

Fr Hugh writes:

Thank you, thank you, to you all for your great generosity, in the gift for my Jubilee last weekend, for your cards and for a wonderful party after Mass, so enjoyed by all as I heard then as we all chatted and subsequently from other messages. It was a wonderful parish celebration; and a reminder to us all of the vocation in life that we all share.

Our thanks should be made to Ann for a fabulous lunch, and for the team who prepared and served; to Ruth for masterminding the wonderful hall and table decorations, and Margaret for the invitations and so many other behind the scenes work across the winter including the order of service.

Such happy memories of a shared day together and the sun shone! I don't believe anyone got lost between church and hall either!

PS from Margaret: I too have received messages of thanks to the parish from some of Fr Hugh's invited guests. One even suggested that with our organisational skills we should all be running the country!!

It was Vocations Sunday, a day of prayer particularly focussing on the Priesthood, and there is a prayer leaflet for you this weekend to take us to Whitsun on 8th June.

You may wish to make offerings for the Education of Future Priests this weekend too. Please Gift aid if you can, (purple envelopes from your boxes or white from the Narthex).

Welcome to Fr Tony for this and next weekend's Sunday Masses. This Sunday we will have our Holy Hour after Mass until 11.45am, also postponed from last Sunday.

Please remember in your prayers Angelo Twinkle, Euan Williams and Tom Carter who are being Confirmed at Arundel Cathedral today, Sunday 18th.

Monday is the Memoria of St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Next Sunday, there's another retiring collection this time for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese, which focusses on the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru, where we have had a missionary contact for 40+ years.

Mass on Bank holiday Monday (26th) is at The Towers at 10.00. (Apparently Fr Tony can't bi-locate!)

Ascension Day is on Thursday 29th and is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 6.30pm as usual. After which I hope we can return to our Thursday evening Mass at the Convent, we'll confirm that later. We remember Sr Frances as she visits her brother over these next days, in prayer.

Notices

There will be a second collection today (postponed from last Sunday) for the Education of Future Priests. Please gift aid if you are a tax payer.

House groups: Sr Frances hopes to be able to start her Wednesday afternoon (3pm) house group at the convent on 5th June. This will be based on looking at the following Sunday's Mass readings, and include a short time of Adoration. Please do think about joining it.

The two Thursday groups (4.30pm and 7.45pm) continue. All are welcome to all of them. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter for venues and exact timings each week. This week the house group meets at 4.30pm at 13 King James Lane.

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Re: Last Sunday's lunch in the Henfield Hall: We still have a pair of quite heavy chrome scissors missing their owner. If that is you please contact Ann to be reunited.

The Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation, is Thursday week, 29th, and our Mass will be in church as usual at 6.30pm.

This year's Jubilee marks a special period of grace for our global Catholic family. Pilgrims visiting Rome can obtain a Jubilee Year Indulgence by passing through the Holy Doors of one of the four Papal Basilicas. Locally, the following diocesan churches have been designated as places of pilgrimage where Holy Year Indulgences may be gained: [Arundel Cathedral](#), [Worth Abbey](#) & [St Joseph's, Guildford](#). More about Jubilee Indulgences [here](#) .

Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham from Friday 6th June to Sunday 8th June, to mark the 60th anniversary of our Diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year. The [Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham](#) attracts some 150,000 pilgrims during the pilgrimage season. To find out more or to book your place, please [click here](#).

Grandparents' Pilgrimage on 11th June, from 10am to 3.30pm at Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB is our annual day of reflection and friendship for grandparents. With Mass, time to pray together and talk to fellow grandparents, sharing the joys and challenges of family life. [Click here](#) to register your free place.

Dates for your Diaries

Today Sunday 18th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am Mass with Fr Tony, followed by Holy Hour until 11.45am

Thursday 22nd May - House Group

4.30pm at 13 King James Lane

Sunday 25th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am Mass with Fr Tony

Bank Holiday Monday 26th - St Philip Neri, Priest

10am Mass at The Towers

Thursday 29th May - The Ascension of the Lord. Holy Day of Obligation

6.30pm Mass

Friday 6th June – Sunday 8th June

Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham

(see notices for booking details)

Wednesday 11th June

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