

In Touch, no. 1221
25th/26th July 2020

Dear Parishioners

It was very good to welcome you all again to our celebrations of the Eucharist. These continue as before – Saturday at 5 pm, Sunday at 9.30 am, and Tuesday at 10 am. I would like to thank those of you who have kindly offered to act as stewards. You are playing an essential role in keeping our church open and safe for these services, as well as for private prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays, (from 2 pm till 4 pm.) May I ask especially those who choose to come to mass on Sunday morning to help us by registering on the website ? The Sunday mass is now becoming more popular, and, with the limited capacity of the church, we may begin to approach maximum numbers soon. Please **register here** for Sunday:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedYR4_IS62MhI1CLclImnRBtcT03wB8mYMXm_MI2BhB1Whjg/viewform

And for Saturday, here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecOF9E5RilyBMnt1ttYmEO4pKh5UFpz4NBwbai3z1OGndNXA/viewform>

Saturday would have been the beginning of the annual **Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes**. This year there can be no physical pilgrimage, but instead Bishop Richard has created a virtual pilgrimage, which will run from Saturday, 25th, until Thursday, 30th. You can access it from our website :

<http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/diocese-of-arundel-brighton-virtual-lourdes-pilgrimage-25th-july-30th-july-2020/>

Bishop Richard has emphasised that everyone is welcome to join, and there is something for every age group. Each day there is a group for children – “Prayer Bear” - and also a group for young people, The Red Shirts, especially for those in years 10 and 11. They also offer mass and rosary in English from the Grotto, and Stations of The Cross. There are meditations given by members of the Simon family, who are well known on the pilgrimage, and also by Fr Stephen, who has been an enthusiastic supporter of the pilgrimage for many years.

Following last week’s material from **CAFOD about the meeting of the G20**, and the urgent need for debt relief for the poorest countries during this time of

the Corona Virus, we are asked to sign their petition which will be made to Boris Johnson : <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Unite-against-coronavirus>

Meanwhile, please see the website for all the readings and monastic office on Universalis : <http://www.universalis.com/Europe.England.Arundel/mass.html>
And the homepage for other regular items, prayers and anniversaries:
<http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/in-touch-newsletters/>

I would like to thank all those who are taking out a standing order in favour of the parish. If anyone else can help in this way, please let me know – parish@worth.org.uk But if you prefer to give online, please visit our new Justgiving page – <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/worthabbeyparish>

Thank you all for your generous support.

I send my very best wishes and my prayers. Fr Paul