

## **Fr Hugh Writes**

I have received the news that Trish Castledine, died on Thursday last after such a long time of ill health. Please pray for the repose of her soul, for her husband Gerry and all the family at this time. Trish was always a significant member of the congregation and did much to support the life of our parish before her health deteriorated.

Last Sunday's retiring collection for the Education of Future Priests was £153.54. Thank you.

Monday is the feast of the English Martyrs, Mass at 10am as usual. It is a Bank holiday, so a good way to come and pray as the family for all workers and especially the unemployed.

Tuesday this week is a day of special prayer for the survivors of Sexual abuse, you can see the Bishops conference website or our diocesan one for more information and guidance for prayer.

Remember that the churches in the lane are open all day for you to come and sit and pray quietly.

Not everyone picked up a leaflet last week for the month of prayer from Vocations Sunday to Pentecost for vocations to the priesthood. Do please take them and use them as a source for prayer and reading privately.

I shall be away from 15<sup>th</sup> for a week, back in time for Pentecost. I'm travelling with friends to Nice and am using the gift you gave me last year for my Jubilee, now almost a year ago. The Cote d'Azur has appealed as a destination to see for a while, and in particular Thomas Hanbury's garden La Mortola.

That Sunday, Seventh Sunday of Easter (17<sup>th</sup>), we should have a visiting priest to make the annual mission appeal.

A reminder that Ascension Day is on next week, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Mass at 6.30pm in the church. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. (Having the same status as a Sunday)

Our local elections are also this Thursday, an important opportunity for us to be involved in the shaping of local needs.

The very dry April weather continued to the end of the month, with none of the April showers that we knew of old. The ground surface is now parched so any rain this weekend has to be welcomed for the crops that we need for the year. Hopefully the many frosts that we had through April are now passed so that we can begin to look forward to the summer vegetables that so many of us are keen to grow.

Whatever you do this weekend, enjoy the extra rest day.

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### **Notices**

**A reminder that all weekday Masses at the Towers are at 4.30pm.**

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**The House Groups are not meeting this week.**

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**Our Sunday morning Children's Liturgy is currently postponed whilst the First Holy Communion instruction takes place in church after our Sunday Mass.**

For more details contact Andreia Gaio by [email: andry\\_nunes\\_18@hotmail.com](mailto:andry_nunes_18@hotmail.com)

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**Sunday 31st May 10am: Thanksgiving Mass for Deacon Seamus' and Deacon Paul's Ministry and Celebration of their 80th Birthdays and Deacon Paul's Silver Jubilee.**

There are only three places still available for the brunch so if you wish to book please see Sally or Margaret in the hall after this Sunday's Mass.

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## **Notices cont/d...**

**A Mass for World Peace will take place on 29th May, 6.30pm at the English Martyrs Catholic Church, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4UH.** People across our community of faith are invited to join Worthing Deanery Justice & Peace Group and pray for peace in our world. The Mass, celebrated by Fr Liam O'Connor, will offer an opportunity to pray for all those impacted by war, and for healing. All are welcome, there is no need to book.

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**Young Adults' Corpus Christi Evening, 3rd June, 7pm to 9pm at Arundel Cathedral.** Hosted by the Diocesan Youth Team, the evening will include Praise and Worship music, a Holy Hour including time for Adoration and personal prayer, and a talk on the history of the Carpet of Flowers. Pub and pizza social to follow for those who wish to join. [Click to find out more & book.](#)

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**Arundel Cathedral's Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers is on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th June.** Experience Arundel's beautiful Carpet of Flowers. View the carpet on Wednesday 9.30am to 7pm and also Thursday 9.30am until 5.30pm when Mass begins followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral to the courtyard of Arundel Castle, for Benediction.

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**Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration, Saturday 18th July 12pm to 4.15pm, Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT.** The day includes Holy Mass, a personal Consecration to Our Lady, the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, Exposition, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction. Tea/coffee provided but please bring a packed lunch. No need to book but more details at: [jayne.lock1@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.lock1@gmail.com).

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**The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is 24th to 30th July (air) or 23rd July to 31st July (coach).** Applications for helpers, clinicians and independent pilgrims are open for this year's pilgrimage. For details and to apply: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/apply>

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**Food Bank:** Our thanks to everyone who continue to leave items in the basket in the narthex for the food bank.

**The Henfield Community Fridge** opens at Henfield Leisure Centre at 5pm on Tuesdays 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 for the food bank may be left as usual in the basket in the Narthex and our thanks to all who continue to donate items.

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

***TODAY Sunday 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter - 10am Mass***

***Sunday 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter - 10am Mass***  
followed by Holy Hour

***Thursday 14th May - The Ascension of the Lord - 6.30pm Mass***  
Holy Day of Obligation

***Sunday 31st May - The Most Holy Trinity - 10am Thanksgiving Mass***  
for Deacon Seamus & Deacon Paul followed by Brunch in our hall