

Father Hugh Writes:

Last Sunday's collections were: Offertory £127.78 and Cafod £130.10, for which many thanks. If you didn't get an offering to Cafod and still wish to, please send directly.

Please note there will be Mass in our church again this coming Tuesday. In addition there will be 10am Masses on Saturdays 26th October and 2nd November (All Souls Day).

In today's second reading from the second letter to Timothy, we pick up again the thought from last Sunday of being truly connected to Jesus Christ, and the importance of living that in all that we do. Here the author refers to Paul's imprisonment, noting that the Word of God cannot be chained. (We heard much about that in Eastertide from Acts.)

So through our Baptism we are continually dying and rising to life in Christ. In our many and varied ways and through our works we make that a reality in our world today. We must never lose sight of our own faithfulness and all that we bring to others through it, both known and unknown.

Next Saturday (19th) is the Solemnity of St Philip Howard co principal patron of our Diocese. Shoreham Catenian Circle are having a quiet morning here on 26th as a half day recollection. All are of course welcome at the parish Mass on 26th.

Ecumenical Mental health project in Sussex and Surrey. This project has been set up in and amongst the churches of the two counties, to improve understanding and reduce the stigma around mental health issues.

We are asked to identify a parishioner to be a contact for mental health wellbeing, and perhaps take a lead for us in our parish. If this appeals to you, please let me know or if you wish contact Catherine Martindale directly by phone: 01293 651162 or email Catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk

Prisoners Sunday and week. Pact as you may know works on our behalf. You, the people of God raised £60,000+ for the work of Pact last year which has been used the caseworker, run 76 family days, helped over 1/4m people keep in contact with someone in prison, and 14084 children supervised during prison visits. It is a tremendous amount of work achieved by gifts such as ours. cont/d...

Fr. Hugh Writes: cont/d... Our Jewish sisters and brothers, having kept the Day of Atonement last Wednesday, now keep the Feast of Tabernacles this week; we hold them all in our prayers too.

Can you believe it – this is the last week of the 1st half of term? Where have those weeks gone??

For late summer colour the Salvias come into their own and are still flowering away merrily in many places. As always *Salvia elegans* (pineapple sage) has opened as October begins. It's never before, though this is planted out and came through last winter, it never flowers before October, a frost however can harm it! Cuttings are already rooted and potted for next year's summer garden.

The three copies of *Laudato Si* are now here for collection please.

Parish and Diocesan Notices

St John Henry Newman: John Henry Newman is to be the first English saint in approximately 40 years when he is canonised today. The local Catenian Association have produced a leaflet with a short biography of our new saint. Please do take one.

Mother's Prayers will meet this coming Wednesday 16th October at Stephanie's house, 17 Benson Road, Henfield at 10.15am.

Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota is now available. Please swap any date/s you are unable to attend and mark the changes on the notice board copy.

October is a Extraordinary Month of Mission and there will be a special collection for Missio (APF) next Sunday, 20th October.

MISSIO: *Would all red box holders please bring their boxes in and hand them to Margaret Hollingsworth to be emptied. If you wish to start collecting your change to support Missio, please speak to her.*

The Children's Society Christmas card brochures are in the porch

"The Passage", a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 5th November on the theme Magic of Italian Opera with Petroc Trelawny as presenter. For more details please call 020 7592 1856 or email: tickets@passage.org.uk