

Next Week's Readings:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.

The Lord said, "How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me, I am determined to know."

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, "Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?" The Lord replied, "If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them."

Abraham replied, "I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?" "No," he replied. "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there." Again Abraham said to him, "Perhaps there will only be forty there." "I will not do it," he replied, "for the sake of the forty."

Abraham said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there." "I will not do it," he replied, "if I find thirty there." He said, "I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there." "I will not destroy it," he replied, "for the sake of the twenty." He said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten." "I will not destroy it," he replied, "for the sake of the ten."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137(138):1-2a. 2b-3. 6-7b. 7c-8 R.v.1

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-24

He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and; by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "Say this when you pray: 'Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.'"

He also said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, 'My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him'; and the man answers from inside the house, 'Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.' I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

"So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

17th/18th July 2010

Walsingham Pilgrimage – Fr James is away this weekend on an ecumenical pilgrimage from Turner's Hill to Walsingham, the Nazareth of England.

Next Sunday is a **Day for Life**, to reflect on Life related issues. There will be a retiring collection for associated charities

Election of Parochial Parish Councillors – All eight of our representatives on the PPC stand down this October and either they or new candidates will be elected at the Parish Meeting on October 24th. To stand, a person needs to be proposed and seconded, and his or her name be submitted by 30th September. Please consider standing for a two year term. Nominations please to mhorton@worth.org.uk

Events of interest

Sunday 18th July - The Strollers will be walking to The White Hart at Selsfield for lunch at 1.15pm and back to the Parrish Office for tea. You are very welcome to join us, but please let me know if you are having lunch. Tel: Sue: 01342 835416.

Sunday 8th August, 10.30am - Ecumenical Service at St Leonard's Turners Hill. Fr James will be presiding and the new vicar Fr Tim Tregunno will be preaching **East Grinstead Community Play** is taking shape, and everyone who's interested can be involved whether acting, singing, designing and creating the set or in any other way. Sign up now, Casting urgent, looking for empty building for design workshop, Rehearsals Sep onwards, play in Nov. It's an exciting project re-enacting some of the town's history and the relationships that were involved, with the resulting performances staged as a musical 'promenade' which engages the audience. Experience it! Contact Liz Carter on Liz@claquetheatre.com or 01892 537034

Deacon Chris is taking part in a trek in the Himalayas in July/August in tribute to Jo, and to raise

funds for MIND. He and his daughters have already completed the London-Brighton Cycle Ride for the same cause. Please support them by visiting www.justgiving.com/CyclingTreckingforJo2010 and pledging sponsorship, or by giving Chris a donation.

St Maximilian Kolbe Bike Ride – Les Whitaker sets off on his sponsored bike ride to Auschwitz on Tuesday 27th July. You are invited to a send-off organised by Life, with Bishop Kieran present. Gather in the hall at Our Lady & St Peter's, East Grinstead for 6.30pm (tea available) and for the send-off from the Unborn Child Memorial at 7.00 – 7.15pm. More details from Robin & Priscilla Williamson Tel: 01444 811519

Part-time Youth Worker for Worth Abbey Parish. This new post will begin in the autumn of 2010. It is a challenging position working to evangelise the young people of a far-flung parish. It will be the equivalent of two days a week with an emphasis on weekends, with a salary of £24,000 pro rata. The contract will be initially for two years, after which the post will be reassessed. The successful candidate will be youthful and energetic and a good communicator, and work alongside the parish priest, volunteers and catechists. For more information please telephone Fr James Cutts on 01342 710313 or E-mail: jcutts@worth.org.uk for an application form. Applications to be in by 31st of July, with interviews on 14th August. Special arrangements could be made if this date is not suitable.

Anniversaries – Dick Norman, John Palmer, Mary Relfe, Henrietta Landon, Sidney Hoare, Dom Fabian Glencross, Betty Rochfort, John Southam, Jack Holcombe, Maggie Lane and Bill Glass.

Next Week's Gospels:

Monday - Matthew 12:38-42; **Tuesday** - Matthew 12:46-50; **Wednesday** - Matthew 13:1-9; **Thursday** - Matthew 13:10-17; **Friday** - John 15:1-8 St Bridget of Sweden; **Saturday** - Matthew 13:24-30.