

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families continue well in these strange and difficult times. I send you all my prayers, and hold you in prayer, especially at our celebrations of the Eucharist.

I am sure that you will be better informed about this than I am, but I have read and heard about the increasing hardship which people are suffering in our locality because of the reduction of work at Gatwick, and the consequent loss of jobs which this is creating in many other commercial sectors. All this raises the question, how can we, as part of the local Christian community, help those who are in greatest need? Reports suggest that more and more people are coming to the food banks in order to feed their families. I hope that you will have noticed that at the weekend masses we leave bins by the doors of the church, and outside the parish office, for gifts of non-perishable food and for toiletries. These go alternately to the food bank in Haywards Heath and to the St Vincent de Paul Society in Crawley. (For more information, please see the website -

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/charities/> Do please support these. (If it's more convenient, you can also leave gifts in the porch of the parish office, which is always open.) If anyone has other ideas about how we might support those in need, please do get in touch.

This brings us to the Pope's new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti, Brothers and Sisters All*. Pope Francis tells us that the Corona virus provided the backdrop against which it was written: He states, *Issues of human fraternity and social friendship have always been a concern of mine...As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident. For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all...It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. ..No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together... Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.*

I warmly commend this document to your study and meditation. Please look at the website for a copy, and for commentaries on it. Meanwhile, please see this article by Austin Ivereigh, the well know biographer of Pope Francis: <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/pope-franciss-call-fraternity>

Also recommended: americamagazine.org

And: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/distinctly-catholic/fratelli-tutti-challenges-our-country-and-our-church>

And see: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/the-church/the-pope/pope-francis/fratelli-tutti/>

Meanwhile, this weekend we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the canonisation of the Forty Martyrs. The mass and the pastoral letter of Bishop Richard all focus on this. (My apologies for not alerting you to this sooner). The readings will be different to those advertised in In Touch last week.) There will soon be material about this on our website, which, just at the moment, is having some technical problems. My very grateful thanks to Meg Rew for her dedicated hard work with the web, helping to keep us all informed and up to date.

Mass Times at Worth

Saturday – 5pm First Mass of Sunday

Sunday – 9.30am Mass

Tuesday – 10.00am Mass. **(Tuesday 27th October will be at 8am due to monastic discussions)**

Monday 2nd November there will be a mass at 8am for All Souls Day

Organ Voluntarys

In the absence of printed mass sheets, and in response to the enthusiasm and interest of those who have asked for them, details of organ music will be published in a PDF on the Parish website for a month at a time.

Stewarding during COVID

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-ole8ZQJaHEGioZhPXNjLzCjsOo/viewform?ts=5f256f53&edit_requested=true

Bible Study Group

Would anyone like to join a group for Bible study? Next group will be held on Thursday 29th October at 10am in St Benedict's (Parish Office) and will continue at this **new time** until further notice. Please let me know if you can join us.

Gift Aid Envelopes

If you have not yet collected your box of envelopes, please ask one of the stewards at mass.
Thank you.

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/>

ADVENT

Beginning on **Friday 27th November**, and for each of the Friday evenings of Advent, Bishop Richard will be offering a live-streamed talk from Arundel Cathedral. The talks, aimed at assisting in our preparation for Christmas, will remain available on the Diocese website.

www.abdiocese.org.uk

St. John's Seminary, Wonersh

Many of you will have heard that St John's Seminary in Wonersh is to close in its present form. The Seminary has served the Church for 130 years and there is great sadness that formation must now end at the site.

Unfortunately there was no new intake this September. With the seminarian body numbering just 17 the community is small, with the building and staffing costs too high to sustain. Arrangements have been made for the remaining seminarians to join the community at Allen Hall, Chelsea in September 2021.

Archbishop John Wilson and Bishop Richard are committed to providing priestly formation that will serve the people of our Dioceses and parishes into the future. St John's will remain a legal entity so that consideration can be given to the ways in which the tradition of priestly formation established at Wonersh in 1891 will continue.

The Trustees of St John's are extremely grateful to rectors, staff and seminarians, past and present, and to all those who have supported the Seminary over the years. We ask our Diocesan church family to pray for vocations to the priesthood, keeping our seminarians in their thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

Their website can be found at <https://www.wonersh.org/>

Prayers



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

Fratelli Tutti: An ecumenical Christian prayer

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life,
pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love.

Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being,
recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world,
and risen in each brother or sister who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves. Amen.

Prayer from CAFOD

God of all, we cry out to you for help. In your mercy, hear our prayer.
Protect us, Lord, and be with us especially those of us most vulnerable
during this coronavirus crisis.

Move us to reach out in love to our neighbours near and far,
so that the humble may be exalted, the hungry filled with good things.
Grant us the courage not to rush back to our old ways, but to rebuild our world together,
creating foundations of justice, with equality and peace for all.

Amen

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Audrey Sherwin, Lady Dora Wilkinson, Gerry McGiven, Jean Whigham, Kathleen Rogers, Moy Steel, Albert Marchant, dmayoun Djavadezadeh, Ivor Francis Davies, John Elton, Deidre Sweetman, Caterina Brenninkmeyer, William Toomey, John Bonner, Mabel Grant-Collie, Peter Seamons, Martin MacDonnell, Trevor Botting and Margaret Mary Hull.

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

Next Sunday's Readings: **All Saints Day**

1st Reading – Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 2nd Reading – 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

The Beatitudes

Daily Readings

Monday – Eph 4:32 – 5:8 Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday – Eph 5:21-33 Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday – Eph 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-19 **(SS Simon & Jude)**

Thursday – Eph 6:10-20 Luke 13:31-35

Friday – Phil 1:1-11 Luke 14:1-6

Saturday – Phil 1:18b-26 Luke 14:7-11

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-theirfamilies/>

For prayers and anniversaries see:

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

Our new Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/Worth-Abbey-Parish104966314630759/?view_public_for=104966314630759

Family liturgy:

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

Diocese Family Materials:

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