

“He should first show them in deeds, rather than words, all that is good and holy”

(St Benedict)

Edited by Maria Stribbling

Tip for the weekend – 5th / 6th May

If you have clothes or fabric scraps that are not suitable for resale through a charity shop, you can still give them a new use.

All H&M Stores accept bags of clothes and other textiles.

They sort them into three categories: those that are good enough to be resold (and the proceeds given to charity), those that can be reused (for example as cleaning clothes) and those that can be recycled (e.g. for insulation).

The nearest H&M stores to Worth are Crawley, Horsham and Brighton.

A couple of weeks ago some of us were blessed to hear the talk of Hannah Vaughan-Spruce at our Parish AGM. I would like to thank all those who took the trouble to come to this important event in the life of our parish, and especially I would like to thank George Fitzsimons for chairing the meeting.

In her talk Hannah spoke about Divine Renovation, a programme designed by Fr James Mallon (author of a book of the same name), which has been prepared after several years of practical experience in his own parish, to help others to transform their parish from maintenance to mission. Hannah quoted from Pope Francis, in *The Joy of The Gospel*, where he writes : *I dream of a “missionary option”, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.* (n.27) Pope Francis talks of our need for conversion, and reminds us that we disciples need to *struggle to correct those flaws introduced by her members which her own self-examination, mirroring her exemplar, Christ, points out to her and condemns* (26). This conversion can only be achieved through the power of the Holy Spirit, God’s love, working through us, and we must all ask for His help. A suggestion to encourage our prayer is to undertake a novena, a prayer for nine consecutive days, leading up to the Feast of Pentecost. You might like to use material available on the website of the Northampton Diocese. This year the novena runs from this Friday, 11th May until Saturday, 19th, the vigil of the Feast. They introduce the feast thus: *At Pentecost we celebrate the birth of the Church which exists to evangelise. On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ’s mission is completed. Every baptised person is invited to be a missionary, proclaiming their faith in God’s unconditional love and mercy, through prayer, word and action. The Solemnity reminds us to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that we are not only sustained in our Christian life, but also able to respond ever more generously to the call to evangelise.*

Together with more substantial materials they offer the following daily prayers :

Come, O Holy Spirit, the Lord and Life giver; take up your dwelling in my soul, and make of it your sacred temple.

Make me live by grace as an adopted child of God.

Pervade all the energies of my soul, and create in me a fountain of living water springing up to life everlasting.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for the souls of – Judith Whelpton, Linsey Smith, Veronica Andrea Maria Paterson, Jim Kilduff, Hilary Walker, Peter Hutchings, Sam Bryant, Stan Bogacz, Pamela Kennedy.

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.

Please pray for Mervyn Thomas who is recovering from surgery.

Please pray Jack McCurdy (father of Maria Stribbling), who is in hospital with a broken back.

Parish News

Cake Sale:

Chloe Roberts will be holding a cake sale after mass on **5th/ 6th May**. Chloe is trying to raise funds for her trip to Lourdes where she has very kindly volunteered as a helper.

Concerts:

D'Arcy Trinkwon, the Abbey Organist, is giving three concerts in Arundel Cathedral on Fridays **11th May, 1st and 15th June**: all start at 7.30pm.

Full details in the Narthex or at

www.arundelcathedral.org/www.darcytrinkwon.com

Second Collection Next weekend:

Next weekend there will be a second collection for The Catholic Communications Network.

First Holy Communion 2018:

Our Candidates this year will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion at a mass next Sunday, to be held in the Abbey at **11am on Sunday 13th May**. All parishioners, family and friends are very welcome to attend.

Please pray for the children Fernando Ocon Moure, Juan Ocon Moure, Isabel Coyne, Aidan Richard Allen, Nicholas Arthur Bullen, James Joseph Bernard Shaw, Eoin O'Donnell, Cillian Zoltan Nagy, Charlotte Anne Ericson, Tristan Van Assche, Mia Ryan and for their families.

There are some copies of the Turners Hill News available in the Narthex.

