

Worth Abbey Live Streaming–
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Dear Parishioners

I have pleasure in sending you our latest copy of **In Touch** which I hope you will enjoy.

This week I should like to begin with a request. One consequence of lockdown is that the nature of many jobs changed almost overnight, to involve a great deal of work on line, demanding for many a lot of new skills. Teachers must have had the biggest learning curve of all, but parish priests and their teams have not escaped. As few on our team are very youthful, we lack the skills of social media and communication on line, which, we are frequently told just now, are vital for evangelisation. Would anyone be able to help us with this area of work ? Do please let me if you can. I and the team will be very grateful.

A Day For Life

On Sunday we are invited to celebrate A Day For Life – a moment to reflect and to pray about the mystery of God’s gift of life. At the heart of the mystery is our God-given dignity of being made in His image and likeness, as the first account of Creation relates (Gen. 1.26-28). This dignity is given equally to every man and woman, and does not depend on who we are, nor how we act and live, but is simply ours in virtue of being a creature of God and infinitely loved by Him. It is the basis for all human rights, and cannot be lost nor taken from us.

The Day For Life is promoted by the Bishops of England and Wales. They write : *A Day for Life is the day in the Church’s year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.* We are all familiar with those who champion one or other

aspect of human life and dignity. Some will concentrate especially on matters of social justice – issues of poverty and wealth and the scandal of the gross inequality which we see both at home and around the world; or on the needs of refugees and migrants, or the homeless; or the scourge of violence and warfare. Others will concentrate on the evil of abortion and of euthanasia, and promote the loving care of the elderly. But of course all these concerns are of equal importance, and the true Christian teaching is that we must defend human life at every moment and in all circumstances.

The theme which the Bishops have chosen for this year is the protection of mothers and unborn children, and bringing hope and healing after abortion. Please visit our parish website to read about the initiatives being taken, most especially Rachel's Vineyard. The organisers write : *Weekend retreats are offered for women who have had abortions and people who have been hurt or affected by abortion... They offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment where women and men can deal with painful post-abortive emotions...and when participants can experience God's love and compassion.*

Lord, instil in us and in all people an understanding of the sacredness of every human life. Inspire our efforts to protect and care for the most vulnerable; especially women who are pregnant and their unborn children, the sick, and the elderly.

Please see the website : <http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/day-for-life-sunday-21st-june-2020/>

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of Kathleen Southwood; Bernadette Brailey; Amy Noyce; Ian Gibson; Ted Spice; Dora Bridger; Nigel Daniels; Alan Harris; Colette Hélène Rowland; Mary Carling; Valerie Maitland; Bert White; Fr Charles Hallinan

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

Prayers

Please pray for all expectant mothers and their unborn children.

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 recently, 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.

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 : Saints Peter and Paul, Year A Acts 12: 1-11; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16: 13-19

Monday : (week 12 in Ordinary Time) : SS John Fisher and

Thomas More : 2 Maccabees 6: 18, 21, 24-31; Matthew 24: 4-13

Tuesday : 2 Kings 19: 9-11, 14-21, 31-36; Matthew 7: 6, 12-14

Wednesday : Birthday of John the Baptist : Isaiah 49: 1-6; Acts 13: 22-26; Luke 1: 57-66, 80

Thursday : 2 Kings 24: 8-17; Matthew 7: 21-29

Friday : 2 Kings 25: 1-12; Matthew 8: 1-4

Saturday : Lamentations 2: 2,10-14,18-19

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.](#)

An aspect of the Feast of the Holy Trinity which I forgot the other week was sent to me by one of our readers – an inspiring idea for all celebrants, for which I am most grateful.

Trinity Sunday always reminds me of possibly the best homily ever which we experienced in the West of Ireland some years ago. We went to mass on Trinity Sunday. At the end of the Gospel the congregation sat down for the homily. The priest said: “the Trinity is a mystery and because it is a mystery it is important to have faith. Now let us all stand together and profess that faith”. With that a startled congregation got back to their feet and joined him in the Creed. Beat that!!

**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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