

**“Do not repay one bad turn with another. Do not injure anyone, but bear injuries patiently”**

(St Benedict)

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### Tips for the weekend – 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> February

A good news story!

The production of Palm Oil has been heavily implicated in deforestation of tropical rainforests and the subsequent harmful effects on animals (such as rhinos, elephants and tigers) and the displacement of indigenous people.

There has been a campaign to encourage retailers to source palm oil from sustainable sources. Sainsbury's, Tesco, Waitrose, Morrison's and the Co-Op have all signed up to this. Consumer pressure does work!

Next weekend we celebrate the World Day of the Sick, at the invitation of P Francis.

Each one of us knows people who are sick and are in need of our prayers and our care. Jesus, in his ministry, showed the sick his special attention and gave them his time and his love, showing us the way. Pope Francis reminds us that to care for the sick is an important part of the Church's vocation, and urges us to pray for those who dedicate themselves to this work, and for all whom they serve. We offer below a few lines from the Pope's message for this day.

*Jesus bestowed upon the Church his healing power: “These signs will accompany those who believe... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover” (Mk 16:17-18). In the Acts of the Apostles, we read accounts of the healings worked by Peter and Paul. The Church's mission is a response to Jesus' gift, for she knows that she must bring to the sick the Lord's own gaze, full of tenderness and compassion. Health care ministry will always be a necessary and fundamental task, to be carried out with renewed enthusiasm by all, from parish communities to the largest healthcare institutions. We cannot forget the tender love and perseverance of many families in caring for their chronically sick or severely disabled children, parents and relatives. The care given within families is an extraordinary witness of love for the human person; it needs to be fittingly acknowledged and supported by suitable policies. Doctors and nurses, priests, consecrated men and women, volunteers, families and all those who care for the sick, take part in this ecclesial mission. It is a shared responsibility that enriches the value of the daily service given by each.*

*Gentle and loving God, we are grateful for the call to serve you in your healing ministry. We first ask your blessing on those who are sick, especially those across the world without access to health care. Bless those who care for sick family members in their homes, comfort them all with the peace of your presence.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** This weekend there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. This is in celebration of The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which falls on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for the souls of – Ernest Walker, Rosemary Jansen, Violet Ferguson, Dom Hugh O'Neill, Dom Oliver Brayden, Michael Godfrey, Elizabeth Fresne, Edgar Stanford, Josephine Chamberlain, Eda Dunbar, Joan Witham, Jim McClusky, Fra Andrew Bertie, Angus MacDonald, Eddie Flanagan, Beatrice Green,  
Anne Powys-Lybbe, Peggy Bonner.  
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**

**Prayers:** Please pray for Tigs Wheeler and Martin Harewood, both recovering in hospital.

## **DATES FOR LENT AND EASTER**

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday in Lent at 8pm. This will start on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, through to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. With Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel beforehand at 7pm.

**Ash Wednesday:** 14<sup>th</sup> February. Mass with Distribution of ashes at 8am, 5.30pm and 7.30pm

**Palm Sunday:** Vigil with Procession on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm  
Mass with Procession on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am  
Mass on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am (St Dunstan's, West Hoathly)

**Maundy Thursday:** 29<sup>th</sup> March. Mass at 8.30pm

**Good Friday:** 30<sup>th</sup> March. The Passion of the Lord: Service at 3pm

**Holy Saturday:** 31<sup>st</sup> March. Easter Vigil at 9pm. Followed by refreshments in the Narthex

**Easter Sunday:** 1<sup>st</sup> April. Mass at 10.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> April. Mass at 11.30am (St Dunstan's, West Hoathly)

**Lent Lunches in aid of CAFOD:** Every Monday at Cinderhill House, RH17 7BD at 12.30pm. Starting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## **MUSIC EVENTS**

**4<sup>th</sup> March:** Worth Choral Society Concert. 7.30pm, in aid of Worth/Irundu Friendship.

**11<sup>th</sup> March:** D'Arcy Trinkwon Organ Recital. 7.30pm

**18<sup>th</sup> March:** Sequence of Music for Lent. 7.30pm

**The song of Bernadette:** To mark the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our lady of Lourdes, we invite you to The Unity Room, here at Worth Abbey on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, after 9.30am mass, where we will be watching this beautiful Oscar winning movie. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**Abbey Bookshop:** Bargain books and cards on sale, on the long table at the end of the Narthex. Please pay into the safe in the Bookshop.

**Intentional Marriage - Reflection Day:** 10<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm, here at the Abbey. All marriages, no matter how wonderful, can always be enriched. Ensuring our marriage doesn't become stale and floundering requires giving it attention. Making a choice to become intentional about our marriage is more than a good idea, as Catholics it's part of our reason for being. Christian marriage is a vocation, a calling from God to live our lives in a certain way to bring him glory by imitating the love he has for us.

