

“Let those who are not strong have help so that they may serve without distress, let all the rest serve one another in love”

(St Benedict)

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CAFOD Prayer:

Christ our light, your love burns in our hearts and builds in us a thirst for justice.
Jesus, light of the world, you taught us how to reach out to others, open our ears to the stories that beg to be heard.

You who are light and warmth, banish the darkness and bring us hope.
Jesus, light of life, enfold us all with your love and incline our hearts to leading of your healing spirit.
Amen

First Holy Communion



Congratulations to Cillian Nagy, Isabel Coyne, Nicholas Bullen, James Shaw, Aidan Allen, Tristan Van Assche, Eoin O'Donnell, Fernando Ocon, Juan Ocon, Charlotte Ericson, Mia Ryan, will all be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion at a mass held this Sunday at 11am in the Abbey. Please pray for the children and their families.

*Our very sincere thanks to Rachel Davies, the First Communion catechist, for her faithful commitment to the religious formation of the children of our parish over many years. We also thank Hilary Lagden, Martin Powys-Lybbe and Caroline Sheldon for their support.
Without their help the course could not have taken place*

Margaret Corke, who took part in the Re-Lit programme, reports on a visit by its author, Michael Dopp :

The Relit programme, undertaken by 15 parishioners over an 18-week period captivated and inspired all those who took part. More than this, the process put into hearts and minds a new vision for evangelisation in the Catholic Church. Recently, Relit participants were invited to spend time with Michael Dopp, founder of the Relit Programme who had travelled from Canada.

The evening's focus was 'From Here to There' with suggestions as to how a parish might journey towards even better growth and development. Michael stressed the importance of celebrating and using everyone's skills and talents for the greater Glory of God. As a parish we need to work together, and for each other, to fulfil the mission of the Church, namely, to bring others into a relationship with Jesus Christ and through Him to God the Father.

Michael suggested ways we might move forward as a parish in the next five years: just ideas and suggestions and stories from UK Catholic parishes which are thriving because they have put evangelisation at the heart of everything they do.

Michael's talk was dynamic and engaging; full of possibilities and spiritual fervour. For those who attended it was an evening of hope and inspiration.

Please continue to pray for the success of the parish evangelisation initiative. Last week we suggested making a novena to the Holy Spirit as part of our preparation for Pentecost. You can find more material at Pathways to God, where reflections by Pope Francis are offered about the vocation of lay men and women to evangelise. (He has asked for the month of May to be dedicated to this intention.) Pope Francis writes: This month, I pray to you, Lord Jesus, for all the laity, so that they can take with enthusiasm and creativity the presence of the Church to their families and places of work. I ask you in particular for the laity who have positions of responsibility, so that they may direct the future of their institutions according to your will.

You might also like to join the group in St Dunstan's chapel, West Hoathly, on Sundays from 5 pm, who pray for the parish and this programme.

Fr Paul

Anniversaries:

Please pray for the souls of – Sam Bryant, Stan Bogacz, Pamela Kennedy, Mrs Neve, Anita Weston-Burt, Charles Wilson, Emma Brackpool, Russell Brailey, and Brian Groombridge.

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 who is in hospital with a broken back.

Please pray for Wendy Horton who is in hospital.



Parish News

Cake Sale:

Chloe Roberts would like to thank everyone for their generosity. The outcome of the two bake sales was outstanding and she sold out on both days. In total she managed to raise **£288.85**, which is more than halfway to her total needed. Chloe says, "I did not expect to raise anywhere near this amount! Thank you for being so supportive!!"

Second Collection this weekend:

There will be a second collection this weekend for The Catholic Communications Network

CAFOD:

Thank you again for all your generous donations. We would especially like to thank Rory and Hal Clarke, whose Lent lunches raised £500, and also the CAFOD parish reps, Martin Powys-Lybbe and Kir Bennett Horner

Concerts:

D'Arcy Trinkwon, the Abbey Organist, is giving concerts in Arundel Cathedral on Fridays, **1st and 15th June** both start at 7.30pm. Full details in the Narthex or at www.arundelcathedral.org/www.darcytrinkwon.com

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. If you would like to stay for lunch, please let us know.

