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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	10 th	5.15 pm	Rosary for Peace in the Holy Land
		6.00 pm	Franco Barontini RIP
Sunday	11 th	8.15 am	Mike Chatfield RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	12 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	13 th	9.30 am	No Mass
		7.00 pm	Choir
Wednesday	14 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	15 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	16 th	9.30 am	Canon Peter Phillips RIP
Saturday	17 th	6.00 pm	Pope Francis RIP
Sunday	18 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Diane McCluskey – Wellbeing



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 13:14. 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17. John 10:27-30

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27; Apocalypse 21:1-5. John 13:31-35

COLLECTIONS: Church: £524 **DONA:** £ Education of Future Priests: £374 **Thank you for your generosity**
This weekend there will be a Missionary Appeal by The Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) See Note 4

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jonathan Waywell, Elaine C, Richard Wells, Natasha, Henry Allen, David Hall, Baby Ava Lily Jaswal, David Steadman, Paul & Veronica Williams, Shirley Bradbury, Brian Johnstone, Terence Wheeler, Mirille Byrne, Peter Honiball, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Michelle Dielt, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Tony & Kathleen Kearney, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Mary Murphy, Noel & Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: **MAUREEN BOLTON** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Greta Clark, Margaret Edwards, Baby Gianna De Guzman, John Bernardi, Jim Maloney, Sylvia Phillips, Isabella Ions, Olive Humphrey, Pat Lucey, Pouppy Baeza, Geraldine King. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

4. THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (White Fathers) are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the Apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa... and above all else build up the leadership of the Churches. To donate here is our website www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/donations

5. GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE to Worth Abbey will take place on 11 June 10am at 3.30pm. You are warmly invited to join the Grandparent Parish Groups at our annual day of reflection and friendship. Join us for Mass, time to pray together and the wonderful opportunity to talk to fellow grandparents, sharing your experience and the joys and challenges of family life. To register your place, scan the QR code or go to the Diocesan website events calendar, through which places for events can be booked. This can be found at W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> and then follow the Grandparents' Pilgrimage link. We look forward to seeing you there. For more details contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk, M: 07415 306222



6. PRAYER PARTNERS please be at next Sunday's 10.30 am Mass if possible, to receive the Thank-You cards from your young Prayer Partners.

7. ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON ECUMENICAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE 2025 'JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE':

Bookings have just opened for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage 2025 "Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope" which will take place from the 9 - 23 August. Walking across the Surrey Hills and along the Sussex coast, this year's route will visit every deanery in the Diocese, together with churches of many denominations, with pilgrims welcome to join the group for a day, a few days, or the whole 2 weeks. To find out more and book your place contact the Diocese and visit the Pilgrims Live website

8. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated

9. TURNING TIDES: SPRING INTO ACTION WISHLIST – Coffee, Sugar, Carton juice - large and small, Brown sauce, Cereals (not porridge oats), Breakfast bars Cooking oil, Combined shampoo and conditioner, Shower gel, Toilet rolls, Washing up liquid, Cleaning wipes and all-purpose sprays, Washing powder, Small bottled water, Snack pots, pot noodles, Pasta-n-sauce Spreads: peanut butter, Marmite, chocolate, Tinned ham, corned beef, tinned fish, Custard Rice pudding. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year. It is much needed and appreciated.

Father Liam says: As Catholics we believe that Christ gave the Apostle Peter special responsibility to look after the Christian community when he said to him: 'Feed my lambs, look after my sheep'. Peter became Bishop of Rome, so from the beginning the Bishops of Rome have been regarded as successors of Peter. Papa is the Italian word for Father and we regard the Pope as our spiritual guide and father. Today he is the guide of the 1.4 billion Catholics but many others - of various faiths and none – listen to what he says.

The election of the Pope is unquestionably the oldest and longest functioning election on the planet. In the course of two thousand years the process of the election has gone through many changes and developments. In the early days of the Catholic Church all bishops were selected by the clergy and laity of their own Diocese and the Pope is still – as he has always been – elected by the clergy of Rome. Each of the candidates is, in theory, a parish priest of Rome with a parish church under his care. It is a legal fiction of course and each Cardinal is meant to occasionally visit his own church in Rome and perhaps financially contribute to it. This long custom keeps alive the tradition that a diocese should select its own Bishop. As Pope Leo the Great wrote in the 5th century: 'He who presides over all should be chosen by all'. The Cardinals' role as the sole electors, however, only dates back to the 11th century – 1,000 years – when the office of Cardinal was created.

The present form of the conclave (from the Latin word for Key) emerged very gradually. In 1179 Pope Alexander III ruled that the person elected had to receive two-thirds of the vote and that is still the case. In 1274 it was decided that the electors should be locked up in a secure place and that their food supply should be reduced progressively after three days if they had not elected a Pope. In one case, so slow was the result that the roof was taken off. They were under 'lock and key' originally not for the sake of security but to ensure that they got a reasonably speedy result.

As you know the Cardinals entered the conclave on Wednesday in the late afternoon and began voting the next morning after having taken oaths of secrecy and responsibility. Four ballots take place each day. Each Cardinal writes on a ballot the name of his candidate. If no one is elected the ballots are burned in a stove with a chimney that reaches the roof of the Sistine Chapel. Black smoke emerges for all the people to see that no one has been elected. But when the votes result in the required majority, a substance is added to the ballots to ensure that white smoke emerges to convey the message to the city and the world that we have a Pope!

The pressures that weigh on the men who have been 'under lock and key' in the Vatican must be enormous. They are intelligent enough not to expect the Holy Spirit to whisper in their ear the name they should choose. They have to decide who is best suited at this time to be leader for all the world's Catholics. At best each Cardinal struggles to understand the religious problems of their own particular area – often through no fault of their own. Do they always get it right? Most assuredly not! There have been many unworthy candidates chosen as popes. Christ never promised that the Church would be led by saints. What he did promise was that the gates of hell would not prevail against the Church of which Peter would be the rock. The promise is not that the person chosen is the best available choice for the office. The Holy Spirit is not at fault because of the fact that in the course of history there have been some very bad Popes.

The responsibility of choosing the Bishop of Rome was taken away from the priests, nobles and people of Rome a thousand years ago because Rome and the papacy were dominated by generations of the corrupt Theophylact family. The Emperor Conrad called a halt to that and the Cardinals were given the task. Not that they were consistently very successful either. But at the time of the Papal election, it is good to glance back as well as look ahead. As someone said: 'The past is never dead. It is not even past!' How things are done today in the Church and elsewhere is influenced by what has gone before.

We have been blessed especially in the last century with many excellent Popes. We will always treasure the memory of Pope Francis who has been such an inspiration to all people of good will and we ask God's blessing and guidance on his successor as servant of the servants of God.

*May God Bless you,
Fr. Liam.*