Save the Date:

Saturday 23rd June. *Ben Rogers will be giving a talk after morning mass in the Unity Room.* He is a human rights activist and writer. As East Asia Team Leader at Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), he specialises in Burma, Indonesia, Malaysia, North Korea and China. In addition to his work with CSW, he is also co-founder and Chair of a new advocacy organisation called Hong Kong Watch, co-founder and Deputy Chair of the Conservative Party Human Rights Commission and Senior Fellow at the Religious Freedom Institute.

Please come along, all are welcome.

Annual Justice & Peace Conference:

'In the Shelter of Each Other the People Live':

The Conference is from **20-22 July** and is now open for booking. You can get booking forms from NJPN, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. Tel: 020 7901 4864 or email:

admin@justice-and-peace.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.



MICHAEL OAKLEY'S FAREWELL CONCERT:

You are warmly invited to Michael's Farewell Concert on **Friday 25th May @ 7.30pm** in the Abbey Church. Drinks and Canapes will be served from 6.30pm in the Narthex.

The concert will include the first performance of Sir James Macmillan's "Sing Joyfully to the Lord" composed in honour of Michael's service to the School and Abbey. Please inform Mandy Horton on 01342 710266 or at musicadmin@worth.org.uk if you are able to come.

Feast of the Ascension Mass Times:

Wednesday at 7.30pm.
Thursday at 8am and 4.45pm with the school.

Dialogue and Unity Day 2018:

Saturday 29 September from 10am-4pm at the Christian Education Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP on Christian Unity and the Renewal of the Church.

Keynote speakers to be confirmed. You can book by email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org

Diocesan Newsletter:

You are all more than welcome to sign up to the A & B News, which is an online Diocesan newsletter. Details can be found on our website.



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 at www.refugeetales.org

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

CAFOD:

Thank you all for your very generous donations. We have raised a total of £1,197.

The Feast of Pentecost Walk:

Sunday, 20th May: To mark the Feast of Pentecost, in an ecumenical style, there will be a walk from Worth Abbey to Crawley Down along the Red Road and Worth Way (i.e. all along footpaths, about one and a half hours). This is primarily a social occasion but will end with prayer and tea at the All Saints church in Crawley Down. Everyone is welcome. Meet at Worth in the carpark at 3 pm. Provision will be made for the return journey, but please check.

Meeting our Muslim Neighbours - Retreat:

A ten-day retreat has been organised for **13-23 October**, in Viviers, South of France and will include not only talks and discussions, but excursions to the Trappist Abbey of Aiguebelle and to centres of Christian-Muslim dialogue in both Lyon and Marseille (Viviers is exactly halfway between these cities). The retreat will celebrate Christian-Muslim encounter in the context of Blessed Charles de Foucauld and the monks:

Christian, Christophe Luc, Michel, Bruno, Célestin and Paul.

The retreat-giver will be Dom Martin McGee, of Worth Abbey, and accommodation will be in the large and well-appointed Diocesan Retreat House, formerly the Grand Séminaire where Blessed Charles de Foucauld was ordained priest on Sunday 9th June, 1901.

France is home to seven million Muslims. We hope and pray that our retreat in Viviers later this year will be a blessed time, when we respond to the call to meet our Muslim neighbours as sons and daughters of our father, Abraham. Further details can be found at: www.retreats-beyonddover.com

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 - 1st 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 6th May, 3rd June and 1st July.

Christian Meditation Group - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Gabrielle 01342 326118/Caterina 01243 554001. Next dates are 9th May and 30th May.

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 1st June.

Children's Mass - 1st Saturday of each month at 5pm. Next date 2nd June.

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: **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

2nd Reading - 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11-19 **(World Communication Day)**

Daily Readings

Monday - Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26 - 16:4a

Tuesday - Acts 16:22-34 John 16:5-11

Wednesday - Acts 17:15-22 - 18:1 John 16:12-15

Thursday - **The Ascension of the Lord** Act 1:1-11 Eph 4:1-13 Mark 16:15-20

Friday - Acts 18:9-18 John 16:20-23

Saturday - Acts 18:23-28 John 16:23b-28

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Safeguarding: Rachel Davies (07801 696354) and Maria Stribbling (01342 710313)

Car Share: Jill Carter: 07836 316525

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.

