

The Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi, Henfield.

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Father Hugh writes cont/d:

Monday is the feast of all the Martyrs of England. When the Missal was revised they were all brought together, beatified as well as canonised. Some still have particular celebrations of course as we highlight through the year.

Next Friday was supposed to be a national celebration of VE day and we did propose to mark it in the hall with an event which has had to be abandoned.

However VJ day occurs on August 15th. Maybe we can do something then, presuming that the virus will somehow be not such an issue by then. Summer holidays will probably not happen for all of us as we may have thought.

A bit like last year, much needed rains have arrived in deluges. Already we have had 1" of rain this week, making 11½" in the month of April in the end.

The May trees are in bloom I notice and our 'Paul's Scarlet' is already showing flower. Very early this year, but always a joy as it comes usually towards the end of May and much after the white May trees.

But beware: The days are much colder, though because of the cloud at night the nights are not so cold as last week. We are still very early May, so we should always be cautious about planting out too soon those summer annuals, whether ornamental or destined for the kitchen. If you have done so already, be ready for a dash to provide some cover on a cold night.

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries.

The next Live Streamed Cathedral Mass will be this coming Thursday, 7th May, celebrated by Bishop Marcus Stock at St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds, at 7pm.

The Mass will be offered for the sick, their families, NHS front-line workers and all those working in social care.

This Mass is the third in a series of special services to be celebrated by a different Bishop, in a different Cathedral, each week.

To view the live streamed Mass go to the YouTube channel.

Should you wish to watch a Sunday morning Mass Live Web Stream at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels in Worthing go to: www.stmaryoftheangels.org.uk/catholic-mass-online/ Mass starts at 10.30am. (Once on the website click on "player", then click on "church" and play the video.)

Masses are also offered at the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham at 9.30am, 12 noon and 6pm. Go to www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

Alternatively for other churches all over the country go to www.churchservices.tv