

“Idleness is the enemy of the soul; and therefore the brethren ought to be employed in manual labour at certain times, at others, in devout reading.”
(Rule of St Benedict)



Tips for the weekend – 28th / 29th October

Encouraging birds in to the garden is good for wildlife and it is a joy to watch the birds

Autumn is the best time to put up bird boxes and to clean out old ones

For tips on siting bird boxes and cleaning them see: www.rspb.org.uk

Fr Paul and Theresa Hobson Frohock, who leads the parish Evangelisation team, attended a conference the other week about The New Evangelisation. We are grateful to Theresa for the following article.

New Evangelisation: 'Divine Renovation' - a process to help parishes to change from 'Maintenance to Mission'. Its strong foundation is our Catholic values, the teaching of the Church and the call of the Gospel, highlighted over and over again by each Pope since Vatican II. Through our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ we are called go out joyfully to form disciples for The Lord.

The Synod of Bishops, XIII Ordinary General Assembly, in 2011, was entitled, THE NEW EVANGELIZATION for THE TRANSMISSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The introduction to the Assembly covered the following :

- The Duty to Evangelize
- Evangelization and Discernment
- Evangelization in Today's World, Beginning with Its Challenges

A document which emerged in 2013 from this Assembly was Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, which is the inspiration for our Re-Lit programme: to evangelise the baptised, so **that we too** can become missionary disciples and bring others to know Jesus and experience his healing love.

The Urgency of a New Evangelization Last week, over the course of two days at St Mary's University, Twickenham, 100 Clergy (including two Bishops) and 200 Lay Leaders came together to open our hearts to this call. We heard from Fr James Mallon and his team about the transformational journey the Parish of St Benedict in Halifax, Nova Scotia has undertaken over the last ten years. They shared with us the lessons they had learned along the way and explored key themes from the original book, *Divine Renovation – Bringing your parish from Maintenance To Mission*. The new *Guide Book* that accompanies it is full of tools to equip us to bring transformation to our own parish and community.

What came over loud and clear was that we do not need to adopt secularism or to make changes to Church teaching in order to attract people to Christ. What we do need, however, is courage to make a deep change in our pastoral methods, and courage to implement new models of faith formation, discipleship and Christian living. The first principle is to walk alongside people with an open and non-judgmental heart, especially those who are lost, alone, questioning, confused, and hurting; and to invite them, welcome them, share with them, in simple ways, so that they come to see, hear and feel the joyful love of The Lord for themselves.

The experience we felt and witnessed last week was so immense and inspiring, challenging yet affirming, powerful and transformational and, most of all, full of hope. To be with so many wonderful people and to share our concerns and worries for the Church and society and to be so uplifted was a tremendous gift. We would love to share this with you and we invite you to search for a deeper understanding of what Fr James and his team are achieving. An article in our Parish bulletin cannot do it justice, so, to get a sense of what they shared with us, we encourage you to visit the website of a Church that is full of The Holy Spirit, bringing people to faith and helping them live out the mission of Jesus Christ with joy. See <http://www.saintbenedict.ca/> Please see also our parish website for the documents mentioned above.

(James Mallon's book, *Divine Renovation*, is published by Twenty Third Publications, New London, 2014, ISBN 978 1 62785 038 4)

Anniversaries - Please pray for the souls of - Martin MacDonnell, Trevor Botting, Margaret Mary Hull Ruth Cross, Norman Smith, Catherine Castle (Ladywood), Derek Kirby-Turner, Winefrid Osborne, Kathy Maynard, Will Gardner, Mary Loftus, Patsy Willson, Andrew Smith Paterson
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Please pray for the family of Erin Lehane, who will be baptised next Saturday, 4th November. We pray for her parents, Sandra and Jerry and all her family who will be with her on this special day.

Following today's first reading encouraging us to protect the poor, would anyone like to volunteer in any of the projects with which the parish is involved?

The Gatwick Visitors Group, which visits immigration detainees held at the airport; Refugees Welcome Crawley, who befriend and help refugee families who live locally; the Crawley SVP Group, who assist families in need in the Crawley area; Life, which supports a house in Crawley and another in Haywards Heath, for single mothers; helping prepare and serve meals in the Friary Hall in Crawley on Sundays at lunch time.

Please look at the web site, on the volunteering page, or get in touch with the office for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers Retreat: For those who were unable to come to the previous retreat, we are organising another half day retreat on Saturday 4th November. For those who can, we will begin with a time of Lectio Divina and then we will look at some aspects of the Eucharist and talk about any practical issues which we may need to consider. We will finish by going down to church for mid-day prayer at 1pm and for those who can stay, we will offer Lunch in Compass House. Please let us know if you can come and if you can stay for lunch.

2nd Collection Next Weekend: Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Retired Priests Fund.

Parish Census: Have you changed address or telephone number within the last few years? Would you consider yourself a regular parishioner (Come to mass at least once a month)? Our Parish database is in need of an update, which will require your help. Next weekend we will be handing out a form for you all to fill in. You can do this at home and bring it back the following week or even fill in the new parishioner form on our website. Please look out for this form next week. . (We will remove from the database the names of those who do not return a form.)

Marriage Catechists: On Saturday 25th November, there will be a Day of Reflection for those involved with Marriage Preparation. We will be a meeting with the Bishop at DABCEC from 9.45am-4pm to look at how we can support engaged couples in their faith journey. There will be opportunities for input and some sharing of good practice. If you are involved in any form of marriage support or preparation, you are invited to come along.

