

Fr Hugh Writes:

As you may already have heard Fr Stephen Wang has been appointed as the 6th Bishop of Arundel and Brighton. Stephen is currently Rector of the English college.

We are told that he will take up the appointment in October, which presumably allows him time for a break as well as wind up his work in Rome. (*more details in the Notices*)

We celebrate our First Holy Communions this Sunday. Over the last weeks you will have noticed preparation taking place, and our thanks to Andreia and Sr Frances for leading the programme.

Please pray for the children, their families and all those involved in their preparation.

As in previous years, we invite the families involved to occupy the front pews, for this weekend, those with mobility needs will need to just sit to one side; and I emphasise sit through Mass rather than feel the need to get up and down. In essence, be comfortable which actually can be more prayerful.

Normal service will resume next week, which being the 2nd weekend in July is Sea Sunday and our monthly Holy Hour.

Envelopes for a second collection are available in the Narthex for your offerings. These must be used for Stella Maris to benefit from your offering and tax paid, NOT parish envelopes please.

Saturday is the feast of St Benedict, patron of Europe. In prayer, we can especially remember the community at Worth and in Brighton parish too.

Please continue to remember our sick clergy, Canons Daithi Foley, Colin Wolczak and Fr Sebastien Paul. I was able to have a chat with Colin before Ivor's Requiem on Monday.

10 copies of Pope Leo's encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, are here and ready for collection on Sunday. If you haven't got a copy yet do go to the Catholic Truth Society website and order your own. <https://www.ctsbooks.org/shop> It will help all our thinking/learning about AI, the future but building parish in this new era.

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Notices:

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has today (2nd July) appointed Fr Stephen Wang as new Bishop of Arundel and Brighton.

The Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome succeeds Archbishop Richard Moth as the Sixth Bishop of Arundel and Brighton.

Fr Stephen Wang was born in London in 1966 and grew up in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. He read Theology and Religious Studies at Cambridge University from 1986 to 1989, before undertaking priestly formation at the Venerable English College in Rome from 1992 to 1997. Ordained to the priesthood on 3 January 1998, Fr Wang has spent the last five years as Rector of the Venerable English College, one of two English and Welsh seminaries in Rome training men for the priesthood.

On hearing of his appointment, Bishop-elect Stephen Wang, said: *"This appointment has come as a huge surprise. I feel a mixture of gratitude and trepidation; an excitement and curiosity about all that lies ahead; and above all, a sense of peace. I'm grateful to Pope Leo for calling me and putting his trust in me, and to Archbishop Moth for all his care for the Diocese over these years"*.

To read more of Fr Wang's reaction visit the website for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sixth-bishop-ab/>

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Deacon Paul Writes:

Who is Jesus to you? Is he your 'teacher' or your 'Lord'?

There is a very meaningful distinction in this, pointed out in the reading from St Matthew's gospel (8:18-22) at Mass last Monday. Matthew is making a point about the meaning of 'discipleship', the close personal following of the Lord.

In a brief passage, Matthew recounts how first a scribe comes up to Jesus and addresses him: "Teacher", the scribe says, "I will follow you wherever you go". Jesus' gentle response is, in as many words, 'no, my friend - you have not yet discovered the commitment to me to be able to do that' - "foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man (and, potentially, anyone who follows me) has nowhere...."

Then, Matthew recounts, a second man comes up and says: "Lord, let me first go and bury my father", and Jesus' response is, in as many words, 'my friend, please just entrust all to me and follow me'.

Notice the important difference in the way Jesus is addressed by the two men: 'Teacher' by the first and 'Lord' by the second. The first, the scribe, is an admirer of Jesus, recognising him as a teacher who is well worth listening to. The second is a disciple of the Lord, who will commit to him personally and follow him whatever that may bring.

For you, is Jesus your 'teacher' or your Lord, for it is not the same?

All weekday Masses at the Towers are at 4.30pm.

Group Together: We now have 24 people coming to the afternoon tea at Patsy's on 7th July at 3.30pm and are full to capacity.

Patsy's address is: Cherrymead, Cagefoot Lane. (In the church hall if raining).

The funeral for Mark Wilson (husband of Sally) is this coming Thursday, 9th July at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 3.15pm. (Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Benhall Mill Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5JJ)

There are no house groups meeting this week.

The Thursday afternoon House Group will not meet again until 16th July.

Times and locations will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for July - For the respect of human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising that it is a gift from God.

There is a video recording on YouTube of Pope Leo's prayer intentions which change each month, just input Pope Leo's prayer intention for (the particular month).

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.

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

Any food donations for the Horsham food bank may be left as usual in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you to all who continue to donate items and support the food bank.

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The 'Horsham Matters' Food Bank "Hub on the Move" is in the Henfield Library Car Park on Thursdays from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

If you are currently unable to afford food, in the first instance please call 0300 124 0204 or email: info@horsham-matters.org.uk

Preparations for this summer's Lourdes Pilgrimage (24th to 30th July) are well underway. Music is always a very important part of the A&B Diocese [pilgrimage week](#) and evokes special memories for pilgrims of all ages.

This year's Lourdes Pilgrimage playlist includes 37 songs and is available now on YouTube. Whether you'll be in Lourdes this year, or intend to follow the pilgrimage at home, you can listen to a number of wonderful hymns and songs by clicking: [Discover this summer's pilgrimage playlist](#)

NB: This site includes video's to listen to and/or watch but unfortunately, as usual with YouTube, you get the occasional advert pop up so look out for the 'skip button' and click it quickly to go direct to the video.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass, Saturday 3rd October, 11.30am, Arundel Cathedral. Mass for couples marking a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for their marriage. Followed by a drinks reception. [Reserve your free place.](#)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 5th July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10am Mass with Children's First Holy Communion

Tuesday 7th July - Group Together

Afternoon tea 3.30pm at Patsy's 'Cherrymead' Cagefoot Lane)

Sunday 12th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10am Mass followed by Holy Hour until 11.45am.