

Father Hugh writes: This has not been a good week for Sr Zita. She returned to Hospital on Monday and was I believe critical at one time. However the great work of our NHS sorted her out again and at the time of writing the rest of the sisters were waiting to welcome her home. Our Grateful Thanks as always to the staff in their many and varied rolls at Worthing Hospital for their great gifts and talents.

We celebrated on Saturday the 1st Holy Communion for Andrew and Angelo, after such a long gap now really 7 months wait. Similarly we celebrated Confirmation for Conall, Angelia, Ben and Gina and Domenico.

It is a joy to share the spirit that each brings to us with enthusiasm. May the Spirit continue to fill your hearts and minds with the love of God, who is with us all.

We watch, I'm sure, the news with some fear as to what is happening with the Corona virus, and as the numbers increase we must all be careful in our get togethers.

I always love visiting your homes, but will not at this time just pop in as I don't want to compromise anyone, as like you I could be a carrier of the virus, unknowingly. Please don't think I'm ignoring your needs but am always happy to meet up as you wish. As we hear in the news the risk is greater for we older people at this time.

This Monday we celebrate the Solemnity of St Philip Howard, patron of our diocese, whose mortal remains are in the shrine of the north transept of our Cathedral. St Philip died on October 19th in the Tower of London as Earl of Arundel in 1595. He is also one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales: Bishop Richard has written a Pastoral letter for next Sunday in connection with the 50th anniversary of their Canonisations in 1970

You may have heard of Pope Francis' new encyclical Fratelli tutti; it was signed and thus completed by him on October 4th in Assisi, St Francis' feast day.

As yet I have to read it, but some of the commentaries suggest a strong link between today, 'World Mission Sunday'. It is a day of prayer obviously, but for what? It would seem to me to be not only for the people who work in the poorer parts of our world on our behalf, but also for the people whom we are all called to help in whatever way we can. As we learn over and over again, we reach out to all in need, regardless of creed colour or background, so as to provide for their welfare.

I shall need to escape relatively quickly on Monday as I'm celebrating a funeral in Brookwood Cemetery for Audrey Gucia.

From your offerings over the last weeks I have banked another £361. £185.00 was received last week. Thank you for them again.

It has been a bit drier this week, allowing the autumn rains to penetrate the ground, those of us that have clay soil may find it very workable at this time as it's not too sticky. As I said recently it is a good time for planting and getting new plants established for a new season, much better now than in the spring.

Bishop Richard, will be celebrating the Solemnity of St Philip Howard next Sunday 25th which is the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales, one of whom is St Philip Howard.

The Bishop will be offering a live streamed Deanery Mass at St John's Church, Horsham on Wednesday 4th November at 7pm for all who have died during this difficult year. Please provide the name/s of those you would like remembered to Father Hugh who will pass them on to Bishop Richard.

A Message from Celia: Our next food bank collection will be on Monday October 26th so if you are able to make a donation please drop it into church by Sunday 25th. Non-perishable items only. THANK YOU.

Rosary Whirlwind British Isles, October 2020 Mission

Rosary Whirlwind will invoke the mighty intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary inviting a WHIRLWIND of Heavenly Grace to blow where it wills across our Nations. Blessed Feast of the Most Holy Rosary

Our Isles are in serious trouble with the corona virus pandemic and much more.

We need to turn to the God of Mercy in prayer and plead with Our Blessed Mother to intercede for us. Only serious prayer, penance, and conversion will herald the end of this pandemic. We are praying for an increase in Faith, Life & Peace in our Isles and greatly for the end of the corona virus global pandemic which is causing sickness and chaos everywhere. <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/2020/10/01/rosary-whirlwind-british-isles-for-faith-life-and-peace/>

Bishop John Keenan from the Diocese of Paisley along with many of our other English, Welsh and Scottish Bishops are inviting us all to participate. They are marked with the sign of the Cross on the Rosary Whirlwind Map. In this rallying video Bishop John invites us to participate. <https://youtu.be/WOF4zelRBtQ>

Each night we invite you to join an 8pm Nightly Rosary – either online at the links provided or on your own at any time during the day or night.

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/event/rosary-whirlwind-across-the-british-isles/>

On Saturday October 31st we will host the **National Rosary relay Rally throughout the British Isles from 9am**. Each Diocese has been allocated a designated hour during this time. Pray the Rosary as families and individuals. Many of our Bishops will lead their Diocesan Hour from their own Cathedrals, so please join them via their livestreams. More on this later in the month.

Sunday November 1st – Bishop John Keenan invites us all to join him in a thanksgiving Rosary at 8pm live streamed from his Cathedral of St. Mirin's in Paisley, Scotland.

Imagine the joy of the Blessed Mother when she sees the entire British Isles full of people imploring her powerful intercession!

Our Lady of the Rosary Pray For Us, Pray For Our Isles.

The Passage

To commemorate 40 years of their charitable work and the homeless people they have supported during this time, The Passage will be launching a very special cookbook, A Taste of Home, with a Foreword from HRH The Duke of Cambridge and exclusive recipes from over 100 household names including: Nigella Lawson, Sir Paul McCartney, Stephen Fry and many more. The book includes stories and recipes from people who have been helped by the charity's services over the years, shining a light on the challenges that they have been able to overcome with the right guidance, opportunities and resources.

The book is priced at £25 and can be purchased online. All profits will go directly towards supporting people who are homeless and in housing crisis during a particularly testing financial time for so many. For more information or to order the book please visit: www.passage.org.uk/tasteofhome

Ways to donate to World Mission Sunday/Missio:

To donate on-line go to: mission.org.uk/donate and select 'World Mission Sunday'.

To donate by card phone: 0207 821 9755 during office hours.

To donate by card/cheque or to set up a direct debit use the Freepost envelope on the back of the current Missio newsletter (*made payable to Missio-Mill Hill*).

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