

Holy Week

With our celebration of Palm Sunday we enter into Holy Week, the summit of the Church's year. As our liturgy today reminds us, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem marks the high point of his ministry as champion of the poor: he is acclaimed as the expected Messiah by his triumphant followers on the Mount of Olives, while he is rejected by the scribes and Pharisees, on whom his prophetic action in the Temple expresses God's judgement as the leaders of the Judaism of his day. It is this action which leads directly to his condemnation by the Pharisees and Sadducees and his execution by the Roman authorities. Because it was the conviction of all the writers of the New Testament that it is Jesus' death which gains us our salvation, our remembering through the liturgy of the events of his passion, death and resurrection takes on such an importance for our lives. Through our liturgical remembering, the fruits of what Jesus accomplished for us become present to us again. This becomes especially clear in the Easter Vigil, the climax of the Triduum. After the liturgy of the fire and new light, which expresses the triumph of Jesus' resurrection over death, sin and suffering, and after the liturgy of the Word, we consecrate the baptismal font, using the Paschal Candle which has been lit from the fire, bringing the light of Christ into our community. This is the moment when around the whole world new members are baptised into the Church. This year we have no one to baptise here (though we *are* privileged to welcome two new members, already baptised Christians, into communion with the Catholic Church); but we are all invited to renew the grace of our baptism, and so to receive again the new life of the resurrection. In the early Church it was the custom, as it still is today in some Christian Churches, to have the baptismal font set into the ground, so that the new Christian would descend into the water, being completely submerged, and rise out at the other side, so expressing that, sacramentally, he or she joined Jesus in his death and resurrection. So St Paul writes: *If we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his...So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.* (Romans cp 6, vv 5 ff.)

I wish you all a happy and blessed celebration of Holy Week, and I hope that you will be able to join us for the services of the Triduum. (Please see below for a note of the times.)

*Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon.*

There will be no In Touch for the next 2 weeks. We will return on weekend of 4th/5th May.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Marisol Burrige, Helene Stoppani, Fr Alban Brooks, Peta Orr, Salvo Xerri, Mildred Young, Fr Anthony Porterfield, Abbot Dominic Gaisford, Elizabeth de Saventhem, Nicholas Burrige, John Willson, Dom Kevin Seasoltz, Jim Rochford, Don Cooper, John Nott, Jean Eicher, Nina Pokultinis, Simon Hulme, Edwin Ryan, Barbara Geary, Althea Harris, Coral Botting, Matthew Dawson and Veira Flanagan,

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



Prayers

Monday 15th April, is a special day of prayer for the survivors of child sexual abuse. Please pray for all those affected.

Please pray for Anna Record who is being confirmed on Sunday 5th May.

Please pray for all those being confirmed on 5th May.

Please pray for all those children who will be making their First Holy Communion on 12th May.

Parish News

Mass Times this Easter

Maundy Thursday – 18th April – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.30pm.

Good Friday - 19th April - The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm.

Holy Saturday – 20th April – The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night at 9pm.

Easter Sunday – 21st April – Sunday of the Resurrection at **9.30am**.

(Please note this is a change from the time in the Lent Leaflet)

Please collect your Gift Aid Envelopes from the Narthex. Thank You.

PEG Event - Oklahoma

Please be advised that the date for the trip to the Chichester Theatre, will be on **15th August**. Please see Flyers in the Narthex for information and contact Sara directly, sbh0369@yahoo.com Tel: 01444 461236. Thank you.

Plate Collection

Gift Aided – **£281.92**

Non Gift Aided - **£394.07**

There will be a Second Collection on 19th April for The Holy Places (Good Friday).

First Holy Communion Mass

Some of our children have been preparing for their First Holy Communion. The mass is scheduled for **Sunday 12th May** at 11.30am. Everyone is invited, so please feel free to join the children and welcome them to the Parish.

Baptism

Please pray for

Edward Klapczynski,

Isabella Rawlinson, Owen Moyle and

Fletcher Tobin who will all be presented at 9.30am

Mass on Sunday 28th April.

They will be Baptised on **18th May** at 11am.

Please come and welcome them to our Parish.

Pray for Vocations

There will be Silent prayer on **Friday 3rd May**, before the Blessed Sacrament, from after compline (9pm) through to midnight. You are welcome to join the monastic community in the Abbey Church for some part of this time.

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service this **Sunday (14th)** at 2.15pm. Celebration of Holy Mass, followed by prayers for healing. There will be a first class relic of St Padre Pio for veneration and blessing.

All are welcome.

