



Dear Parishioners

I am sure that you will remember the gospel which we read on Sunday (Matthew cp 18. 21-35), which spoke about the King who, out of compassion, forgave the debt of the servant who owed 10,000 talents, a colossal sum which in practice could never be repaid. Today many are reading this parable and applying it to the issue of international debt, most particularly just now in the context of the Corona virus. The poorest countries in the world, which are also those with the greatest international debts to pay, are those which have the least capacity to care for their citizens when they fall ill with the virus. For this reason there is a growing movement to ask the IMF and the World Bank at their meetings next month to remit the debts of the countries which are struggling most. CAFOD is part of this movement, and they are asking all of us to play our part in making this request to the financial institutions which could make a change for these countries. Please see our home page - <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>

And activities which CAFOD is promoting : [https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Time-to-cancel-the-debt?utm\\_campaign=11806288\\_Action%20news%20-%202010-09-2020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=The%20Catholic%20Agency%20for%20Overseas%20Development%20%28CAFOD%29&dm\\_i=12IB,711SG,OOWHN3,SCLRG,1](https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Time-to-cancel-the-debt?utm_campaign=11806288_Action%20news%20-%202010-09-2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Catholic%20Agency%20for%20Overseas%20Development%20%28CAFOD%29&dm_i=12IB,711SG,OOWHN3,SCLRG,1)

Do enjoy being creative!

Meanwhile, Pope Francis writes: I encourage financial experts and political leaders to ponder the words of one of the sages of antiquity: “Not to share one’s wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs”. A financial reform open to such ethical considerations would require a vigorous change of approach on the part of political leaders. I urge them to face this challenge with determination and an eye to the future, while not ignoring, of course, the specifics of each case. Money must serve, not rule! The Pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but he is obliged in the name of Christ to remind all that the rich must help, respect and promote the poor. I exhort you to generous solidarity and to the return of economics and finance to an ethical approach which favours human beings. (From *Evangelii Gaudium*, The Joy of The Gospel, # 57 & 58.)

### **For those attending mass**

It is very encouraging to see more people returning to mass each Sunday. However, as you know, the capacity of our church is very limited at the moment in order to protect us all from the virus. May I ask you to consider if you can come to the mass on Saturday evening at 5 pm, instead of Sunday morning? Or on Tuesday morning at 10 am? This would ease pressure on numbers.

May I ask those who do come on Sunday please to arrive early? This will help our stewards who generously work to keep our church open, and would like to attend mass themselves.

If we reach capacity, we will need to ask those who come later to be seated in the Unity Room, where we can offer audio streaming, and the opportunity to come to communion.

Please kindly continue to **place the paper provided, on your seat when you leave**, this helps our cleaners to deep clean areas that they know have been used.

Thank you all for your understanding.

### **COVID 19 - New measures**

The Government has introduced new measures to help combat the Covid 19 pandemic. From Monday 14th September, when meeting friends and family you do not live with you must not meet in a group of more than 6, indoors or outdoors.

**This new measure does not affect the celebration of Mass. Church services are still being permitted and will take place as usual with all existing safety measures in place.**

Face coverings are presently mandatory in places of worship. The measure was introduced last month to help keep our church family safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. All those attending church are required to wear a face covering or mask unless they are exempt from doing so.

### **Stewarding for Covid-19**

Thank you for your generosity in helping us bring Christ to others in a safe way during these difficult times. To register as a steward, please begin by providing your email address and filling out the form on our website:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u9PAQw8I37yX2oa-ole8ZQJaHEGioZhPXNlZCjsOo/viewform?ts=5f256f53&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u9PAQw8I37yX2oa-ole8ZQJaHEGioZhPXNlZCjsOo/viewform?ts=5f256f53&edit_requested=true)

**Is anyone able to join the team which counts the collections, please?**

We need to appeal for an additional two or three volunteers to assist in the counting and banking of mass collections.

**See link for message from John Fitzpatrick -**

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Collection-counting.pdf>

### **Baptism**

We are pleased to be able to offer classes preparing for the sacrament of baptism once more to families who live within the Worth Abbey parish, or who are regular parishioners. The classes will take place on Sundays in September and October, and the celebration in October.

Please get in touch to register: [parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk) or call 01342 710313

### **Bible Study Group**

Would anyone like to join a group for Bible study? This could be either here at Worth with a suitably distanced meeting, or by using zoom. The proposals so far are to read Genesis, or the Gospel of Matthew, or both. Please let me know if you can join us.

### **Dialogue and Unity Event**

Everyone is welcome to our Dialogue and Unity Event taking place via Zoom on **Saturday 26th September, 10.45am to 1pm**. Attendees will listen to a range of speakers, exploring what we can learn from the pandemic and what vision we should aspire to as Christians and people of faith moving forwards, together.

There will be an opportunity for prayer and small group discussion with people of all faith backgrounds welcome.

Email our Dialogue and Unity Advisor –  
**catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk**  
to register and receive the zoom link.

### **CAFOD Campaign – Time to Cancel Debt in Zambia**

Please click on the link to the CAFOD homepage for more information and to get involved

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Time-to-cancel-the-debt>

### **Good Council Network**

On **Monday 28th September**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country.

Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as last year this country saw the highest number of abortions ever.

For details of our live saving work see  
[www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

### **Annual Volunteer Forum**

We are blessed to have a large number of volunteers in our Diocese, giving of their time and many skills to the great benefit of our parish communities.

Our Annual Volunteer Forum in Arundel has traditionally provided a wonderful opportunity for our Bishop's House team to meet those who serve our community in this way, with staff members delivering presentations on the latest developments in: Finance, Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Fundraising and Gift Aid.

The current pandemic and restrictions presently in place mean that this year's forum on **Saturday 7th November** will take place online.

Further details and a programme of events will be shared in future E-Bulletins and at  
**<https://www.dabnet.org/>**



### **Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)**

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith.

You can learn the course in person, by distance learning or online - details can be found on our website:  
<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/sacraments-faith/adult-formation/>

### **For regular items, please see the website:**

**For readings for the coming week, see Universalis:**

<http://www.universalis.com/Europe.England.Arundel/mass.html>

**For children and young people's prayer, see CAFOD's material:**

<http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/coronavirus-resources-for-children-young-people-and-their-families/>

**For prayers and anniversaries see:**

<http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/in-touch-newsletters/>

**Our new Facebook page:**

[https://www.facebook.com/Worth-Abbey-Parish-104966314630759/?view\\_public\\_for=104966314630759](https://www.facebook.com/Worth-Abbey-Parish-104966314630759/?view_public_for=104966314630759)

**Family liturgy:**

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline/>

**Diocese Family Materials:**

<https://abliturgy.wordpress.com/family-materials/>