

Our Common Home : A Celebration of Creation

Our faith asserts that Creation is God's gift to us. It belongs to Him, as Creator, but He entrusts it to us as stewards, whom He made in His own image and likeness, to act in the world on His behalf and according to His design. We know now that our common home is in great danger because of climate change, which is a product of human activity, and that we all need to work together urgently to preserve the world which is ours and God's. On Friday we celebrated the feast of St Francis, the great lover of nature. Of him Pope Francis writes : *Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness...Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.* (Laudato Si, #12) He continues to remind us that all people must be involved in finding the solution: *The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.* This message of faith and hope is essential for the success of our work. *The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.* He notes that the poorest nations suffer most, and that young people demand change. *They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.* (L.S. #14) For this reason our celebration on Saturday gives young people the opportunity to speak and act and to pray together.

CAFOD challenges us to act now before it is too late. *Ten years ago, the UK Government took a global lead and passed the pioneering Climate Change Act, committing us to reduce carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2050. But we've come a long way since then and recent research by climate scientists has stressed that this is no longer enough. We need to go further, faster. Unless we make dramatic changes, the damage caused by climate change will be irreversible.*

Please sign the petition in the narthex asking the government to elaborate policies which will achieve net zero emissions by 2045. Please pray for the success of all the initiatives being taken, and consider, perhaps by consulting the CAFOD website, how you can help to reduce your own emissions.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Denis McCrory, Elvira Castro, Fr Robert, David Whiting, Desire Powlett, Bill Murphy, Alan Thomas, Jack Prosser, Glen Robertson, Mary Mason, Jack Harwood-Davis, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy and Arthur Maynard.

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.

Jerry Loney would like to thank you all for your prayers. He is now back at home
Convalescing. Jerry says "all is A OK,"



Have you ever tried the 333 challenge? This is a minimalist fashion challenge that invites you to dress with 33 items of clothing for 3 months.
(which includes shoes and accessories)

You can remove a significant amount of stress from your life, simply by reducing the number of items in your closet and anything you find you now don't need can be donated.

Plate Collection

Gift Aided – **£386.23** Non Gift Aided – **£443.63**
(We would encourage visitors to use the Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes)
**This weekend there will be a Second Collection for
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**

If anyone knows of a Landlord in the East Grinstead area, who would be able to accommodate a Syrian refugee family, please do contact the Parish office.
Thank you



Save the Date



Wednesday 16th October – Schola & Scholars Concert with Ardingly College. 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Balcombe.

Sunday October 20th – Parish Walk. See below

Sunday 10th November – Faure's Requiem at 7,30pm in the Abbey.

Saturday 30th November – Our 5pm mass will be a celebration of our friendship with the Church and people of Uganda. As always, we will have a wonderful Ugandan Choir to bring us African joy in music and dance, and we will have a party after mass in Compass House. Please bring dessert if you can and please let us know if you can come.

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

Sunday 1st December – Choral Society & Worth School Orchestra at 7,30pm in the Abbey.

Tuesday 10th December – Worth School & Ardingly College – Carols for the Community at 11.30am in the Abbey.

Sunday 15th December – Christmas Music from Handel's Messiah at 7.30pm in the Abbey.

Sunday 22nd December – Family Carol Service at 4pm in the Abbey.

Cardinal John Henry Newman

Solemn Vespers to mark the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman.

Held in Arundel Cathedral at 4.00pm on **13th October.**

Celebrant: Canon Jonathan Martin VG.

All are welcome

We have received materials about Newman and a booklet for a novena in preparation for the canonization which we can send out on request.

If you have moved recently or changed your contact details, please do let us know in the parish office, so that we may update your details. Thank you.

Nazareth Youth Group

Young people from the parish in years 9-13 are warmly invited to join the Nazareth Youth group on a Wednesday evening in Compass House with the Forerunner team between 5.45pm-7pm. It includes pizza, games, worship and social times. If anyone who is interested could contact Veronika: **vbulakova@worth.org.uk**

Celebrating a Special Anniversary?

We have a great number of couples joining us at Arundel on **12th October** to celebrate their particular anniversaries, but we would love you to join us! Mass is at Arundel Cathedral at 12noon celebrated by Bishop Richard. Please do contact Katherine Bergin on **Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk** for further details.

Sleeping Beauty



The Parish Events Group (PEG) is considering organising a New Year matinee pantomime trip for families, to 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Yvonne Arnaud theatre in Guildford.

The cost will be £35 per person which will include coach travel and our customary quality coach fayre....food and fizz (for all ages!) on the way home.

A wonderful family experience or treat for grandparents and grandchildren!

Please could you let me know as soon as poss. if you would be interested in tickets; if there is sufficient interest, I will go ahead and organise the event for Sunday 5 January 2020.

Sara Barclay-Hudson (sbh0369@yahoo.com)

Parish Walk

Next parish walk Sunday October 20th. A walk starting in the car park opposite Ardingly Inn distance approximately three and a half miles. This is a circular walk across the Sussex countryside with wonderful views, a slight climb up to the reservoir and then a walk along beside the reservoir through the grounds of Ardingly College and back for lunch at The Ardingly Inn. Everybody most welcome including those who may just want to lunch or just to walk. We will meet in the car park for 11.15 a.m. start and finish for lunch at 1.30. Please let me know if you are able to come on 01892 770942 or trishiasol@aol.com.

The Big Encounter 2019 – Youth and Young adult's festival

Our Annual Diocesan Festival for Young People and Young Adults (15-35 or thereabouts) is happening on Saturday November 9th at St Dunstan's Church in Woking. Doors open at 3.30pm, programme starts at 4pm, and we end with Mass at 6pm which will be celebrated by Bishop Richard. The keynote speaker for the event will be Father David King, one of our most popular speakers. There will be live music, creative prayer, food, and a chance to make some friends. For more information, check out [Facebook.com/CatholicEncounter](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEncounter) or contact **Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk**

Job – School Chaplain / Deanery Youth Worker, Worthing

Four parishes in the Worthing area, together with Chatsmore Catholic High School, are looking for somebody with experience and vision to lead a ground-breaking project delivering quality youth ministry across the Worthing area. It's about delivering chaplaincy services in a vibrant Catholic High School, and creating opportunities to engage young people across three parishes in Worthing and one in Shoreham. SALARY: £30,500 For more information or an application pack, please contact **Jack.Regan@abdiocese.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 – 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 **13th Oct** (NOT 6th October),

3rd November, 8th December (NOT 1 Dec) and **5th January**.

Christian Meditation Group - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Caterina 01243 554001. Next dates are **9th and 30th October** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. **Next dates are 8th November and 6th December.**

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.

Bible Study Group – Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please double check with the Parish Office.

“ Listen and attend with the ear of your heart ”

(St Benedict)

Next Sunday's Readings: **28th Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – 2 Kings 5:14-17 2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus Cleanses 10 Lepers

Daily Readings

Monday – Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11 Luke 10:25-37 (**Our Lady of the Rosary**)

Tuesday – Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday – Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4

Thursday – Mal 3:13-20b Luke 11:5-13

Friday – Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2 Luke 11:15-26

Saturday – Ecc 4:11-18 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 19:25-27

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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.