 100 banana boxes full of great aide in addition with many other useful items including a generator wheelchairs and the most beautiful mountain of hand knits baby clothes and blankets, some donated by Sister Pat. it brought tears to our eyes as we packed these beautiful handicraft. People in East Sussex, Horsham area, Billingshurst and Yes, these church's have supported most of our collections, bringing them to our hall.
I am aware that people popped into the hall and ended up packing and sorting, its hard work so thank you to packers and sorters and lifters. It is the BP guild that takes the load to the warehouse in Essex ready for its road trip to Ukraine. *Thank you so much, Celia.*

The Village Advent Service at St Peter's Church
on Sunday 29th November at 5.30pm.
Everyone is welcome to join this special Ecumenical Advent Service of words, music, prayer and contemplation. Volunteer readers will be needed.

The Henfield Christmas Tree Festival
on Friday 4th from 5pm to 8pm (late night Christmas shopping evening) and
on Saturday 5th December (10am to 12noon and 5pm to 7pm).
at the Henfield Free Church in the High Street.
This year the theme is "The 12 Days of Christmas".
There are still a few spaces available if a family or group of friends/parishioners wish to enter to represent Corpus Christi.
Set up is on Thursday 3rd between 9am and 9pm or Friday 9am and 12noon.
Your tree must be removed from the church on Monday 7th between 9am and 12noon.
If you would like to enter a tree please speak to Margaret Hollingsworth who has all the information you will need.

Young Adults' Advent Retreat at Worth Abbey on 4th to 6th December 2026
Step away from the busyness and distractions of everyday life to prepare for the coming of Christ, in the beautiful Benedictine setting of Worth Abbey.
Enjoy talks from the monks, discussion groups, beautiful walks, times for personal prayer and opportunities to deepen friendships and build community with fellow young adults.
Cost: £130/£65 per person, including accommodation and food.
(A 50% bursary is available on the booking page for those who require assistance.)
Times are 4:30pm on Friday 4th to 2:30pm on Sunday 6th.
Book your place here: https://worthabbey.net/young-adults-advent-retreat/
Further information about travel, what to bring, and what to expect will be provided.
For enquiries please email retreats@worth.org.uk

Advent Taizé Service in our church on Saturday 12th December, from 6.30pm to 8pm.
More details nearer the time. All welcome.

Newsletter: As requested, and for those parishioners without email, there will be some paper copies of the newsletter available in the Narthex for the next few Sundays.
If you are new to our parish and haven't already done so please complete a "new parishioners form" from the Narthex. Add your email address so you can be included when this weekly newsletter is circulated.
For any other parishioners if you haven't provided your email address and wish to receive the newsletter please use the same form.

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Missio Red Box Holders: This is another reminder to bring your boxes in and hand them to Margaret Hollingsworth so the contents can be banked before the end of November ahead of the year end.

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For any parishioners unable to get to a church there are many churches in the Crawley Deanery that live stream Holy Mass. Go to https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream where you will find over 30 churches, plus Arundel Cathedral, to choose from.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Thursday evening 12th November
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Advent Penitential Service at Corpus Christi, 7pm

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