

Prisons Week : Exploring Hope and Freedom

Today and all this week we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families, and also for victims of crime, and all who support them. Please look on the web site for details of the excellent work being done by PACT – Prison Advice and Care Trust – an ecumenical group of which Cardinal Vincent Nicols is the President, and Bishop Richard the liaison Bishop. Prisoners are particularly vulnerable people, many of whom suffer from mental illness. The statistics from the prisons system are grim. The prison population in the U.K exceeds 92,000. That of England and Wales is 83,000, a figure which has doubled over the last thirty years.

PACT write: *Incidents of self-harm are at an all-time high, with 44,651 incidents of self-harm recorded last year. More than a quarter of self-inflicted deaths in the last five years occurred in the first 30 days of arrival in prison — over half of these deaths were in the first week. Six out of ten boys with a father in prison will go on to serve a sentence themselves*

The CEO of PACT, Andy Keen-Downs, writes: “Prisons are in a terrible mess. Suicide rates are at their highest ever recorded level. Some prisons are full of drugs. Some are violent. Some just feel like places of hopeless squalor. People leave prison with no hope of being welcomed back into society and just commit yet more crimes. This is one story you will hear time and time again.”

The work of PACT is to reverse all this by their service to prisoners and their families: *Maintaining positive family relationships whilst serving a prison sentence reduces the likelihood of reoffending by 39%. They see their work as a task of re-building hope -*

Hope for women and men in prison that they can pay for their crimes, and be allowed a fresh start.

Hope for mothers of prisoners, and other relatives, that someone cares, someone listens.

Hope for children, that they can be re-united with their dads, mums, brothers and sisters.

Please pray for prisoners and their families, for PACT and all who care for prisoners. Please consider making a donation to PACT with a gift aid envelope which you will find by the doors.

Prayer for Prisoners

“Lord Jesus Christ, You have come so that we may have life to the full. Listen to our prayers for all in prison and their families. Touched by your Spirit, may they find newness of heart and be open to that new life that is found only in you. May they know care, and receive support from those around them. May they find new purpose in serving you in their brothers and sisters. Amen”

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Jenny Frost, Timothy Robin Martin, Mary Hume, Tom Wheeler, Maria Beardsall, Sister Law SRN, Beryl Green, Elizabeth Leksinska and Patricia Stanford.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



Prayers

Please pray for the healing of Laura Rawlinson. Please pray for her family.
Please pray for John McCall who died recently. Please pray for his wife Louise and his family.
Please pray for prisoners and their families and all who work to support them.

THE PRISONS WEEK PRAYER

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.



Even your garden shed could help our common home. Could you share useful things like tools with your community? Perhaps a tool lending library? Sharing cuts down on buying things you don't regularly use.

Plate Collection

Gift Aided – **£514.26** Non Gift Aided – **£400.02**

CAFOD - **£344.65**

(We would encourage visitors to use the Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes)

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Prisoners Sunday (PACT)

The Prison Advice and Care Trust (Pact) is a national charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions, and their families. They support people to make a fresh start, and minimise the harm that can be caused by imprisonment to people who have committed offences, to families and to communities.



Save the Date



Wednesday 16th October – Schola & Scholars Concert with Ardingly College. 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Balcombe.

Sunday October 20th – Parish Walk. See below

Sunday 10th November – Faure's Requiem at 7,30pm in the Abbey.

Saturday 30th November – Our 5pm mass will be a celebration of our friendship with the Church and people of Uganda. As always, we will have a wonderful Ugandan Choir to bring us African joy in music and dance, and we will have a party after mass in Compass House. Please bring dessert if you can and please let us know if you can come.

Sunday 1st December – Junior Church Christmas Social after 09.30 mass. More information will follow in due

Sunday 1st December – Choral Society & Worth School Orchestra at 7,30pm in the Abbey.

Tuesday 10th December – Worth School & Ardingly College – Carols for the Community at 11.30am in the Abbey.

Sunday 15th December – Christmas Music from Handel's Messiah at 7.30pm in the Abbey.

Sunday 22nd December – Family Carol Service at 4pm in the Abbey.

Cardinal John Henry Newman

Special Mass of Thanksgiving for the new Saint on **Thursday 31st October, Solemnity of All Saints, at 7.30pm**, celebrated by Monsignor Keith Newton, of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, at **Saint Peter's, Portland Road, Hove.**

After Mass there is a reception, at which Monsignor Newton will speak, as will the Parish delegate at the canonisation.

Nazareth Youth Group

Young people from the parish in years 9-13 are warmly invited to join the Nazareth Youth group on a **Wednesday evening** in Compass House with the Forerunner team between 5.45pm-7pm. It includes pizza, games, worship and social times. If anyone who is interested could contact Veronika: **vbulakova@worth.org.uk**

PEG



The Parish Events Group (PEG) is considering organising a New Year matinee pantomime trip for families, to 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Yvonne Arnaud theatre in Guildford.

The cost will be £35 per person which will include coach travel and our customary quality coach fayre...food and fizz (for all ages!) on the way home.

