

**“What, dear brothers and sisters, is more delightful than the voice of the Lord calling to us?”**  
(St Benedict)

Edited by Maria Stribbling



### Tip for the weekend – 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> March

Have you ever thought of twinning your toilet!

Tearfund have a toilet twinning project - [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org)

They ask for £60, which is the average cost of putting in sanitation, and you receive a certificate showing your twinned toilet.

The project provides clean water, basic sanitation and hygiene education

One in three people globally do not have a safe place to go to the toilet. This affects women, children, the elderly and the sick hardest

With our celebration of Palm Sunday we enter into Holy Week, when we remember the last events of Jesus' life, and his passion and death and his resurrection. To *remember* in Jewish and Christian tradition is at the centre of our faith. It means not simply recalling some past event but bringing it to mind through our liturgy so that it becomes present again. In the Jewish Passover the leader says, *it was not only our fathers who were brought by God out of Egypt, but we ourselves were brought out.* And when Jesus, as he instituted the Eucharist, said, *Do this in memory of me*, we believe that, as we celebrate, Jesus becomes truly present for us in the sacrament. So our celebration, our remembering through the liturgy, brings us into the events of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and brings us the saving fruits of the Paschal Mystery. From earliest times the Church has celebrated a Christian re-interpretation of the Jewish Passover. Paul writes, *Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed.* (1Co.5.7f.)

The most important element of the liturgy of these days is the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. This was always a night of fasting, with prayers and readings, ending with the celebration of the Eucharist of the Resurrection, and was regarded as the most important and essential element of the entire Christian year. The early writers said that it represented the passage of the whole Christ, Head and Body, *from death to life and from tears to joy.* This is shown especially in the rite of baptism. In the early Church this was the one moment when catechumens could be baptised, and is for us now the opportunity to renew our own baptism, receiving again the grace of conversion and renewing our commitment to Jesus and our life in Him. Paul, in the reading which we hear at this point, says, *All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.* (Romans 6.3f.)

Early instructions about the Vigil say, *We must keep our lamps burning, ready for the return of the Lord*, recalling a belief that Jesus would return one day during this celebration. (This too is a link with our Jewish roots. At the Passover they remember *The Four Nights* – of Creation, the Sacrifice of Isaac, the Exodus and the coming of the Messiah. Each of these is remembered in our Vigil.)

I wish you all a happy and fruitful celebration of Holy Week. May each one of us receive all the blessings of God's love in Jesus.

### Anniversaries:

**Please pray for the souls of –**

Sally Winn, Charles Carlos, John Marsh, Maureen Ponsford, Mgr John Vance, Tom Shann, Evelyn Ticehurst.

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



### Prayers:

Please pray for Barry and Fran O'Sullivan who are both unwell.

Please pray for Philippa Schwarz, who is unwell in hospital.

### **DATES FOR LENT AND EASTER**

**Palm Sunday:** 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 9.30am (change from the previously advertised time)  
1<sup>st</sup> April. Mass at 11.30am (St Dunstan's, West Hoathly)

**Lent Lunches in aid of CAFOD:** Final lunch will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Cinderhill House, RH17 7BD at 12.30pm.

### In Touch:

This is the last In Touch before Easter. In Touch will return as normal for the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Abbey Bookshop:

Easter Cards are available in the Abbey Bookshop

#### Young CAFOD fundraiser:

Big congratulations to Elsie Tibble, for her wonderful display of goodies. With your help, Elsie raised a total of **£46.35** for CAFOD.

#### Save the Date:

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.** The Worth Abbey Parish AGM will take place at 11am in the Unity Room.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April.** Mark Tibble has offered to lead a nature walk round the estate after Mass. Details will follow.

### Lourdes Live 2018:

Please join us in the abbey church on Sunday, the **8th of April at 7 pm** for an evening of beautiful music performed by our Diocesan pilgrimage choir, as well as members of our own Worth Abbey consort and our organist D'Arcy.

All proceeds will go to the Arundel and Brighton Lourdes pilgrimage fund. Tickets and raffle tickets available after Mass from Sally Nicholls, or by email at [salnicholls@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:salnicholls@hotmail.co.uk) .

### LIVE FILMING - AUDIENCE NEEDED!

RISE Theatre group will be ROMERO on **Wednesday 11th April, 7.30pm** in the Performing Arts Centre, in the school. They need an audience to create that "live" feel. Could you help them by coming to watch the performance? Please register at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre)  
Admittance is free of charge but please note that technical equipment may obscure some sight-lines during the performance.

### **Annual Refugee Tales Walk:**

Refugee Tales is rooted in the work of the charity Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group which through a network of befrienders, supports people in immigration detention at Gatwick. Refugee Tales enables the accounts of those who have experienced detention in the UK to be heard. There is an annual walk where these tales are shared. This year it is from **6 -11 July**, More details can be found

### **The Great adventure. Retreat for Year 7-9:**

The Great Adventure is running at **Worth Abbey from the 18-20th May** for all those in year 7-9. Over the weekend we are going to be exploring the idea that the journey of discipleship is a great adventure that we are each called to through workshops, input, prayer, worship and a whole lot of fun! The price is £84 but bursaries are available. For more information please email: [fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk](mailto:fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk)

### **Passover Seder:**

David Simmons, an Orthodox Jew and a member of the West Hampstead synagogue community in London, has kindly offered to lead parishioners in a Passover Seder on **Saturday 26 May** after the 5pm mass. Our Lord's Last Supper with the disciples was a similar celebration and it is hoped that participation in this ancient Jewish ritual will allow us as Catholics to deepen our understanding of the Eucharist. We will share a kosher (vegetarian) meal with traditional foods as David leads us in the rituals, readings and songs associated with this important Jewish tradition. Prices TBC.

