

Father Hugh Writes:

I would like to acknowledge a gift of £1000, we are all most grateful.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Nice, who died Saturday morning 29th February. Pray too for Rosemary and their family at this time.

Also Margaret Clark remains very poorly at this time too and we pray for Nick and their family.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Peter Smith who died Friday evening. When I was at St John's Seminary, Peter was then on the staff, with a speciality in Canon Law. Peter later became Rector at St John's before becoming Bishop of East Anglia, then Archbishop of Cardiff and subsequently returned to Southwark. It was only last summer that he retired. Thus he is well known to a group of clergy in our diocese.

Coronavirus: Our Bishops have recommended that we cease for the time being to distribute Holy Communion under both kinds, until there is a change in the situation. Very few people receive Communion orally these days and it may be prudent for all to receive in the hand. Remember that our hands should create a 'throne' on which to receive the Lord; thus one above the other.

Similarly, you may wish to refrain from a handshake at the sign of peace and verbally offer that important sign,

According to one diary Thursday is the beginning of the annual Dementia Prayer Week. (12th to 19th March).

Next weekend our finance committee will talk again about where we are at, and how we might raise further monies. Water continues to drip through the roof in various places and we should remedy that this year and keep our church water tight. We also have a meeting on Tuesday and will meet with the fundraising officer of the diocese.

This Second Sunday of Lent focuses on the Transfiguration of Christ. Our 1st reading from the book of Genesis, teaches us about Abraham, 'our Father in Faith'. It is good to hear this story every three years as a reminder to us in Lent of our journey of faith and how we may struggle from time to time. All of us are called to walk in faith and trust in the will of God. The transfiguration offers a glimpse of the glory of God.

Please remember that on most Thursdays we do have an evening

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Mass at our Sisters home. Our thought was that an evening Mass affords those who work an opportunity of a Mass during the week

We have had to remove the Pyracantha that was wired to the fence. The weight of it and subsequently the storms of this year have broken the aris rails, so we shall need to replace that fence panel and replant that space. We have also reduced the weeping crab on the roadway, so no longer should it be a nuisance to pedestrians as well as drivers.

Parish Notices:

CAFOD: Please visit our Cake Sale in our Hall Today.

All the donations go to help the poorest people on our planet.

Following last Friday's Family Fast Day we will be collecting your envelopes and donations for CAFOD after Mass today.

Please complete the gift aid section if you are a tax payer.

2020 Inter-church Lent Groups: The groups have all started but there are still forms in the porch if anyone wants to join late. Please contact Jo Slaughter, phone: 01273 493101.

The Horsham Foodbank will be collecting from our church on Sunday 22nd March. Please leave any items you can donate in the box under the table in the porch. *Thank you, Celia.*

Edward, Angelo and Andrew's First Reconciliation will take place before Mass on Sunday 29th March. Can the boys please be in Church by 9.25am. The First Holy Communion rehearsal will be after Mass the same day, 29th March.

On Sunday 19th April the Baptism of William will take place. Then Edward, Angelo and William will all receive their First Holy Communion. Andrew will receive his in India at Christmas. Please keep them all in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacraments.

Please keep in your prayers Gina, Angelina, Ben, Conall and Domenico who are preparing for Confirmation In May. There will be an evening for Confirmation Candidates with Bishop Richard at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th March, at St Paul's Catholic College.

Missio: the spring issue of Mission Today for all red box holders can now be found on the porch table. Please take a copy.