Birthday Celebration of Guru Nanak, Ifield Gurdwara: An invitation has been extended via Crawley Interfaith for us to join the celebration at Ifield Gurdwara, 3rd November – 5th November. (Guru Nanak, 1469-1539, was the founder of Sikhism.) The celebrations begin on Friday and conclude on Sunday morning. (Fr Paul hopes to visit on Saturday at about 2 pm.) Vegetarian breakfast and lunch will be offered. We are asked to remove shoes and cover heads. (Covering is provided.) Address: Crawley Gurdwara, Ifield Green, Crawley, RH11 0NU. Please make it know that you are from Crawley Interfaith.

All Saints Mass times: Vigil mass - 31st October, 7.30pm; 1st November - 8 am, and 4.45 pm, with the school. 2nd November, **The Feast of All Souls** - 8am and 5.30pm.

OTHER EVENTS

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people: Is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 7 November on the theme Russian Soul with Griff Rhys Jones as presenter. The music includes pieces by Rachmaninov, Borodin, Mussorgsky and Tchaikovsky with soloists Boris Giltburg, Duncan Rock and Robert Lloyd. For more details visit <http://nutsconcert.com/> or call 020 7592 1856

Hope 2017 – Festival day for 11-14s, with Rise Theatre: On Sunday November 19th (2pm to 5.30pm) the diocese is running a festival day for young people aged 11-14 at Arundel Cathedral. The day coincides with the first World Day for the Poor, and will challenge us to think about how we are living Christ's call to serve those in need. The day will include Mass with Bishop Richard, as well as drama from RISE Theatre, and input from CAFOD and others. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org for more information, or to book. We are expecting those attending to be part of organised groups. Young people wanting to attend without accompanying adults must contact Jack Regan for a consent form.

Catholic Singles: This is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

The BIG ENCOUNTER: Saturday November 11 at Newman College in Hove. The programme starts at 7pm. Doors open 6.30. And what a programme it is... The music is being led by One Hope Project, who are probably the biggest Catholic band in the country right now, and the keynote speaker is Maria Rodrigues from Premier Christian Radio. Bishop Richard will be leading the time of adoration, and an army of others will be on hand, from priests offering confession, to people from a variety of organisations providing 'mini-workshop' activities. The evening is free and it's open to anyone aged 15-30. It's the biggest festival we've held in the Diocese for some time, and we're hoping to pack the place! For more information, contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org or search for 'Catholic Encounter' on Facebook.

Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday November 4th at 1pm in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Email: mag.booker@gmail.com . Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159.

Safeguarding Update & Celebratory Mass: With Bishop Richard: On Saturday 11 November 2017 at Christ the Prince of Peace in Weybridge. The event will commence with tea/coffee on arrival from 10.00am, to include updates on Safeguarding Plans for offenders attending Mass, the new Basic Awareness Refresher Training, the DBS eligibility tool and other DBS updates. Mass will be at 12.15 pm followed by a light lunch. To book a place email: safeguarding@dabnet.org

Marriage Preparation Day of Reflection: We will be meeting with Bishop Richard on **Saturday, 25th November** at DABCEC from 9.45-4.00, to look at how we can support engaged couples in their faith journey. There will be opportunities for input and some sharing of good practice. For more information and to book contact Katherine Bergin on 01293 651152 or email katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

SAVE THE DATE MUSIC EVENTS

Sunday 5th November - Faure's Requiem in the Abbey Church @ 7.30pm, in aid of the Sisters of Grace and Compassion.

Sunday 12th November - Worth Choral Society in the Abbey Church @ 7.30pm. Programme includes "Miserere" by Jans Zelenka, in aid of Worth Irundu Friendship.

Sunday 3rd December - Christmas Music from Handel's Messiah in the Abbey Church @ 7.30pm, in aid of Worth Irundu Friendship.

Tuesday 12th December - Joint Carol Concert for the Circle Club and the local Nursing Homes (Worth Schola and Ardingly College Schola) in the Abbey Church @ 11.30am

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Adoration: Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Reflection, music and silence. **Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** Sundays 9.10-9.30am before Mass. **Marian Prayer Group** - 2nd/4th Monday, 7.30pm, Lady Chapel. **Lectio Divina** - Tuesdays 8.20pm, for 30 mins, Parlour 3 (entry from the Narthex) then Compline. **Mass with Prayers for Healing** (1st Wednesday) 7.15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel. **Christian Meditation Group**, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Next dates will be 8th and 29th November. Contact Gabrielle 01342 326118/Caterina 01243 554001. **Vigil for Vocations** (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 3rd November. **Children's Liturgy** (1st Saturday) Next date 4th November (Our Lady of the Rosary). **Sunday Prayers for Healing** Monthly half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 9.30 am Sunday Mass. Next dates 5th November and 3rd 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; marian.imhasly@gmail.com. **Mothers Prayer Group** in Balcombe every Tuesday 12pm. Call Marie 07860 845658. All faiths and none are most welcome.

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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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Sunday 31 1st Reading - Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 2nd Reading - 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13

Gospel - Matthew 23:1-12 - Jesus attacks the scribes and Pharisees for their false forms of piety

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.

"But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father-the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Daily Readings

Monday - Rom 8:12-17 Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday - Rom 8:18-25 Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday (All Saints) - Revel 7:2-4 1 John 3:1-3 Matt 5:1-12

Thursday (All Souls) - Wis 3:1-9 Rom 6:3-9 Matt 25:31-46

Friday - Rom 9:1-5 Luke 14:1-6

Saturday - Rom 11:1-2,11-12,25-29 Luke 14:1,7-11

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