

**“All guests who present themselves are welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me”**

(St Benedict)

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**Tip for the weekend – 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Using a washing up bowl to wash up plates or cutlery rather than having the hot tap running could save you money on your water and electric/gas bills.  
Use cold water to rinse utensils and wash vegetables and don't leave the tap running!

Each week CAFOD offer a meditation on the Sunday readings which some of you might like to explore. Last week they gave us some reflections on the Feast of Corpus Christi, drawing out the themes of social justice and our own responsibility for our world which this celebration suggests. Beginning with Jesus' self-offering, becoming the true Paschal Lamb foreshadowed by the Passover, they write: *This ultimate act of selflessness reminds us that as Christians we have to seek ways to do the same. This is especially important when we become aware of the needs of others, especially those of our brothers and sisters living in poverty. More than 680,000 Rohingya people are estimated to have fled to Bangladesh, escaping from violence in Rakhine State in neighbouring Myanmar. Pope Francis has acknowledged and praised Bangladesh's sacrifice and generosity in welcoming so many refugees throughout this crisis. They conclude: This is one example of sacrifice for others. We are all called to find ways to do what we can to mirror Jesus' sacrificial love in our own lives.*

In our own parish there are ways in which we can do this: We can become involved with Refugees Welcome Crawley, or with the Gatwick Visitors Group, who visit people in immigration detention, or campaigning with Refugee Tales, to end the indefinite detention of migrants. (Each of these has its own web site where you can find out more and make contact.) Later this month we will be celebrating Refugee Week, and we offer an opportunity to find out more about this issue and to pray. (Please see below about the visit of Ben Rogers.) You could also find out about ways to become involved with our friendship parish in Irundu, Uganda, or you might like to get involved with the Life movement. There are also opportunities to become involved with Crawley Council Against Racism, or the Crawley Interfaith Network, and the meals for people in need which are served each Sunday morning in the Friary Hall.

Oscar Romero was very conscious of what it means to belong to “the one Body of Christ” and to receive Jesus in Holy Communion when he wrote: *“We have a responsibility to be a leaven in society and to transform this world. That would certainly mean changing the face of our country, for we would really have to inject the life of Christ into our society, our laws, our politics, and all our relations. Who is going to do this? You are! I think it was Saint John Chrysostom who said, ‘When you take Communion, you receive fire, and you should go forth breathing happiness with strength to transform the world.’”*

Please look for this excellent website of CAFOD Theology Team [news@reply.cafod.net](mailto:news@reply.cafod.net) to nourish our spirituality.

### Anniversaries:

**Please pray for the souls of** – Lynne Hedgecock, Betty Clegg, John Paris, Bernadette Marchant, Pauline Godfrey, Beryl Paris, Daniel McNaboe, Doris Moody, Julian Millest, Jack Gould, Tony Curtis and Eileen Ortiger. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**



### Prayers:

Due to new Data protection rules we are unable to publish prayer requests for the sick without their permission.  
If you would like us to add prayers for yourself, then please let us know.

## *Parish News*

### Irundu Parish Meeting:

The Irundu meeting planned for Sunday 17th June will be **postponed**, as it clashes with the London to Brighton cycle ride.

### Anthony's 100 mile walk for Pendower Good Neighbour Project:

The sponsorship funding raised by Worth Abbey Parishioners for my brother Anthony, on his 100 mile walk for the **Pendower Good Neighbour Project** is approaching the sum of **£3,500** as a result of your great generosity.

Thank you all very much indeed for this magnificent response and support to a community work in a disadvantaged area of the North East.

Anthony completed the Cinque Ports Challenge Walk in 46 hrs and 19 min; he started at 10am on Saturday, walked through two nights and finished at 8:19 am on Monday morning. There were 438 entrants; 306 completed the walk and Anthony was the 270<sup>th</sup> to finish.

More details are on the Parish website including photos of Anthony and of the Pendower Project.

*Fr Aidan*

### Plate Collections:

Gift Aided – **£265**

Non Gift Aided – **£125**

**Second Collection This Weekend  
in aid of "Life"**

### Concerts:

D'Arcy Trinkwon, the Abbey Organist, is giving his final of three concerts in Arundel Cathedral on Friday **15<sup>th</sup> June**: all start at 7.30pm.

Full details in the Narthex or at [www.arundelcathedral.org/www.darcytrinkwon.com](http://www.arundelcathedral.org/www.darcytrinkwon.com)

### Refugee Week (18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June)

During this week there will be prayer materials in the Lady Chapel for private use.