### **Crawley Interfaith Network:**

There will be a talk, on politics and religion, followed by a Q and A with Peter Lamb; Leader, Crawley Borough Council, Labour Party, on **Wednesday 28th March** from 7-9pm. All welcome. Free admission. Refreshments.

### **The Circle Club:**

Do you have a car? Do you have a little spare time on Tuesdays?  
The Circle Club is looking for some extra drivers to join the rota. The members, who are elderly people living on their own in the area, need your help to come to Compass House at Worth Abbey for 11am.  
After a good meal, some entertainment and much needed companionship, go home around 2.30pm.  
If you can help, please contact Anne on 01444 811431. Thank you

### **Refugees Welcome - Crawley AGM:**

Please come to our 'Refugees Welcome - Crawley' AGM on **27th March** at 7pm, Crawley URC, Worth Park Avenue, Pound Hill, Crawley. The business part will be very short and followed by a welcome meal with local refugees. Please bring food to share.  
Hope to see you there! All welcome and bring friends to celebrate welcome in the town. Please let me know on [RWCanna@gmail.com](mailto:RWCanna@gmail.com) if you can come.

### **INSPIRE 2018 - Day for Youth Leaders:**

We've got an amazing line up for INSPIRE 2018 (yes, we've changed the name). We will be at St Joseph's in Redhill on **Saturday May 12th**, running from 10am to 3.30pm (Doors open 9.30am).

We've already confirmed Will Desmond from the ASCENT, as well as somebody from the Youth Alpha team. Bishop Richard will also be joining us for the start of the day, and we hope to complete the line up in the coming weeks. The event is open to anyone who works with young people in a Catholic context and anyone who is interested in doing so.

To book, Email [YMBookings@dabnet.org](mailto:YMBookings@dabnet.org) - Tickets £10

### **Thank you:**

We would like to thank you very much for all your generous donations of clothing left for the Gatwick detainees. Please **do not** leave any more clothing, until further notice, as the Gatwick group have run out of Storage space.

### **Adoremus / World Meeting of Families Morning Meetings:**

For anyone who was due to attend the sessions on **24th March and 14th April**, these have been **postponed**

### **Easter Retreat for 18-35's:**

Worth Abbey and The Wellspring Community invite young adults (ages 18-35) to celebrate the Easter Triduum (**29th March-1st April**) with a retreat at Worth Abbey. Over the Easter Triduum young adults from across the UK will be gathering to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Leading up to the retreat, you are welcome to be part of a 'Cross Walk' - a group of young adults and monks who will walk to Worth from Arundel, across the beautiful South Downs, carrying the cross. We will begin the walk on Palm Sunday (25th March) and arrive at Worth on Maundy Thursday (29th March). Booking forms are now available. Please contact [TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net) or [fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk](mailto:fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk).

### **Arundel Cathedral:**

This year the **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral together with Bishop Richard, will take place on **Wednesday 28 March at 6pm**

### **Good Friday Walk:**

St Francis Ramblers invite you to join them on their walk on **Good Friday 30 March**. Also, we will attend the 3pm Good Friday service at Worth Abbey. Boots off in the Church please! Meet Three Bridges station (walkers' train due in at 10.16am). Distance 8 miles with lunch stop (at The Cowdray Arms, RH17 6QD), finishing at Three Bridges. Please call Paul on 07847 282626 for more details.

## 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 8 April and 6 May.

**Christian Meditation Group** - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Gabrielle 01342 326118/Caterina 01243 554001.

**Vigil for Vocations** - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**Children's Mass** - 1st Saturday of each month at 5pm. Next date 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**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.

**Mothers Prayer Group** - in Balcombe every Tuesday 12 noon. Call Marie 07860 845658. All faiths and none are most welcome.

### Next Sunday's Readings: **Easter Sunday**

1st Reading - Acts 10:34, 37-43

2nd Reading - Colossians 3:1-4

### **Gospel: John 20:1-9** **He must rise from the dead**

## Daily Readings

### HOLY WEEK

Monday - Isa 42:1-7 John 12:1-11

Tuesday - Isa 49:1-6 John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday - Isa 50:4-9a Matt 26:14-25

Thursday - **Maunday Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper.** Exod 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

Friday - **Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord.** Isa 52:13-53, 12 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 John 18:1-19, 42

Saturday - **Easter vigil in the Holy night.** Gen 1:1-2:2 Gen 22:1-18 Exod 14:15 - 15:1 Isa 54:5-14 Isa 55:1-11  
Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4 Ezek 36:16-17a, 18-28

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**In Touch:** If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please email: 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.**