

Next Week's Readings:

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

What does a man gain for all his toil?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89(90):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14. 17 R.v.1

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

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Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is, revealed—and he is your life—you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to the earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, "Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance." "My friend," he replied "who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?" Then he said to them, "Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs."

Then he told them a parable: "There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself. 'What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?' So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God."



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

24th/25th July 2010

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

Jubilee Mass - Worth Abbey (Narthex) – Fr Mark, Fr Luke and Fr Rod will be celebrating a Mass to mark their Silver Jubilee of Ordination on Saturday 7th August at 11.00am. You would be most welcome to attend. There will be light refreshments afterwards. Please let Alison know if you plan to come: E-mail: aschillinger@worth.org.uk or Tel: 01342 710318. There will be no 9.30am Mass on that day.

Walsingham – 19 people from Worth Abbey and St Leonard's parishes spent last weekend at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. From the 11th Century, broken only by 400 years following the Reformation, it is the place of pilgrimage for Christians to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, famed for its replica of the Holy House of Nazareth and for its healing wells. As a group we said the Stations of the Cross, celebrated the Eucharist in both rites, walked in pilgrimage to the Slipper Chapel, and processed around the Anglican Shrine with OL of Walsingham singing Ave, Ave Maria. On Saturday morning we met up with the former auxiliary bishop of Chichester, Lindsay Urwin, now the Shrine director, who spoke to us about the history of the shrine and about Anglo Catholicism today.

Deacon Chris – This Sunday is the last day of ministry in the parish of Deacon Chris. What a wonderful minister he has been for the last seven years. Seven is traditionally a holy number, and these have certainly been seven blessed years for us. Among his responsibilities were pastoral care in Turners Hill and Crawley Down especially, Baptism preparation and marriage preparation as well as overseeing our accounts. But over and above all these and many other things, what Chris has brought to the parish is his humanity and kindness for which we

are eternally grateful

Ecumenical Service 10.30am Sunday 8th August at St Leonard's Turners Hill. Fr James will be presiding and the new vicar Fr Tim Tregunno will be preaching.

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 6.30 (tea available) and 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 is being sought for Worth Abbey Parish. The candidate will need to be youthful and energetic and a good communicator, and work alongside the parish priest, volunteers and catechists. For more information please Tel: Fr James Cutts on 01342 710313 or E-mail jcutts@worth.org.uk for an application form. Applications to be in by 31st July.

New Management needed! – The Strollers had a beautiful walk last Sunday with 25 people having lunch together. Chris appreciated the Boot Cake to mark his final walk with the group. Sue & Chris have done a wonderful job arranging and publicising these walks but now need others to take over. Who will keep Worth Strollers going? Please get in touch with Sue (01342 835416) to find out more. A Sunday Lunch Group could also turn out to be a spin-off if in demand.

Anniversaries – Joe O'Connell, John Ellis, Frank Robinson, John Marklew, Charles Stonor, Lily Frankton and Russell Coleburt.

Next Week's Gospels – Monday - Matthew 13:31-35; Tuesday - Matthew 13:36-43; Wednesday - Matthew 13:44-46; Thursday - Matthew 13:47-53; Friday - Matthew 13:54-58; Saturday - Matthew 14:1-12.