The main event is the talk by Ben Rogers from Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 10am**. He will speak about Burma and other South East Asian countries.

Anna Pincus will speak about the work of Refugees Welcome Crawley, the local organisation supporting refugees.

We will end with lunch.

**Please let us know if you can stay for lunch** (there will be a collection).

After lunch there will be a time of prayer for refugees in the Lady Chapel.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Community mass at 9am, coffee will be served in the Unity Room from 10am.

### 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](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk)

### Do you have any spare cotton fabric?

Christina Fitzsimons would be very glad of it, for making bags for the Traidcraft Stall.

Most types of cotton fabric are suitable - dressmaking, upholstery or curtain weight. Please contact Christina on [cfitzs3287@aol.com](mailto:cfitzs3287@aol.com) or 01444 415557.

### **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](http://www.refugeetales.org)

### **The Ascent – Discipleship Process for Young People:**

This October, the ASCENT will be launching at Worth Abbey with the support of the diocese. It's a three-year discipleship process involving three weekend residentials a year and weekly online group sessions. It's open to anyone about to go into year 10, 11, or 12 and it's designed to take people with a real interest in their faith and to help them to make a deeper commitment and to explore who God created them to be, while making a few friends and hopefully having some fun in the process. For more details, or to apply, visit [theascentuk.co.uk](http://theascentuk.co.uk) or contact [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org)

### **Christian Solidarity Worldwide:**

For Christians and others suffering persecution in Egypt, where human rights have been severely curtailed and terrorism is growing. Please pray especially for the many Coptic Christians there, who have been murdered and injured and suffered bereavement.

*Father God, as the number of terror attacks in Egypt grows, we ask you to bring your peace to this troubled country and make it somewhere where everyone can worship freely and without fear. Amen.*

### **Healing Service:**

Mass will be celebrated in the abbey church on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June** at 2pm, followed by prayers for healing. All warmly welcome. (There will be no healing service on Wednesday evening 6<sup>th</sup> June). Contact Fr Rod on 01342 710308 if you require further details.

### **ENCOUNTER EVENING (FOR 15-30s):**

The ENCOUNTER programme is a great way for older teenagers and young adults to make friends and to deepen their faith in a relaxed, welcoming environment. The next evening in this area will be on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup>, June @ 7.30pm** in St Wilfrid's School in Crawley (RH11 8PG). Entry is free, and everyone aged 15-30 is welcome. Our guest speaker will be Michelle Harrison, and as usual there will be refreshments, music, friendly people, and (for over 18s) a trip to the pub afterwards. For more information, search for 'ENCOUNTER Crawley' on Facebook.

### **Clothing Donations for GDWG:**

Gatwick detainee group are in urgent need of the following men's clothing: Trainers/shoes – all sizes 8 – 12, T-shirts – all sizes, Jeans – waist 30", 32", 34", 36", Trousers, e.g. corduroy, chinos – same as above (no suit-type trousers please), Jogging bottoms – all sizes, esp. M, Jumpers, hoodies – S, M, L, Travel bags/carry-ons/small suitcases, Boxers (new only), Socks (new only), They do not need shirts or jackets.

### **Music for a Summer Evening:**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 in Peru.

The evening's programme will present an exciting variety of music by well-known composers such as Faure, 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 in 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **A day with Mary:**

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Arundel Cathedral, Arundel, Sussex on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. Full information can be found on the website, [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org)

### **Catholic Singles:**

*Single, separated, widowed or divorced?* Catholic Singles helps practising Catholics meet other Catholics. Supports Catholic Parishes and Charities, donating thousands of pounds from members' fees. Sends members a monthly bulletin called *Catholic Networking*. £10 annual membership plus an initial donation. For more information email: [nfo@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:nfo@catholicsingles.org.uk) or check out the website, [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> August.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June.

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

**Children's Mass** - 1st Saturday of each month at 5pm. Next date **30<sup>th</sup> June (change to usual)**

**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: **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading - Ezekiel 17:22-24

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

**Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**  
**The parable of the growing seed**

### Daily Readings

Monday - Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3 Matt 5:1-12 (**St Barnabas**)

Tuesday - 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Matt 13-16

Wednesday - 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Matt 5:20-16 (**St Anthony of Padua**)

Thursday - 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Matt 5:20-26

Friday - 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Matt 5:27-32

Saturday - 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Matt 5:33-37

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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.**

