

## **Fr Hugh writes:**

We welcome into the church this Sunday Elliot Murphy- Hunt in the Sacrament of Baptism. This is one of the quarter days but as it's a Sunday we can't keep the feast of the Archangels. It's from this feast that the late Michaelmas daisies take their name, as one of the last great flowers of the season.

Wednesday is the Memoria of the Guardian angels, preceded on Tuesday by St Teresa of Lisieux.

We shall keep the optional Memoria of the Sussex Martyrs on Thursday. Having just stayed in Dorset for a week at Chideock, we discovered the importance in that village of the Martyrs there at a similar time. Connections across the country that are made by chance are so interesting. If you're near Bridport, it's worth making the journey to discover the catholic church in Chideock.

More connections were made with our family.

Friday is the Memoria of St Francis and there will be a service of Word and Communion that morning. I'm grateful to Paul for leading this.

Jean Longley has died in the parish of St Teresa, Merstham where I was first Parish Priest. She would have been 100 in January. May she rest in peace. Along with her Husband Ken, they did much to encourage and support my ministry there coupled with the 2 prisons at Banstead. Her Requiem is at 10.30am and I feel it important to concelebrate that Mass. I know too you will support me in that choice.

Friday is also Family fast day, and if you wish to make an offering for Cafod's work, envelopes are available or of course on line. Please post your offerings directly using the sae gift aid envelopes.

All being well on Monday work may start to make the repairs to the façade of the church, it is 'weather permitting'. After which we can redecorate the façade, much needed and long awaited!

We are also, 'weather permitting' removing the dead wood which is quite extensive from the black walnut adjacent to the church.

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## **Notices:**

### **Preparing for Mass: A time of silence**

There are certain points before and during Mass when there is silence. This is not because someone has forgotten to do or say something, but because it is a necessary invitation to listen to God. We fill up so much of our lives with noise and distraction.

It is here in the Eucharist that we approach the 'source and summit of the Christian Life (CCC 1324)' and have an intentional encounter with God.

*"In the silence of the heart God speaks"* (St Teresa of Calcutta).

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**To Santiago with Cantilena:** Claire, our wonderful flute player, is playing in a concert on Saturday 5th October at Steyning's Parish Church of St Andrew the Apostle and St Cuthman of Steyning at 5pm. *'To Santiago - ten centuries of vocal music following the paths of pilgrims'* Tickets are £12 with a free programme. Under-18s £5.

[More information here](#) or contact [cantilena.info@gmail.com](mailto:cantilena.info@gmail.com) or buy tickets at the door.

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There will be **Adoration** as usual this Tuesday afternoon from 2pm to 3pm at the Convent, Golden Square, Henfield. Everyone welcome.

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**Red Box Holders:** The Autumn edition of "Mission Today" focuses on World Mission Sunday which this year is on Sunday 20th October. This issue will help us understand better the ministry of missionaries and includes stories from Lebanon, Kenya and Mongolia. Mongolia is the home of the youngest Catholic community of the world. Please collect your copy from the Narthex.

*If your box hasn't been emptied recently please bring it in and hand it to Margaret Hollingsworth or Fr Hugh so it can be emptied before the end of the year.*

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**A Catholic Health & Care Workers' Mass is on Saturday 5th October, from 11am to 3pm, at Arundel Cathedral.** Carers, nurses, doctors, AHPs and students are invited to a special Health & Care Workers' Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard. Mass will be followed by a talk on "Compassion: Our Vocation", with a social afterwards in the Cathedral Centre.

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This year's **Marriage Anniversaries Mass** is at 11.30am with Bishop Richard, on Saturday 12th October at Arundel Cathedral. Mass will be followed by a drinks reception. Please [Click here](#) to reserve your places. This is an opportunity for those celebrating a significant anniversary to renew their wedding vows.

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There will be a **Mass for Altar Servers** on Saturday 26th October at 12pm, at Arundel Cathedral. Altar servers across our Diocese are warmly invited to join Bishop Richard for a special Mass to celebrate their service in the Church. [Click here](#) to find out more. Every is welcome.

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**Henfield's Community Fridge** is open at the Leisure Centre on the following days: Tuesday 5pm to 6.30pm, Friday 9am to 10.30am and Saturday 9am to 10.30 am. Once the food is gone it closes.

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**Sister Patricia** is collecting used stamps for the Air Ambulance Charity and would welcome your support. Thank you so much, *Sister Patricia*.

**Refugee Knitting:** Sister Patricia has provided some lovely hand knitted children's jumpers for Ukraine, but she has now run out of wool. If you have odd balls tucked away please let Sister Patricia have them so they can be put to good use.

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**Food Bank:** Henfield's collection points are Corpus Christi (basket in the narthex), Sainsbury's, St Peter's Church, as well as Hawthorn Vets for donations of pet food. Henfield is part of the District-wide Horsham Matters network and the volunteers at their central depot use the items you kindly donate to make up Emergency food parcels as well as keeping the Horsham base and the Mobile Shop fully stocked. Should the need arise, to access the Food bank, call 03001 240204. Thank you to everyone who continues to donate to the basket in the narthex.

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**A message from Deacon Simon South, A&B Diocese Marriage & Family Life Project Officer:** *We are now recruiting for the next intake for our Ministry of Consolation training.* One of the many challenges in our modern world has been the reality that many

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people do not know what to say or how to support the bereaved, which leaves so many feeling isolated, lonely and often questioning their faith.

Within the Diocese, we have a wide network of 120 trained bereavement supporters who accompany and befriend those who are experiencing the loneliness and pain of loss.

If you are interested in joining our team, our next training course will be running from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 through to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025(inc) each Wednesday via Zoom from 9.30am to 1.30pm. We will be covering listening skills, ways of accompanying the dying and the bereaved, supporting and accompanying parents who have lost a child either pre or post natal and supporting family members who have been effected by the loss of a loved one as a result of suicide.

We will look at the grief journey, Church teaching on the emotive topics of suicide, euthanasia, palliative care, organ donation and cremation v burial. We will also be looking at the right care for the terminally ill. At the completion of the course, you will be commissioned into the Ministry of Consolation by Bishop Richard.

The type of work we are involved in varies from one Parish to another but can include supporting the bereaved on a one to one basis for a number of weeks, organising bereavement cafes, helping the Parish Priest/Deacon at funerals as stewards and being there for the mourners, or simply going for a walk with those who just want the company while they work their way through the challenges of life.

If you feel that this is something that you are called to do on and extend the consoling hand of Christ contact [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk) for more details.

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### **Dates for your Diary**

***Tuesdays 1st and 8th October*** at the Convent, Golden Square.

One hour for quiet prayer – 2pm to 3pm

#### ***Saturday 5th October***

*To Santiago with Cantilena: A concert at Steyning's Parish Church of St Andrew and St Cuthman, 5pm. (see notices)*

#### ***Saturday 12th October***

Anniversaries Mass at Arundel Cathedral *(see notices)*

#### ***Sunday 13th October***

*then every following second Sunday in the month*

Holy Hour after Mass, 10.45am to 11.45am