

Day of Prayer For Creation

Pope Francis has asked us all to make Sunday a day of prayer for all Creation. We remember that Creation is a special concern of his, which he wants every Christian to adopt. He is the first Pope to dedicate an encyclical to this issue, *Laudato Si*, and we know that this was a very timely response to the ecological crisis which our planet faces. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to “reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

This weekend is the beginning of “Creation Time”, which runs until the feast of St Francis, on 4th October. Our parish will celebrate a special mass for Creation on Saturday, 5th, to unite our prayers with those of the whole world in the great offering and intercession of Jesus. Do please note this in your diaries.

You will remember CAFOD’s campaign, *Our Common Home*, and will find materials on their website. (This is available via the parish website, together with the text of *Laudato Si* and an excellent commentary on it by Alan Rew.) They write: *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 and 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 visit their website, and please use this prayer from *Laudato Si*:

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

Praise be to you! Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, You became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.

Praise be to you! Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father’s love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Agnes Trinham, Dom Benedict Sankey, David Barwell, Peter Grace, Margaret Owers, David Carter, Reg Parker, Rorie Duncan, Bridget Cheal Snelling, Norman Maddock and Alexandra Church.

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

Prayers



Please pray for the healing of Laura Rawlinson. Please pray for her family.

Please pray for Sheila Gates, who died on 2nd August. Please pray for her family.

Please pray for Monica Trinkwon who died on 25th August. Please pray for D'Arcy, her son and all of her family.

Baptism

Our Baptism preparation course begins on **6th October**. If you would like to be included, please contact the parish office.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Final opportunity to register for the above. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be included.

Alpha

You are invited to Alpha to enjoy a time of good food, even better conversation and talks to encourage you to reflect. Ideal for new parishioners and all of us who would like to deepen our faith.

Alpha runs weekly

From: Monday 9th Sept

7.30pm-9.00pm

Location: Unity Room, Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to join the group.

Plate Collection

Gift Aided – **£472.01**

Non Gift Aided – **£526.45**

(We would encourage visitors to use the Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes)

**Next weekend there will be a second collection for
“The Catholic Education Service”.**

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education.



Outreach Peru

Outreach Peru thanks the parish for their support for the Copthorne Consort concert on Sunday, 30th June. **£1359** was raised in the collection towards the eleven projects that Outreach Peru is funding this year.

Bible Study Group

Would you like to join a Bible study group? We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7,30pm and finish for Compline at 9pm.

Our next meeting is on **4th September** in St Benedict's (Parish Office). We are reading the book of Exodus, and will study cp19 next time. We try to look at modern commentaries and also at Jewish and early Christian interpretations. Please let the office know if you can come, or just appear!

Save the Date

1st December – Junior Church Christmas Social after 09.30 mass. More information will follow in due course.

Silent Retreat at Worth Abbey

16th-19th September

A chance to get away from the busy world and enjoy time and space to be still, refresh your spiritual life and explore your relationship with God in quiet contemplation.

The retreat also offers the opportunity to join with the Monastic Community for daily prayer and liturgy.

The cost is £265 and your stay is fully inclusive.

You will stay in St Bruno's where we offer a warm welcome, good food and comfortable accommodation. For further information or to book your place, contact the **Bookings Secretary on 01342 710318 or email: toc@worth.org.uk**

Individual self-led retreat at Worth Abbey

22nd and 24th October

Individuals are invited to book a stay for self-led retreats. Minimum 2 night stay, arriving from 4pm on the first day until after lunch on the final day. We are not able to offer spiritual direction but you are welcome to enjoy the extensive grounds for walking, a visit the Quiet Garden and participate in the daily rhythm of prayer and liturgy as a framework for your retreat; the cost is £126 and your stay is fully inclusive.

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Grandparents Diocesan Formation Day

Monday 23rd September at St John the Evangelist, Horsham, RH12 2PJ.

The guest speaker is Elizabeth O'Shea, a parenting expert, who will help us to explore strategies to help our grandchildren cope with the pressures they live under today

(<https://parent4success.com/about-me/>)

Begins with parish Mass at 10 am and will finish by 4 pm. Come and meet and share with other Grandparents. Honorary Grandparents welcome! Packed lunch needed. Drinks provided.

Booking essential at Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk

(Please advise me of any special needs you may have when booking – thank you).

Dialogue and Unity Day 2019

Catholicism and Islam: Encounter and Engagement

Saturday 28th September 10-4pm - St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.

Bring a packed lunch.

The day is for Catholics and anyone who is interested in this topic, so bring friends - all welcome.

We will be exploring the Churches teaching and examples of the teaching being lived out, how the teaching is delivered in our Catholic Schools and we will hear a response from our friend Kauser Akhtar, Surrey Faith Links Adviser, Muslim, Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking.

Come along and find out about interfaith groups around Surrey and Sussex and explore this rich area of our Churches teaching which is so important to understand today.

Booking form at **www.abdiocese.org.uk**

Help us to use our resources well and to welcome you in the best way we can by booking. Thank you.

Gatwick Detainee Centre

Clothing required. Please see list below. We have been asked to let you know that these are the only items they need at the moment. Unfortunately they do not have the staff, space or time to sort out non-relevant clothes, e.g. for women, children, unwashed, over-large, etc. Thank you so much for your understanding.

Trainers – sizes 8-11 only

Jeans – waist 30", 32", 34", 36" only

Jogging bottoms and shorts – S, M, L

T-shirts (in good condition only and without controversial logos)

Flip-flops/ slippers – S, M, L

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.

Lectio Divina - Tuesdays 8.20pm, for 30 mins, Parlour 1 (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 **8th September** (NOT 1st September), and **6th October**.

Christian Meditation Group - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Caterina 01243 554001. Next dates are **11th September and 25th September** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. **Next date 13th September.**

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.

*"The first step of humility, then, is that man keeps the 'fear of God' always 'before his eyes'
and never forgets it"
(St Benedict)*

Next Sunday's Readings: **23rd Sunday in OT**

1st Reading - Wisdom 9:13-18 2nd Reading - Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way

Daily Readings

Monday - 1 Thess 4:13-18 Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday - 1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11 Luke 4:31-37 **(St Gregory the Great)**

Wednesday - Col 1:1-8 Luke 4:38-44

Thursday - Col 1:9-14 Luke 5:1-11

Friday - Col 1: 15-20 Luke 5: 33-39

Saturday - Col 1:21-23 Luke 6:1-5

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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.