

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

## *Father Hugh writes cont/d:*

in due time here at Corpus Christi and still hold our young people in prayer as they continue to study and prepare in different ways.

The Liturgy of the word this Sunday, firstly is a continuation of the Acts extract from Ascension Day, and simply tells us that the Apostles returned to Jerusalem and 'joined in continuous prayer'.

Psalm 26 "The Lord is my light and my help".

St Peter tells us to be glad for the difficulties that we have because they are a sharing in Christ and so to St John, where there are many thoughts, but amongst them are those words of Jesus who expresses the confidence we have that Jesus' name is known to us and that through the power we have given to us that we can go on sharing it with each other. "I pray for them".

As we come towards the end of Eastertide, so the Muslim communities celebrate the Eid festival this weekend at the end of Ramadan. Next weekend as we celebrate Pentecost, our Jewish communities will celebrate the Feast of Weeks. People of faith connected in spirit.

On Monday we keep the Memoria of St Bede and on Wednesday St Augustine of Canterbury who brought the faith to this part of England in about 597 and eventually became Archbishop of Canterbury. Thursday is an Optional Memoria in our diocese of Blessed Margaret Pole, Countess of Salisbury. A niece of King Edward IV. Born in 1473, married to Sir Richard Pole, they lived at Lordington near Chichester, hence the memoria in our diocese. Reginald, one of their children became Cardinal Pole. The Reformation occurred; the family retained their Catholic roots and so eventually after 2 years imprisonment in the Tower of London, Margaret was executed on 27th May 1541. She was beatified along with many other Martyrs in 1886. If you want to read more I would refer you to the diocesan papers.

There are only two Mass intentions this week: for Amelia Barnwell RIP and for Ann and John Bowers intention.

If you've nothing particular to do Monday evening, Mr T has a new programme on ITV at 8.30pm. It may give you some ideas for your plots.

This week I took the plunge and changed the spring planting in the pots to summer, Pelargoniums, Salvias and other tender plants have replaced the wallflowers and tulips.

**Jo's plant sale:** Plants will be for sale at Henfield Place daily from Saturday 30th May onwards, but Jo must be phoned in advance on 01273 493101 to arrange a time for your visit. The number of visitors is to be restricted to ensure 'social distancing'. It may be possible for deliveries to be made for those unable to attend.

All proceeds will go to 'Aid to the Church in Need' (ACN). Sadly, there will be no access to the house and the customary refreshments cannot be provided this year.

**Flowers on graves:** It is good that people wish to decorate the memorial tablets by the church, but please put the flowers only on the tablet itself and not on to the surrounding grass. This will greatly help the person who has to cut the grass and trim around the tablets, and ensure that we can more readily keep the grass cut and the area attractively neat and tidy.

## **Pentecost Sunday – May 31st – National Rosary Rally 9am to 9pm in England, Wales & Scotland**

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19. Bishop Richard invites you to join an initiative that follows on the Pope's request, the Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Scotland England and Wales.

Our Arundel & Brighton Diocese, along with Northampton and HM Forces, has been asked to pray a Rosary Hour at 9am. Bishop Richard will be praying live-streamed Rosary from Arundel Cathedral.

*Come Holy Spirit & Renew the Face of the Earth. Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.*

The next Live Streamed Cathedral Mass on Thursday, 28th, is led by Bishop Terence Drainey at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesborough at 7pm. It is being offered for the sick, their families, NHS front-line workers and all those working in social care. View via the YouTube channel.