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<https://worthabbey.net/spiritual-resources/liturgy-live-streaming/>

Dear Parishioners

I have great pleasure in sending you our latest copy of **In Touch**. This week we offer In Touch as a simple email, and also as a PDF and Word document. I hope that this will overcome any problems of formatting. Please let us know if this helps. If anyone has expertise in this field, please let me know.

You will have read that it is now permitted to open churches for private prayer from Monday. We look forward to opening the church at Worth as soon as we can put all the necessary arrangements in place to guarantee everyone's safety. However, there are some necessarily strict conditions which we must meet in order to protect any visitors who may come. In particular, we need 2 stewards to oversee the church each time it is open. The stewards must be under 70 years and in good health, for their own safety, and be available for 2 hours at a time. The times of opening will be dependent on the availability of stewards, but, ideally, we hope to be able to open the church twice a day on weekdays, and in the afternoons at the weekend. If you feel you could help us with this service please get in touch with Fr Paul to discuss what will be involved. Before opening the church on or around 15th June we need to ensure that all steps are in place to ensure that the church is as safe as possible. Please see the parish website for announcements. <http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>

## Refugee Week

On Monday we begin Refugee Week. You will remember that last year we were able to celebrate this by inviting some of the Syrian families who live locally to come to Worth for a picnic. This was a great success and was enjoyed very much both by our guests and by "the home team", who hosted the group and made them welcome. The invitation was made through Refugees Welcome Crawley, who work hard to help newly arrived families to integrate into British society. Do please pray for them, and visit our website for more information about their wonderful work. (<http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/refugees/>)

This year, of course, we cannot offer this. Instead, you might like to take part in events on-line. A series of on-line events is offered throughout the week by *Emily at Refugee Week* [emily=counterpointsarts.org.uk@mlsend.com](mailto:emily=counterpointsarts.org.uk@mlsend.com). This offers many different events – including art, music (including the Sufi poetry of Rumi), cookery classes, reflections on Immigration Detention, films, and activities for young people. There are stories about child refugees, an opportunity to build a virtual dolls' house, and an activity pack for 5 to 18 year-olds.

Their banner this year reads *Now is the time to Stand in solidarity, Defend our diversity, Listen, and together Imagine a different world.* Their call for solidarity leads well into Sunday's celebration of Corpus Christi, remembering that we all form one Body in Christ. St Paul, reflecting on the Body of Christ, writing to the Corinthians (1 Co.12) says : <sup>26</sup>*If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.*

For all information about Refugee Week, please see <http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/refugee-week-15th-21st-june-2020/>

Some of you will know about **The Refugee Tales**, run by members of the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG), with others. This normally takes place in early July – a walk to raise awareness of the issues, and, each evening, the telling of some of their stories, as written up by famous authors. There is also music and much fun and enjoyment, and the whole project reflects something of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. This year, of course, there can be no walk, but instead they have devised three on-line events which we can all access for free. Do please sign up for these. Anna Pincus, of GDWG, writes :

### Launching Refugee Tales

Our Refugee Tales 2020 programme launches today. To see an outline of the programme 3rd to 5th July, take a look at our new website [www.refugeetales.org](http://www.refugeetales.org)

We have talks, readings, film, music and tales in our programme of online events. Our theme is 'Calling for a Future without Detention.' We have talks by Ali Smith and Kamila Shamsie, a film by Ridy, first person testimony by Kasonga, new tales by Robert Macfarlane, Simon Smith and Christy Lefteri, viola da gamba music, folk, jazz and much more...

Here are the **links to book** for our evening events and please share them with your friends and contacts: **3rd July** [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-tales-2020-tickets-107211253746?utm\\_campaign=post\\_publish&utm\\_content=EBLinkEvent&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eventbrite&utm\\_term=shortLinkViewMyEvent](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-tales-2020-tickets-107211253746?utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_content=EBLinkEvent&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_term=shortLinkViewMyEvent)

**4th July** [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-tales-2020-tickets-107216138356?utm\\_campaign=post\\_publish&utm\\_content=EBLinkEvent&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eventbrite&utm\\_term=shortLinkViewMyEvent](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-tales-2020-tickets-107216138356?utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_content=EBLinkEvent&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_term=shortLinkViewMyEvent)

**5th July** [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-tales-2020-tickets-107217540550?utm\\_campaign=post\\_publish&utm\\_content=EBLinkEvent&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eventbrite&utm\\_term=shortLinkViewMyEvent](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-tales-2020-tickets-107217540550?utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_content=EBLinkEvent&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_term=shortLinkViewMyEvent)

For all these, please see the Latest Events on our homepage -

<http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>, and <http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/refugees/>

Please look at the material from Divine Renovation, and at Everybody Welcome Online, at <http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/sacraments-faith/evangelisation/> Do please make your suggestions about how we can improve our outreach on-line. Meanwhile, our parish team are working hard to find ways of attracting people; but everyone has a part to play, so do please talk about the website to any friends who might be interested and encourage them to visit.

### **Anniversaries**

**Please pray for the Souls of Betty Clegg, John Paris, Bernadette Marchant, Pauline Godfrey, Beryl Paris, Daniel McNaboe, Doris Moody, Julian Millest, Tony Curtis, Eileen Ortiger, Revd Richard Harvey, Richard O'Connor, Jack Gould, Phyllis Gould**

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

### **Prayers**

Please pray for Refugees around the world, and for those who care for them.

Please pray for Mac and Maureen Hobson Frohock, both of whom died recently. RIP. Please pray also for Theresa, their daughter, and all her family.

Please pray for Jane Allison, RIP, who died on Sunday, and for Richard, her husband, and Rachel, their daughter.

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



Please pray for all in need of healing and those who care for them.

Please pray for those who live alone, especially our own parishioners.

Please pray for all who are suffering from mental illness.

Please pray for Fr Patrick, who is now back at Worth, but receiving treatment regularly at the Marsden Hospital.

Please pray for John and Beryl Paris, whose anniversaries occur this week, and who were very generous benefactors to our chapel of St Dunstan in West Hoathly.

### **Parish Finances**

I would like to thank very much all those of you who have been generous enough to change from using Gift Aid envelopes to making a standing order in favour of the parish. At this moment when we have no congregation in church our income has fallen by about £750 per week in the absence of the plate collection. If anyone else could consider making a standing order I would be most grateful. Do please get in touch with the parish and we will send you the necessary forms.

Thank you very much.  
Fr Paul

**Next Week's Readings : 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Romans 5: 12-15; Matthew 10: 26-33**

**Monday : (week 11 in Ordinary Time) : 1 Kings 21: 1-16; Matthew 5: 38-42**

**Tuesday : (St Richard of Chichester) 1 Kings 21: 17-29; Matthew 5: 43-48**

**Wednesday : 2 Kings 2: 1,6-14; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18**

**Thursday : Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-15; Matthew 6: 7-15**

**Friday : The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus : Deuteronomy 7: 6-11; 1 John 4: 7-16; Matthew 11: 25-30**

**Saturday : The Immaculate Heart of Mary : 2 Chronicles 24: 17-25. Luke 2: 41-51**

**Please view a new prayer video by Pope Francis about the environment and those in need : ["Common Prayer for Earth and Humanity"](#)**

**For children and young people :**

Every Sunday join [CAFOD's Virtual Children's Liturgy](#) at 10.00am.

In the light of school closures CAFOD has resources for [primary school children and young people](#).

**For the foreseeable future, Maria will be working from home.  
We will all be in contact through email and will pick up your telephone messages.**

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**In Touch:** If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact us at parish@worth.org.uk (By Wednesday morning.)