

Fr Hugh Writes:

Today is the 4th of Lent and Mothering Sunday, a day to celebrate our Mums and give thanks for their continual care. The Sunday marks the halfway point in the season of Lent. There will be a second collection today for Easter flowers.

Tomorrow, Monday (16th) is our Penitential service for the season with three priests to celebrate the sacrament for you, an opportunity 'to make your confession'. No need to worry about it all, better, as the invitation on Ash Wednesday reminded us, "to come back to the Lord".

The Sunday's Gospel reading may provide a useful tool for preparation. Jn 9: 1-41 I can only urge you to use the sacrament in this Holy season as part of our preparation for Easter, in just three weeks' time.

Tuesday is the feast of St Patrick and Thursday the Solemnity of St Joseph. Mass on Thursday is at 7pm at our Sisters home.

Our thanks to Dominic for the St Patrick's celebration on Saturday and Brigid and team for organising our 1st quiz night on Friday. Both should be fun.

Dominic is also organising and leading a Taize evening of prayer on Good Friday.

Also on Good Friday will be the Churches Together Walk of Witness at 11am.

Our next Holy hour is on 2nd Sunday of Easter, 12th April, do make every effort to stay and pray: there are so many needs to pray for in our world, a time for pausing and silence (not just saying our prayers) as if box ticked!!

There is not much news of the development of our parish to report. The clergy did meet last Tuesday in Horsham and will so do in May again.

A bit late; but there is a new edition of the Deanery newsletter for you this weekend.

As Holy week draws closer, a reminder of the Chrism Mass on Wednesday (1st April) at 6pm in the cathedral. All are welcome: this year Bishop Gerard Bradley is the principal celebrant; some of you will know him from my jubilee Mass last year.

Last Friday the electrics were fixed in the hall, but having updated the fuse board etc., other minor upgrades need to be completed to bring all up to current regulations.

Church cleaning: Friday 27th after Mass, or Saturday 28th in the morning; either or both? Please let me know what's best before Holy week?

Winter hasn't cast off its cloak yet, in spite of the Camellias being in full bloom, and daffodils in abundance. There is still time to plant but if grabbing bare root plants at this point in March there has to be a sense of urgency as buds are breaking everywhere. Next Saturday is the spring equinox.

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 our 10am Mass in church.

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

There will be a second collection today, Sunday 15th, for Easter Flowers.

Our Lent Penitential service is tomorrow Monday 16th at 7pm. Fr John Inglis will join Canon Tim & Fr Hugh. Alternatively see notices for dates/times at other parishes.

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OUR LENT GROUPS for the coming week are:

Wednesday, 3pm at the Convent (week 4) 'We dare to ask' course

Thursday, 3pm at 7 Barn End (week 5) 'We dare to ask' course

Thursday, 7.30 pm at 'Sunnyside', Upper Station Road (week 5) 'Sycamore' Lent course

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

Our Quiz Night & Ploughman's Supper is this coming Friday 20th March starting at 7.30pm.

**Tickets are £10 per person available in the hall after Mass from
Brigid Hilton (07743 229828) or Audrey Shaw and includes a delicious
Ploughman's Supper** (suitable for Vegetarians)

Our Church Hall seats 60 and we are aiming to have ten teams of 6.

If you are unable to get a full team together then *fear not*, we will be able to put you together with others before or on the night!

There will NOT be a Bar but you are more than welcome to Bring Your Own drinks/glasses.

Reconciliation services/*Confessions in other parishes are as follows:

St Gabriel, 18 East Street, Billingshurst - Saturday 28th at 10am

St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham - Saturday 28th at 10am

Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, Worth - Monday 30th at 7.30pm

**Our Lady of Consolation, Park Lane, West Grinstead - most Wednesdays 11.15am*

Helping Hands for Garden Jobs

Hello, my name is Alex Carter and this summer I will be travelling to Lourdes on a pilgrimage with the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

To help fund the trip I am offering garden help for voluntary donations.

I'm happy to help with:

- *Weeding*
- *General garden tidying*
- *Planting*
- *Basic outdoor jobs such as mowing & pressure cleaning*

If you would like some help in your garden, please feel free to get in touch.

alexc0312@icloud.com or text 07484602046

Good Friday Taize Service of Prayer at the Cross: Friday 3rd April 6:30pm to 7.30pm.

An hour of beautiful chants, scripture and silence in the style of the Taize Community.

A truly ecumenical event. Invite your friends and family.

Aid donation/collection for UKRAINE

We will be collecting again in our Hall on the following dates:

Tuesday 24th March: 11am to 2pm

Wednesday 25th March: 5pm to 7pm

Thursday 26th March: 10am to 2pm

The following items are needed: Tinned & dried food/ Packet soups/ Toiletries/ Sleeping bags/ New underwear/ Sanitary pads/ tampons/ Power banks for charging phones.

For more details please see next page.

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Volunteers are welcome to help with sorting and packing the boxes. Please phone Celia Emmott 07802847234

Financial contributions can be made to The Hope and Aid Direct registered charity number 1077146, delivering humanitarian aid since 1999. Taking Aid – Not Sides – with a current focus on supporting people affected by the conflict in Ukraine. The charity is a 100% volunteer-led, UK-based humanitarian aid charity. They are non-political and non-affiliated.

To donate please go to: <https://hopeandaiddirect.org.uk/>

This years Chrism Mass is on Wednesday 1st April at Arundel Cathedral at 6pm. People from across our diocesan family of faith are invited to join Bishop Gerard Bradley and members of clergy at the annual Chrism Mass – one of the most beautiful Masses of the year, celebrated in Catholic cathedrals across the world in Holy Week. All are welcome.

The Henfield Community Fridge opens at Henfield Leisure Centre on Tuesdays 5pm and on Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. Once the food is gone they close!

Missio Red Box Holders: the Spring edition of the Missio newsletter, 'Mission Today', can be found in the narthex – please take a copy.

A&B Diocese have organised a **Grandparents' Formation Day on 23rd April**, from 10am to 4pm at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Springfield Road, Horsham. How can we accompany younger generations to experience the joy and hope that faith brings into our lives? Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with our guest speaker David Wells. Tea and coffee will be available on the day but do bring a packed lunch with you. [Click here](#) to book.

Also organised by A&B Diocese is **Mental Health Awareness Training, on Saturday 9th May, from 10am to 3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.** The number of people experiencing poor mental health is rising. This course will help attendees understand the impact and reality of poor mental health, enabling them to identify the early signs and symptoms and signpost people effectively. Book your place [here](#)