For people interested in exploring how they can invest more into their marriage please join us for inspiration from organisations that support marriage, followed by Mass with Bishop Richard. For further information or to book please contact Katherine Bergin on 01293651152 or [katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org)

**Called by Name Retreat:** 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February here at the Abbey. *Called by Name* is a vocation retreat for young adults (aged 18-35). It offers an opportunity for you to tune-in more deeply to the call of Christ in your life, to discern his will for you, discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, and to grow in the trust and freedom to respond generously to the Gospel. The weekend will include talks from a range of speakers from different walks of life, spiritual accompaniment, and space for prayer and reflection. The retreat is not aimed only at those discerning a possible call to religious life/priesthood, but to every young person seeking to know and live the call of Christ.

The cost is £63 for students/unwaged, £105 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. To book, or for more info, please contact Katrina on [TOC@worth.org.uk](mailto:TOC@worth.org.uk) / 01342 710318.

## OTHER EVENTS

**Churches Refugee Network (CRN) Conference:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10am-4pm at the Sarah Fell Room, Friends House, 173 - 177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. This day conference is for all those working with Refugees, Asylum seekers, and Migrants. Lunch will be provided. To book contact Romina Infantino at [info@ctbi.org.uk](mailto:info@ctbi.org.uk)

**Adoremus: The Eucharist:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 9am - 1pm at St John the Evangelist in Horsham. In order to give flavour of Adoremus - (Relating to the National Pilgrimage and Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool and the World meeting of families in Dublin) the diocese is hosting 3 morning sessions focusing upon the Eucharist within a family setting. Join Bishop Richard for a series of talks and workshops revolving around the theme of the Eucharist, with particular focus on its relevance to us within our family lives. All are welcome, whether you hope to go to the events or just want to find out more about the topic. Please book via email [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org)

**Day of Prayer and Healing:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February. You are warmly invited to the next Chilworth Day of Prayer and Praise, around the theme 'The Kingdom of God is at Hand.' given by Laurence O'Keefe O.S.B. The day begins with Mass at 10.20 am. Two talks will divide the Day, with refreshments and lunch, the Divine Mercy Devotion, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with the Sacrament of Healing and departures at 4.20 pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch, and, if you can, a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR Online information: [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com)

**It Takes Two:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm - 10pm (doors open at 6.45pm) at The Charis Centre, Crawley, RH11 7EL. Juggling work, family life, finances and a host of other issues mean that building a vibrant and lasting relationship can sometimes be challenging. "It Takes Two" is an event for anyone who wants to invest a little more in their relationship. Whether your marriage is in good shape or things are difficult right now, whether you've been married for many years of you've just got together, this event will help make a difference in your relationship. To book call 02920 810800 or check out the website [cff.org.uk/ittakestwo](http://cff.org.uk/ittakestwo)

**World Meeting of Families:** Bishop Richard invites families to join him on a pilgrimage to Dublin for the World meeting of speakers will lead sessions for adults and there are age appropriate activities for children and young people. This is followed by a concert style "Festival of Families" on the Saturday and the event concludes with Sunday Mass concelebrated by Pope Francis. For further details please contact: [wtof2018@dabnet.org](mailto:wtof2018@dabnet.org). Put World Meeting of Families in your diary and start planning to join us in Dublin, Ireland, from 21 to 26 August 2018. Come on your own, in a group or with your family!

**Residential Retreats:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April (2pm) - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May (2pm) at St Cuthman's. 'Listening with the Ear of the Heart' Retreat led by Bishop Richard Moth. The retreat will focus on teaching and practical experience of Lectio Divina. To book call 01403 741220 or email: [stcuthmans@dabnet.org](mailto:stcuthmans@dabnet.org)

## 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** - 2nd/4th Monday, 7.30pm, Lady Chapel.

**Prayers for Healing** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7.15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, a mass with prayers for healing.

**Lectio Divina** - Tuesdays 8.20pm, for 30 mins, Parlour 3 (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 4<sup>th</sup> Feb and 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Christian Meditation Group** - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Next dates will be 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March, Contact Gabrielle 01342 326118/Caterina 01243 554001.

**Vigil for Vocations** - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Children's Mass** - 1st Saturday of each month at 5pm. Next date 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**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](mailto:clare.harper@hotmail.com) or [marian.imhasly@gmail.com](mailto:marian.imhasly@gmail.com). **Mothers Prayer Group** - in Balcombe every Tuesday 12 noon. Call Marie 07860 845658. All [faiths and none are most welcome](#).

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**In Touch:** If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please email: [worthintouch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:worthintouch@hotmail.co.uk) (by Thursday 10am)

**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.**

### Next Sunday's Readings: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading - Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

### Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees, "If you want to" he said "you can cure me". Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. "Of course I want to"! he said "Be cured"! And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, "Min you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery". The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived.

Even so, people from all around would come to him.

### Daily Readings

Monday - 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mark 6:53-56

Thursday - 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mark 7:24-30

Tuesday - 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mark 7:1-13

Friday - 1Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19 Mark 7:31-37

Wednesday - 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-23

Saturday - Songs 8:6-7 Luke 10:38-42 (ST SCHOLASTICA)

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