

Father Hugh writes:

As before, I had a lovely chat with Sister Zita recently: particularly she told me that it was time for a change and that she wouldn't be returning to live with us in Henfield. I think her new accommodation is more suitable for her needs these days. She has been with us over 30 years, coming here when Canon Bernard Jose was Parish Priest. I do thank her for her ministry with us these many years and for all she has contributed to the life of our parish. We shall miss her!

Next weekend is the August Bank holiday and so the close of another month approaches. Mass numbers have been down on recent Sundays, because of this holiday month for some. Please do feel you can attend Sunday Mass; a couple of people have thought that there wasn't room; but depending on whether it's a family group or singles does depend on how many can comfortably be in the pews.

The only reason we have a check list is to ensure adequate spacing and that if one is full we could accommodate you in the other. It is worth a check with Paul just to know which Mass is best for you.

This week we keep the feast of St Bartholomew on Monday and three memorias at the end of the week. St Monica on Thursday, mother of St Augustine of Hippo on Friday and the beheading of St John the Baptist on Saturday

Thank you for your recent offerings that have been banked of £125.55 and a further Easter offering. These are of course in addition to the standing orders that you may have with the parish. Any offerings can be placed in the plate in the narthex and will be calculated and banked periodically.

We pray for all young people who have their exam results, that they don't feel compromised in what has been a difficult year for all in full time education. Schools will soon be returning and must pick up again on learning.

This week, we will have Masses again on Monday, Thursday and Friday all at 10am. Sunday's 8.30am Mass will be for the People of the Parish.

Reading from the early part of Isaiah this Sunday, we hear of the hand over of power from Shebna to Eliakim, it shows us that Eliakim now has power to judge. It's that same transfer of power to Peter that Matthew helps us to understand in our Gospel and the authority of Peter and his successors. A power that has been corrupted in previous centuries as I've read recently in the book on the history of the Papacy by John Julius Norwich; as we have come to understand the word in our times.

What a splendid drop of rain these last days and in particular on Wednesday. It is so needed in the south east having had such a long dry summer and very little rain since March. We had 1" on Wednesday which has become 1 1/2" in the week. I shall continue to water the pots most days as the leaf canopy is so great that rain would tend to run off. Now is the time too for some liquid feed if you haven't already as potting compost will be exhausted by now after constant watering.

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