

## World Day Of Peace

### *Good politics is at the service of peace*

This is the title which Pope Francis chose for his address for today. He begins by reminding us that to bring peace is the first duty of the Christian missionary. *“Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’”* And each of us is called to do this, to be a messenger of peace. Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ’s disciples. *That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The “house” of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our “common home”: the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.*

Pope Francis goes on to reflect on the need for political life to nurture peace, and how it demands hard work, commitment and integrity, quoting the gospel, *“if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all”*. He continues, *Peace is like a delicate flower struggling to blossom on the stony ground of violence...Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction.* He reflects on the duties of political life in terms of service: *If exercised with basic respect for the life, freedom and dignity of persons, political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity...the basis of politics is to be at the service of human rights and peace.*

He affirms that everyone has his or her part to play, and this requires building up mutual trust : *Everyone can contribute his or her stone to help build the common home – but, he adds, That kind of trust is never easy to achieve, because human relations are complex, especially in our own times, marked by a climate of mistrust rooted in the fear of others or of strangers, or anxiety about one’s personal security; and he warns about forms of nationalism that call into question the fraternity of which our globalized world has such great need.* Remembering the anniversary of the First World War, he reminds us that *peace can never be reduced solely to a balance between power and fear.*

He ends by asking us all to strive for *a conversion of heart and soul, which can lead us to peace with oneself, peace with others and peace with all creation.*

Do please pray for peace, and, in whatever way you can, act to promote peace. Please see the parish website for the full text of Pope Francis for today, and do see also the website of Pax Christi, to learn about their work. You might like to use this reflexion by Pope Francis during the week: *How I wish that all men and women of good will would look at the Cross if only for a moment! There, we can see God’s reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the Cross the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue and peace is spoken.*

### Anniversaries

**Please pray for the Souls of** - Hannah Philipps, Mgr Canon David Donnelly, Althea Davis, Joseph Clarke, Fred Enscoe, Sir Martin Wilkinson, Dom Peter Beazley, Josephine Wright, Irene Mitchell, Betty Jones, Michael Stimpson and Paul Rubridge.

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



### Prayers for Christian Unity

Eternal Father, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us.  
Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways and give us  
The Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.  
We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Concerts

**1st March** – 7.30pm in the Colburt Room. Piano Showcase. All are welcome.

**10th March** – 7.30pm in the Abbey. D'Arcy Trinkwon Organ Recital.

**17th March** – 7.30pm in the Abbey. Choral Society & Orchestra Concert.

**24th March** – 7.30pm in the Abbey. Sequence of music and readings for Lent.

### Week of prayer for Christian Unity Week

There will be prayers in the Abbey on  
**Sun 20th January**, beginning at 3pm.  
Please bring contributions for refreshments.  
All are welcome.

### Worth Choral Society

Rehearsals will take place in the Coleburt room from 7-8pm on  
Thursdays.

For further information please contact Lewis Brito

**lbrito@worth.org.uk**

or Mandy Horton **musicadmin@worth.org.uk**

All are welcome!

### Plate Collection

Gift Aided – **£362.60**

Non Gift Aided – **£167.88**

Lourdes Pilgrimage (Dec) – **£335.88**

**This weekend there is a  
Second Collection for Pax Christi.**

Pax Christi International makes it a point to honour men and women who stand up for **peace**, justice, and non-violence across the globe.

### Day of reflection for readers

This will be led by Bishop Richard with talks on the scriptures, the Lectionary, the Liturgy of the word, preparing to read and practical aspects of the ministry. There will be time of Lectio Divina and the day will end with mass. **Saturday 9th February** at St Dunstan's Church, Woking, GU22 7DT. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential. Contact Ruth at [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org) or call 01293 651164.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

Applications for the Youth Service Group in the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage - AKA 'The Redshirts' – have opened.

Please tell anybody who might be interested. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, with 60 spaces available.

Apply online - **ABLourdes.org**

### Eucharistic Healing Services in the Abbey

An opportunity to come together to pray for the healing of those we know in need, for our families and for ourselves.

**Sun 10th Feb** 2- 4.30pm Mass followed by Prayers for Healing

**Wed 13th March** 7.15 -9pm Eucharistic Adoration with Prayers for Healing

**Sun 14th April** 2- 4-30pm Mass followed by Prayers for Healing

### Parish walk

The next parish walk is on **27th January** - a breath of fresh air and relaxation after all the festivities over Xmas. Meeting at the Friends car park (off Crowborough Road) in Ashdown Forest and doing a circular walk for approximately 3 miles with wonderful views of the forest.

