

Fr Hugh writes:

This Third Sunday of Easter continues our reflections and learning: St Luke in Acts, explains in a few words the essence of the Crucifixion and then the Resurrection. These are the facts, but... God's power in their/our lives comes through in acceptance. From his Gospel, we hear the 2nd part of the 'journey to Emmaus'. The disciples "tell their story". So do we continue with sharing our story of the Resurrection and the impact it has on our lives. We Believe.....

There will be Holy Hour after today's Mass, 10.45am to 11.45am. Coffee will be available in the hall as usual, so you can come and go as you wish.

Happily, there are no feasts this week to impinge on the revelation of the Resurrection,.We listen to continual extracts from Acts in our weekday Masses, whilst in the office of readings we are reading from the book of the Apocalypse/ Revelation. You may wish to accompany us in sharing in the reading too.

Next Sunday, is Vocations Sunday and there will be a retiring collection for the education of future priests. You may use one of your purple envelopes if making an offering. That way the tax you've paid can be recovered to assist.

I did think about whether we should have the Statue of Our Lady restored, now that the rest of the church is looking smart, but a suggested price was over £2000, which seems too much money to spend. We shall discuss the matter at the pastoral team meeting, but it's always good to have the wider conversation as to what you'd like to see happen.

At a prior meeting we shall also start making plans for our Jubilee celebration on June 30th after Mass.

Folklore tells us that if Ash be before Oak, only a splash.... Have you noticed that the Oak is well before the Ash, this year? They are very early into leaf, yet the late Narcissus are still on their way as expected, for late April/May.

Box Moth caterpillars continue to devour the foliage of Box. I've decided that it's not worth the battle, so am removing the hedge I planted 5/6 years ago. Time for something new.

Notices

"The Promise of the Father" is a free course to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. To be held over seven sessions, each with a speaker and small group discussions, and starting this coming week on 10th April to the 23rd May. Spaces in the venue and online are limited so early booking is essential. More information available from Deacon Dominic. You can find more information on the course and book your place here: <https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father/>

Food Bank: The basket is back in the narthex ready for your generous Sunday donations. Thank you, *Celia*

Religious books for borrowing: Some interest was shown in this experiment during Lent, so there will continue to be, for the time being, a small variety of spiritual/religious books available in the hall each Sunday after Mass for borrowing (and eventual return, please!). Please enter your name and the book you have borrowed into the 'borrowings' book provided, so that we can keep track of the books.

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The House group which is exploring the Bible (the other house group is thinking about 'discipleship') is currently looking at and comparing the four gospels. Penny Ann McKeon has done some very interesting research for us, and has prepared some notes which she is happy to share with anybody who might be interested to look at them. If you would like a copy, just let Penny Ann or Deacon Paul know.

Red Boxes: Thank you to all our Missio red box holders which, in 2023, raised £191.43 through the boxes and direct donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Our community here at Henfield is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Missio is the Pope's charity for world mission.

During 2023 a total of £5.1m was raised in England and Wales, of which £2.3m was raised through the red boxes. The money was used to help 21,000+ of the world's poorest children and trained 2,854 Seminarians.

Your support of Missionary Priests enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more or speak to Margaret Hollingsworth if you would like to start collecting in a red box or if your box needs to be emptied.

'Divine Mercy' Prayer Group: If you are interested in being part of a Divine Mercy Prayer Group please let me know as soon as possible so we can set a time which will suit most people. It will be an informal and welcoming group and tea/coffee will be provided. Looking forward to hearing from you. My phone number is 01273 491412 or you can email me on: sally.a.bartle@gmail.com *Sally*

Henfield's Community Fridge is open at the Leisure Centre on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6.30pm, Fridays 9am to 10.30am and Saturdays from 9am to 10am.

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

[Hope and Aid Direct are collecting again for Ukraine.](#)

Please only bring the following items to our hall between 10am and 2pm on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd May.

Also between 2pm and 7pm on Thursday 23rd May.

Tinned food: Vegetables, Beans, Pulses, Fish Pate, Luncheon Meat. Dried food: Beans, chickpeas, lentils, Flour, Pasta, Chocolate, Energy bars, Packet Soups, Black tea, Rapeseed or Sunflower oil. Emergency or Camping rations. Sanitary pads, Tampons, Nappies. Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, NEW underwear for men, women and children except Bras (clean or as new please). Soap, Shampoo, Body Wash. Power Banks for phone charging. Camping mats. Washing Powder. Blankets - ideally fleece type. Sleeping Bags in stuff sacks

For more information please get in touch with Celia: celiaexplorer@btinternet.com or go to www.hopeandaiddirect.org.uk Reg. charity number 1077146

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This year Arundel Cathedral will be open to view the carpet of flowers in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi on

Wednesday 29th May from 9.30am to 7pm and also on Thursday 30th May from 9.30am until 5.30pm when Mass begins.

Mass is followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral to the courtyard of Arundel Castle, where Benediction is given.

If you are planning to visit, please note that booking is not required and entry is free, although we do rely on the generous donations of our visitors to make this event possible.

A selection of hot & cold food and drinks will be available at the Cathedral Centre on Wednesday and Thursday from 9am. The Cathedral Centre is fully accessible and is two minutes walk from the Cathedral, the first building past the pub.

If you have any questions, please e-mail the Cathedral Office on arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01903 882297.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead: Wednesday 26th June. A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited.

Please dress appropriately for the weather. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Sunday 14th April and the following second Sunday of each month
Holy Hour after Mass - 10.45am to 11.45am.

Tuesday afternoons at the Convent, Golden Square.
One hour for quiet prayer - 2pm to 3pm.

Wednesday 10th April to 23rd May
“The Promise of the Father” - a free seven session course

Sunday 12th May
Henfield’s Artisan Market will be back next month
(not this Sunday as expected)

Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd May
Ukraine Collection. See notice for items needed

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th May
Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral. See notice for times

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