Annual Justice & Peace Conference:

"In the shelter of each other the people live":
The conference is from 20-22nd July in The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. 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



Michael Oakley's Farewell Concert:

You are warmly invited to Michael's farewell concert on **Friday 25th May @ 7.30pm** in the Abbey. 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.

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, please bring a food donation for the finger buffet. Meet at Worth in the carpark at 3 pm. Provision will be made for the return journey, but please check.

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: fcarbonate@wellspringbrighton.org.uk

PLEASE SPONSOR MY BROTHER (message from Fr Aidan)

My brother Anthony will be walking the Cinque Ports 100 mile Challenge Walk over the May Bank Holiday (26th-28th) to raise money for the Pendower Good Neighbour Project. Pendower is an inter-war council housing estate in the West End of Newcastle which suffered many problems: vandalism, crime, joy riding, boarded up houses, high levels of poverty. The Project supports the residents with volunteers who have improved housing conditions and the physical environment, provide after school & holiday activities for children, social and practical services for pensioners. The Community is being rebuilt but funding is increasingly difficult. Please help us to keep this Project alive. **I will be available after Mass next weekend (19th/20th)** with a Sponsorship Form. Thank you. Fr Aidan

Lunch for Homeless People:

A normal lunch will be served on **Sunday 27 May** at the Friary. Your help and support on the day would be very much be appreciated. If you can come, then please Ashwin Soni Tel: 07833 252 551, know in advance.

Family Fun Day to Celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi:

Sunday 3 June at St John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford GU5 0QX from 1pm including activities. Blessed Sacrament procession with Bishop Richard and ending with tea. Come along from 12.30 pm to enjoy your picnic in the beautiful grounds of the Seminary, and from 1pm join the afternoon of activities provided – there will be something for everyone!
To assist with catering please confirm attendance with Katherine Bergin on katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

Diocesan Grandparents Pilgrimage:

Wednesday 13 June from 10.45am at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Park Lane, West Grinstead RH13 8LT. The day will include Adoration and Reconciliation and Mass with Bishop Richard. Hot drinks available but bring own packed lunch.
Booking Essential with Rosie Read on 01293 651161 or rosie.read@dabnet.org.

Music for a Summer Evening:

Sunday, 24th June at 7.30pm in the Abbey. Join well-known Sussex choir, The Copthorne Consort, its Director, Sophia Vaughan and international concert organist D'Arcy Trinkwon for a spectacular evening to celebrate 50 years of Worth Abbey at Outreach Peru. The evening's programme will present an exciting variety of music by well-known composers such as Fauré, Mendelssohn and Vaughan Williams and also some modern composers, who will be in attendance. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Worth Abbey at Outreach Peru, a splendid raffle, provided by the Consort and a drinks reception afterwards.

Peace + Reconciliation in the Holy Land:

You are invited along to Crawley United Reformed Church, Worth Park Ave, Pound Hill, RH10 3DF on **Monday 11th June** at 7.30 - 9.00pm. There will be an update on the National Union of Teachers. If you are able to join in, please contact Dawn on 07804 981666.

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

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

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 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 30th May, 13th and 27th June.

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: **Pentecost Sunday**

1st Reading - Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

Or

John 15:26-27, 16:12-16

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth

Daily Readings

Monday - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 John 15:9-17

Tuesday - Acts 20: 17-27 John 17:1-11a

Wednesday - Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11b-19

Thursday - Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 John 17:20-26

Friday - Acts 25:13b-21 John 21:15-19

Saturday - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 John 21:20-25 Gen 11:1-9 Rom 8:22-27 John 7:37-39

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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.