Lunch is a short drive across the forest to the Crow and Gate. Everybody most welcome for either lunch or lunch and walk or just walk. Trisha's contact no's are 01892 770942 or 07941865002 for any queries or e mail address [trishiasol@aol.com](mailto:trishiasol@aol.com) for number confirmation.

### Residential Retreat for Doctors

At Worth Abbey from **1-3 March 2019** led by Fr. Stephen Ortiger. OSB. On the theme: Love your neighbour as yourself. Sessions include: Who and what we are; Personal challenges we face; Drawing strength from prayer; Nurturing our healthcare vocation. There will be opportunity to join the monastic community at prayer and time for quiet contemplation with access to countryside walks. Cost £150 full board. For all queries and to book a place email [jodwyer@doctors.org.uk](mailto:jodwyer@doctors.org.uk), putting **Doctors Retreat** in subject line.

### Lunches for Homeless People

Your help and support on the day would be very much be appreciated in The Friary Hall, Crawley. Dates for the lunch will be 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept and 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. If you can come along please contact Ashwin Soni on 07833 252551 or Email - [ashel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashel@hotmail.co.uk)

### Evening of reflection with Bishop Richard for 11-18s

Centred on an experience of Lectio Divina. There are still some spaces left. Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

The evenings will run from 7pm-8.45pm. If you would like to take part, please email [jack.regan@dabnet.org](mailto:jack.regan@dabnet.org).

21<sup>st</sup> Jan – St Josephs, Epsom  
26<sup>th</sup> Jan – St John's Seminary, Womersley  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan – St Michaels, Worthing  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – St Mary's, Bexhill

### Flame 2019

Join 10,000 Catholic Young People at Wembley Arena. Around 500 people from A&B went to Wembley Arena last March for Flame 2017. The arena was filled and it was great to be a part of it. The good news, announced just last week, is that it is happening again next March. Specifically **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Tickets are already on sale and unlike last time they can be booked online.

Go to [cymfed.org.uk/flame2019](http://cymfed.org.uk/flame2019) for details.

Flame 2019 boasts an impressive line-up of speakers. More names will follow in the months ahead, but Cardinal Nichols, Robert Madu, Guvna B, and Emma B from 'Girl Got Faith' are already on board. Hurry though - there are only ten thousand seats and at least 5,000 tickets have already gone!

### Vocations Weekend for young women

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more, why not come along? The event takes place from **15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February** in Liverpool.

You are welcome to stay for the weekend, or just come along on Saturday for the day.

There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God.

For more information contact

Sr Lynne at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

### Urgent - men's clothing required

The Gatwick detainee centre is in desperate need of men's warm clothing. Here is a list of what they are in most need of:

- Trainers – all sizes
- Jeans (not trousers) – Waist 32", 34", 36" **only**
  - Jogging bottoms (M, L, XL – **not S**)
  - Jumpers
  - Hoodies
- Warm jackets and coats
- T-shirts – all sizes, especially Medium

If you can provide any of the above items, they would be very grateful. Please remember that their storage area for clothing is very small with a lack of manpower, therefore they do not take women's or children's clothing, nor anything else that isn't listed above. They send their very grateful thanks to all those that can help. Donations can be left in the Parish Office porch, or you can contact Marygold direct on 01293 657070

### Justice & Peace assembly

The Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly is meeting on

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January** 2019 from 10am-4pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC) to learn about issues of Human Trafficking and how the Church can help. If you are interested in attending this free event please see the flyer on the Narthex Noticeboard and on the parish website.

## 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.

**Eucharistic Healing Services** - Mass will be celebrated, followed by prayers for healing - all welcome.

Contact Fr Rod 01342 710308 for further details. Next dates, **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2pm, Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm,**

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April 2pm.**

**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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Christian Meditation Group** - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Caterina 01243 554001. Next dates **30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

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

**Children's Mass** - 1st Saturday of each month at 5pm. **Next date will be 2<sup>nd</sup> February.**

**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.

*"Harbour neither hatred nor jealousy of anyone and do nothing out of envy"*

*(St Benedict)*

Next Sunday's Readings: **Third Sunday in OT (yr. C)**

1st Reading - Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10      2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

**Dedication to Theophilus**

### Daily Readings

Monday - Heb 5:1-10 Mark 2:18-22 (**St Agnes**)

Tuesday - Heb 6:10-20 Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday - Heb 7:1-4, 15-17 Mark 3:1-6

Thursday - Heb 7:25 - 8: 6: Mark 3:7-12 (**St Francis de Sales**)

Friday - Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mark 16:15-18 (**The Conversion of St Paul**)

Saturday - Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mark 3:20-21

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**Night time emergencies only:** 07494 484979

**Cheques to be made payable to** - Worth Abbey Parish

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

**In Touch:** If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at parish@worth.org.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.**