CAFOD

Thank you for all your very generous donations. The totals collected were **£387.70** for CAFOD and **£602.38** for the CAFOD Cyclone Idai emergency appeal. There are still some emergency gift aid envelopes available in the Narthex for those who wish to contribute

Divine Mercy Sunday

A service of adoration, devotions and prayers for healing in The Friary Church, Crawley on **28th April** at 2.30pm. All are welcome

Youth and Faith- C1FN

Farah Khan, C1FN Poet, Crawley Young MP at the UK Youth Parliament, and Member of Crawley Young Persons Council will talk and there will be a Q&A session afterwards. All are welcome. Free admission. Refreshments.

This will be held on **Thursday 25th April** from 7pm – 9pm at The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD

Road Works – Turners Hill Crossroads

Sunday **14th April** from Crossroads to 10 Newstone Cottages.

Please see
www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel

Job Vacancy

School Chaplain and Deanery Youth Worker in Worthing. Chatsmore Catholic High School and the participating parishes in Worthing Deanery are looking to hire an experienced youth minister for the above post, Salary £30,000 starting in September. Application deadline is May 20th. For an application pack, Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

Lent Coffee Mornings

Final Coffee This Monday (15th) from 10.30am to 12noon.
Held at Cinderhill House, Horsted Keynes, Haywards Heath, RH17 7BD.
Everyone is welcome and any voluntary donations to CAFOD.

INSPIRE 2019 – Day for Youth Leaders

'INSPIRE' is the annual day for anyone who works with young people and young adults in a Catholic context, and anyone who is interested.

It's happening on Saturday **May 11th** at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, 10am to 2.30pm. Tickets are £10. The day will include some time with the Bishop, as well as a series of presentations on important questions in youth and young adult ministry.

To book head to tinyurl.com/InspireBookings or Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

Theology Course

There will be a one year foundation course in theology and ethics at St Mary's Catholic University, Twickenham. Please see our website for details.

The Refugees Welcome Crawley AGM

AGM and Bring and Share Meal is on **Monday April 15th** at 7.00 pm at the URC, Worth Park Avenue,

Three Bridges, Crawley RH10 3DF.

The business part of the meeting will be very short and will be followed by a meal. From past experience the meal is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good conversation with our Syrian and other friends, and with our many volunteers. The international food and Syrian cuisine is wonderful too!
Whether you are volunteering for the group or just wish to show your support, we would be delighted to welcome you.
Please tell your friends and communities they are welcome to come and join us.

Easter Triduum Retreat for Young Adults (18-35s)

This Easter weekend, there will be a retreat for young adults at Worth Abbey.

Celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The monastic community at Worth Abbey and the members of The Wellspring Community invite you to join us for this great Feast!

To Book, please contact The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey (TOC@worthabbey.net) for a booking form.

If you have any questions, do drop us an email
youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!

Alpha 3

Alpha 3 coming **Sunday 5th May** 11-12.30pm, served with 'brunch': Our 2nd group celebrate the final session of the Alpha programme on Monday.

We already have a waiting list, for our next series, which we will be opening up over the Easter period. Alpha, in a Catholic Context, is an evangelistic course which seeks to remind us of the basics of our Christian faith through a series of talks and open discussions over a meal. It is described as "an opportunity to explore the meaning of life".

In the Parish we now have nearly 40 friends who have completed the course. From next weekend - watch out for the team who will be handing out flyers with joining details and who will be very happy to talk to you about how it has been for them.

CAFOD launches new Climate Campaign

Climate change affects our health, our homes, our heritage and our beautiful landscapes. It ruins the work we do to fight poverty and to lead better lives. We have made huge progress on climate change, but things are urgent now. We need to work together to go further, faster to end climate change. Together we Catholics can turn the tide. We can treat our home with respect by leading the way, taking responsibility and forging new habits. We can call on politicians to go further and faster with emissions cuts.

Please see our website for more information.

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 - Now Meeting 1st / 3rd Wednesday at 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 are **Sun 14th April** at 2pm and **Wed 15th May** at 7.15pm.

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 will be **5th May** and **2nd June**.

Christian Meditation Group - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Caterina 01243 554001. Next date is **24th April**.

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. **Next date 3rd May**.

Children's Mass - 1st Saturday of each month at 5pm. **Next date will be 4th May**.

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.

"There are times when good words are to be left unsaid out of esteem for silence. For all the more reason, then, should evil speech be curbed so that punishment for sin may be avoided"

(St Benedict)

Next Sunday's Readings: **Easter Sunday (yr. C)**

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

2nd Reading - Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

Daily Readings

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 - Exod 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

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

Saturday - 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 (**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**)

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Any 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.