

# *The Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi, Henfield.*

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## *Father Hugh writes:*

The beginning of July and we are progressing with opening up; but hearing the news each day it does cause me slight concern of further infections. I think we all may struggle with what is best. Paul has done sterling work again on numbers and seating for our Masses. Thank you to him for this. We all want to keep it easy, but..... whilst getting as many people in our church for Mass on Sunday, we don't want to compromise anyone.

Please do come to one of the weekday Masses if you can manage that as an alternative. I have left them all at 10am as I thought that may make it easier for you to remember the time.

Newsletters will continue to go out online so that there is nothing to carry away.

There is no music at Mass, ie: no singing, if you would like me to ask Graham to return to play I will; but I'm also aware that he may prefer not to come into church at this time.

The intention is that Mass should not be overlong and the suggestion is approx. 1/2 hour.

This will give us time between Masses for the required cleaning.

It is suggested that Readers should wear disposable gloves and we are suggesting one reader per Mass.

Holy Communion will be given under 1 kind as before lockdown.

A slight change in procedure: I shall show you the Host and Chalice from the Altar with the familiar words, 'The Body/ Blood of Christ'. At this point you should say Amen. Nothing further will be said at the distribution.

We shall not particularly greet at the church door after Mass either, it's not to ignore you all but simply so that we depart as quickly as possible.

I do hope that this all makes sense, no one feels excluded and that you can make suggestions. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again over the weeks.

We received news last Sunday morning of the death of Fr. John Healy, Parish Priest of Selsey. John was ordained in 1971, if I remember correctly by Bishop Michael about this time, and had suffered strokes in recent years which were debilitating as we know, but he was able to manage latterly. I had helped him out weekly in 2018 prior to coming to Henfield. May He rest in Peace.

Our grateful thanks to one of our family for organising and paying for the entrance paving to be cleaned and repointed, as well as the white markings to be renewed. It is so helpful and has smartened the church entrance until we can relay appropriately so as to remove the steps.... but not yet!

I'm sure that you will appreciate that although we can come together for Mass, socialising is not permitted. Slimming World enquired about using our hall again, but government guidelines do not permit such activities, and so there can be no refreshments after our Masses.

Thinking of Timothy King ordained in Rome recently, reminds us of the Ordination to the priesthood of Tom Kent next Saturday (11th) in the Cathedral and on 14th of Simon South and Dominic Dring to the Diaconate, again in the cathedral. Something says to me that it's on Bastille Day!! Our prayers go with them. I believe that you can see this celebration via the cathedral streaming service.

This week on Thursday there is an optional memoria of St Andrew Zhao Rong and companions, Martyrs of China. We need their prayers too and perhaps at this time for the many people of China. Saturday is the Feast of St Benedict, Patron of Europe.

We did get some rain last week, but 1/4" is not enough. Because it's cooler plants are not wilting quite as fast, but I'm back on the watering regime again. It has been productive, picking fresh peas is a joy, the brassicas too are growing fast, but higher netting was necessary to keep the pigeons off! The next phase of summer colour is being provided by the day lilies (*Hemerocallis*). There's a huge range of cultivars to choose from, I particularly like the warm colours and the yellow cv *Marion Vaughan* because she is scented.

At last on July 1st the first sweet pea has opened.