A wonderful family experience or treat for grandparents and grandchildren!

Please could you let Sara know as soon as possible if you would be interested in tickets; if there is sufficient interest, Sara will go ahead and organise the event for Sunday 5 January 2020.

Save the Date! PEG Christmas Curry and Quiz in Compass House on **Friday 6th December**.

Wonderful raffle in aid of A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Details to follow!

'Pope Frances: A Man of His Word'

Sara has a copy of this wonderful DVD available for any parishioner to borrow. A rare co-production with the Vatican, the pope's ideas and his message are central to this documentary, which sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions from death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequality, materialism, and the role of the family.

It received justifiably outstanding reviews from critics when it was released. Please drop Sara a line if you are interested in borrowing the DVD.

Sara Barclay-Hudson (sbh0369@yahoo.com)

St John Vianney Group

Is God calling you to the priesthood? The St John Vianney Group is a group for men aged 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling. Come along to The Presbytery, 3 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ from 4pm-7.30pm on **Sunday 20th October**.

For further details contact Fr Con Foley foleycon@gmail.com or 01932 842643



Crawley Interfaith Network

Faith Symposium on Religious Symbols.

Buddhist, Christian, Hindu and Muslim speakers.

Talk followed by a Q&A session. All are welcome. Free admission. Refreshments.

Thursday 24th October 7pm-9pm
Crawley Museum, The Tree, 103 High Street, Crawley, RH10 1DD.
For further details contact Iyad Daoud on either 01293 883372 or iyadhdaoud@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Walk

Next parish walk

Sunday October 20th.

A walk starting in the car park opposite Ardingly Inn distance approximately three and a half miles. This is a circular walk across the Sussex countryside with wonderful views, a slight climb up to the reservoir and then a walk along beside the reservoir through the grounds of Ardingly College and back for lunch at The Ardingly Inn.

Everybody most welcome including those who may just want to lunch or just to walk. We will meet in the car park for 11.15 a.m. start and finish for lunch at 1.30. Please let me know if you are able to come on 01892 770942 or trishiasol@aol.com.

We have been asked to respect the needs of disabled parishioners by leaving the special parking bays by the East door of the church for the exclusive use of those disabled drivers who come alone.

If you are bringing a disabled person, please be kind enough to drop him or her at the East door and then take your car to the main car park, as the number of parking bays for disabled is limited. Thank you.

Quiz Night

Supper and Raffle in aid of Refugees Welcome Crawley.

Saturday 9th November at 7pm at the United Reformed Church, Three Bridges, Crawley.

Tickets £10 to include a Syrian buffet supper (vegetarian). Bring your own drinks. Tables of 6 - organise your own team or we can find you a team! Please book in advance with Cathy Merry on 07968 688380 or rwcchair@gmail.com

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Mass Times - Saturday: 9.00 am (Concelebrated) and 5.00 pm (First Mass of Sunday),

Sunday: 9.30 am, with an 11.30am mass at St Dunstan's West Hoathly

Daily Mass: 8.00 am and 5.30 pm (Concelebrated), Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass: 7.30 pm;

Feast Day: 8.00 am and 5.30 pm

Adoration - Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Reflection, music and silence.

Sunday Adoration – In St Dunstan's Chapel, West Hoathly, every Sunday from 5pm-7pm to support the parish evangelisation programme. Please feel free to come for as long as you wish.

Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation) - Sundays 9.10-9.30am before Mass.

Marian Prayer Group – Now Meeting 1st / 3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm, Lady Chapel.

Lectio Divina - Tuesdays 8.20pm, for 30 mins, Parlour 1 (entry from the Narthex) then Compline.

Sunday Prayers for Healing - Once a month, there is a half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 0930 Sunday Mass. All welcome! The next dates are **13th Oct** (NOT 6th October),

3rd November, 8th December (NOT 1 Dec) and **5th January**.

Christian Meditation Group - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Caterina 01243 554001. Next dates are **30th October, 13th and 27th November, then 11th December** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. **Next dates are 8th November and 6th December.**

Bereavement Support - Marian & Clare are available to meet you either at St Benedict's or to visit you at home. Contact the team via the Parish Office or email - clare_harper@hotmail.com or marian.imhasly@gmail.com.

Bible Study Group – Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please double check with the Parish Office.

“ He who labours as he prays, lifts his heart to God with his hands ”
(St Benedict)

Next Sunday's Readings: **29th Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – Exodus 17:8-13 2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

Daily Readings

Monday – Rom 1:1-7 Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday – Rom 1:16-25 Luke 11:37-41 (**St Teresa of Jesus**)

Wednesday – Rom 2:1-11 Luke 11:42-46

Thursday – Rom 3:21-30 Luke 47-54 (**St Ignatius of Antioch**)

Friday – 2 Tim 4:10-17b Luke 10:1-9 (**St Luke**)

Saturday – Rom 4:13, 16-18 Luke 12:8-12

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In Touch: If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at parish@worth.org.uk
(By Tuesday)

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you have any prayer intentions, please let Fr Paul know.