

Fr Hugh writes:

It has been a momentous week for us all with the death of Pope Francis, which was not unexpected. We give great thanks to God for his ministry which has been incredible in shifting the church forward, in the spirit of the Vatican Council and the footsteps of Pope John XXIII. Some of us will recall that opening of windows, and though a short Pontificate, 1958 to 1963, was very effective.

I haven't ordered any extra publications because it might be better for you to choose anything you may wish to read.

By the time you read this his funeral will have taken place on this Easter Saturday, making way for the Conclave to begin in due course.

My thanks for your generous offerings at Easter: £155 for the upkeep of the Holy Places in Israel and £833.50 as the Easter Offering, thank you, thank you.

Tomorrow, Monday, we keep the Solemnity of St George, transferred from Easter Wednesday. Tuesday is the Feast of St Catherine of Sienna and on Saturday the Feast of Sts Philip and James, Apostles.

Lesser feasts this week are of St Joseph the Worker on May Day and St Athanasius on Friday, a busy week.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne O'Mahoney, Fr Tony's sister who died on Easter Thursday. May she rest in peace.

On this Octave Day of Easter we return to John's Gospel for the account of Jesus coming to the apostles "8 days later" – a familiar text that reminds us of our own humility in not quite understanding.

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Notices

Wanted: A few more volunteers are needed on Saturday 10th May from 6.30pm to 8.30pm to help lay the tables in the Henfield Hall for Fr Hugh's lunch on the Sunday. If you are able to help please let Margaret Hollingsworth know on 01273 493754 or email margaret@deadlinegraphics.co.uk Many thanks.

Are you sometimes uncertain where to put items for Recycling?

Ruth, who is the Recycling Lead for Sustainable Henfield, will be in our Hall after Mass today (27th) to answer your questions about where to put your items for recycling. Ruth is a West Sussex Waste Prevention Volunteer Advisor and she will bring some quizzes to check your knowledge. Do please come and talk to her. PS the quiz is not compulsory!

Thursday Evening Mass: For the next couple of weeks, our Thursday 7pm Mass will be in church not at the convent.

House Groups will be restarting soon (fortnightly, as before). Please consider joining one, if you are not already involved; they provide opportunities for sharing and supporting each other in our lives of faith. A variety of days and times are offered, and it does not matter if you feel you might not always be able to attend.

Gift Aid: There are still a few letters left in the Narthex awaiting collection. They contain details of your offerings for this last tax year. Plus – if you haven't yet completed a declaration for the parish and pay income tax, please would you do so.

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In conjunction with the Friends of St Peter's and Henfield Wild Violets there will be a new fun kind of quiz called 'Quingo' coming to our hall on Friday 2nd May 2025 at 7pm. A cross between a quiz and bingo, tables of six cost £12.50 per head and includes a Ploughman's Supper. There will be Prizes and a Raffle. Drinks will be available to buy (cash or cards accepted). If you are unable to make up a table of 6 just come along and join one. To book please contact Gillian Fletcher: gillian.fletcher4@btinternet.com For more details please ring/text: 07885 640524.

Sunday 11th May: If you have booked your lunch but not yet collected your ticket/s from Sally please do so. Everyone is of course welcome to attend the Mass at St Peter's Church at 12noon, whether or not you are having lunch.

Please note that there will not be a 10am Mass in Corpus Christi that day.

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](#) and [St Joseph's, Guildford](#). You can find out more about Jubilee Indulgences [here](#).

Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham from Friday 6th June to Sunday 8th June, with people across our community of faith invited 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 and book your place, please [click here](#).

Grandparents' Pilgrimage, 11th June, 10am to 3.30pm at Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB. 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 25th to 31st July (air) 24th July to 1st August (coach). Applications are open for Helpers, Medics and Independent Pilgrims for this year's pilgrimage. Join more than 700 pilgrims of all ages, including those who need help to make their pilgrimage. More details at www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 2nd May – "Quingo" quiz

In conjunction with the Friends of St Peter's and Henfield Wild Violets
7pm in our Hall

Sunday 11th May – Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter

12noon Thanksgiving Mass at St Peter's Church for Fr Hugh's 40th Anniversary of Ordination followed by lunch in the Henfield Hall.

NB. No 10am Mass at Corpus Christi