

Fr Hugh Writes:

We welcome Fr Tony Lovegrove for our next two Sunday Masses. Tony reminded me that it would be a joy to be with you all again when we had a catch up last weekend. Sadly, for many of you, no Jake now, as his energy has not reduced at the same pace as Tony's has!

This Sunday (4th) marks the end of that time known as 'the season of creation' 4th October being the Memoria of St Francis of Assisi, not kept because it's on a Sunday. Pope Francis, teaching on the care of our planet, lives on in this way. It reminds us at this time of the year to give thanks for the harvest, to use the planet's resources wisely and to not be wasteful of the earth's resources.

Our farmers continue to need our support and prayer as many struggle financially because of changed circumstances.

A few envelopes remain should you need one to make offerings to CAFOD for the support of the many special needs in other parts of the world.

Next Sunday (11th), is Prisoners Sunday, a day of special prayer for those in our prisons and perhaps too for those who make our laws. I'm interested to see the work of PACT and their newsletter is on the noticeboard for you to read and take.

One puzzle for me is the continuing rhetoric that every offence is likely to end with a custodial sentence. Have not politicians/ministers realised that the prisons are full, many are crumbling because they are old and that there isn't space to detain all these extra 'criminals'?

There will be a voluntary collection for PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) next Sunday. PACT is a pioneering national charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions and their families.

Last month, we said farewell to Dan Hurley, who has moved to be closer to his family.

As the Solemnity of St Philip Howard draws near (19th), the day of Fr Stephen Wang's episcopal Ordination; please do hold him in prayer.

Last week he took time for retreat and prayer.

I've heard no mention of parishioners being invited yet to the Mass at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24th. Other deaneries seem to be organising a coach, which is less easy in rural communities.

Notices:

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 10am Mass in church.

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

Faith Explorers: There will be an open meeting here in our hall on Monday 2nd November at 7pm. Faith Explorers is a programme to explore the Catholic faith together, ask questions, share and grow in faith in a warm and welcoming environment.

The meeting is for anyone who identifies with any of these statements:

- **I am not Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic faith.**
- **I am not Catholic and would like to become Catholic.**
- **I am Catholic and would like to know more about my faith.**
- **I am Catholic and I missed out on Confirmation and would like to "fill the gap".**

All are welcome. For more details please speak to Deacon Dominic.

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There are two House Groups meeting this week on
Wednesday afternoon (7th) 3pm at the Convent and
Thursday evening (8th) 7.30pm at 'Sunnyside', Upper Station Road

During Fr Hugh's holiday, weekday Masses can usually be found at:

The Towers, Upper Beeding all weekdays at 4.30pm.

Christ the King, Steyning on Tuesdays at 10am.

Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead on Wednesdays at 12noon.

St John the Evangelist, Horsham, 12noon on Thursdays and Fridays

(please check with individual churches for confirmation of days/times before travelling)

Pope Leo XIV has released the **"Pray with the Pope"** video accompanying his prayer intention for this month of October which is for Mental Health Ministry.

In the video produced by the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#), the Pope prays that the Mental Health Ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Missio Red Box Holders: Please bring your box in and hand it to Margaret Hollingsworth so the contents can be banked before the year end. You don't need to wait until it's full. There are still some copies of the Autumn edition of Mission Today in the narthex which reflects on the theme of World Mission Sunday – 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. More details about World Mission Sunday on 18th October coming soon.

There are also a few prayer cards written by Pope Leo to mark the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday.

Bishop-elect Stephen Wang's Mass of Episcopal Ordination will take place at 12noon on Monday 19th October, the Feast of St Philip Howard, at Arundel Cathedral. You can live stream the celebration at [Visit Arundel Cathedral's Livestream](#)

Details of a special Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24th October to follow.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 4th October – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10am Mass with Fr Tony Lovegrove

Wednesday 7th October

Wednesday afternoon House Group at the Convent, 3pm

Thursday 8th October

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

Sunday 11th October – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10am Mass with Fr Tony Lovegrove

Followed by Second Sunday Holy Hour to 11.45am

Monday 2nd November

First "Faith Explorers" open meeting in the hall 7pm. (see notices)