

Dear Parishioners

I feel I must begin this week with an apology for our lapse in data protection. Please be assured that we will do our very best to ensure that this is never repeated.

On a happier note, may I thank you all for your impressive generosity in your response to the appeal for the food banks. Please do keep this up. Your help here is greatly needed and greatly appreciated.

Meanwhile I send my prayers for you all, and hope that you all stay safe and well.

*Human persons created in the image and likeness of God are deprived of their freedom, sold and reduced to being the property of others.* (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti.)

Last Sunday was designated a special day of prayer for all those many men and women and children who are held as slaves in today's world, including here in Britain. Our diocese has formed an anti-slavery commission which recently issued their first newsletter. (You can read this here: [https://assets.website-files.com/5ecba8204966c2777264a947/5f89626454d227195af8b974\\_Modern%20Slavery%20Issue%201%20v2.pdf](https://assets.website-files.com/5ecba8204966c2777264a947/5f89626454d227195af8b974_Modern%20Slavery%20Issue%201%20v2.pdf)) They write: *Modern slavery exists in many different guises including forced domestic service, human trafficking for exploitation, and crimes which enable trafficking. Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of human traffickers becoming unpaid modern-day slaves in their own countries and abroad. It is estimated that there are over 130, 000 people involved in some sort of modern day slavery in this country alone.* They write about the work of the commission as a task of raising awareness of this tragic issue in order to combat it: *Modern slavery is a crime that often hides in plain sight. Antislavery Day provides us with an opportunity to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery, encouraging the government, local authorities, companies, charities and individuals to do what they can to confront the problem.* They explain that they need the help of everyone, to listen and to watch for signs of slavery around us: *We hope to work together to create a vigilant well-informed network of people who understand how to report suspicious activity, how to lobby local MPs and local authorities (where appropriate) and how to campaign for a rigorous application of the laws holding companies and organisations accountable for their supply chains and hidden sources of exploitation.* They draw our attention in particular to two areas of work – the car wash and agricultural work, and offer information about them both and ways to detect slavery: 'Safe Car Wash App' and the Farm Work Welfare App. Do look at these on the website above.

David Farey - Chairman of the Diocesan Steering Group on Modern Slavery, says:

*“Our hope is to extend the number of people across the diocese who are aware of the tragedy of modern slavery that exists in our communities and we would ask you to especially make people aware in your parish. We hope as time progresses to be able to offer awareness sessions and would be keen to hear from you if you would like to host an event to raise awareness in your area at some point in the future. Please let Tessa Ricketts know on [tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk) Anyone else that you find who is interested in becoming a supporter and receiving regular updates can also contact Tessa to sign up. We welcome any suggestions you might have to help raise awareness across our diocese. Thank you”.*

#### **Mass Times at Worth**

**Saturday** – 5pm First Mass of Sunday

**Sunday** – 9.30am Mass

**Tuesday** – 10.00am Mass.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** there will be a mass at 8am for All Souls Day

#### **National Rosary Relay Rally**

Join various Diocesan Bishops for the Rosary Rally on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

Please see link for more information.

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#### **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/1u9PAQw8137yX2oa-ole8ZQJaHEGioZhPXNjLzCjsOo/viewform?ts=5f256f53&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u9PAQw8137yX2oa-ole8ZQJaHEGioZhPXNjLzCjsOo/viewform?ts=5f256f53&edit_requested=true)

#### **Bible Study Group**

Would anyone like to join a group for Bible study? This will be held on **Thursdays 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.

#### **Message from CAFOD**

**Thank You.** You went above and beyond with your fantastic fundraising this Family Fast Day.

Please look at their page : [https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Family-Fast-Day-fundraising?utm\\_campaign=11916192\\_Weekly%20reflection%20-%2023%2F10%2F2020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=The%20Catholic%20Agency%20for%20Overseas%20Development%20%28CAFOD%29&dm\\_i=12IB,73ELC,00WHN3,S048K,1](https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Family-Fast-Day-fundraising?utm_campaign=11916192_Weekly%20reflection%20-%2023%2F10%2F2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Catholic%20Agency%20for%20Overseas%20Development%20%28CAFOD%29&dm_i=12IB,73ELC,00WHN3,S048K,1)

If anyone still has a donation which they would like to make, please do drop it into a basket in church, or donate on line. Thank you very much.

#### **ADVENT**

Beginning on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk)

### **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/>

### **Calling all Young Adults of the Diocese (20-30 somethings)**

Before the current restrictions, our Youth and Young Adults' Advisor had plenty of big plans for helping you get to know other Catholics of a similar age, to form communities where you are free to be yourself, to explore your faith, to grow in friendship, and to be a safe place for you to realise your Catholic identity.

However, this has all had to go on hold. We cannot have a Prosecco and Praise night and remain Covid secure! What we would like to do is invite anyone who is interested to join a focus group.

This group will meet virtually to discuss the needs and desires of young adults in the Church, and, if you would like, be involved in coming up with some creative ways to meet those needs.

If this sounds like a project you would like to be a part of, please contact the Youth Service Secretary Rosie at [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01293 651161

### **Would you like to support those in your parish who are experiencing loss?**

This has been a challenging year for so many people.

There is a network of trained Bereavement Supporters across the Diocese who journey alongside the bereaved and the dying and are trained to offer supportive listening.

Do you find it easy to empathise with people? Are you a good listener?

Our next Bereavement Supporters course, begins in January 2021 and will run on Tuesdays for seven weeks. Participants will be taught a wide range of important skills enabling them to work within their parish, supporting the clergy in meeting the needs of the bereaved.

To find out more about joining our Ministry of Consolation team, speak to your parish priest or contact our Marriage and Family Life Project Officer: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk) Tel: 01293 651155.

### **Prayers**



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

Please pray for Steph Pelling who died recently. Please pray for her family.

Please pray for Rivers Barry, who also died recently. Please pray for the family.

Please pray for all those who suffer from slavery.

We pray for the victims of human trafficking that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have gone through. We pray that we, as the Church, will continue to defend victims of human trafficking. We pray for our governments that they may make and implement laws that will protect victims of modern day slavery. We pray for those organisations dedicated to eradicating modern day slavery that they will be courageous in the face of challenges. We pray for those caring for the victims of human trafficking, that their efforts to help the vulnerable and traumatised may not go unrewarded. Amen

### **Anniversaries**

**Please pray for the Souls of** – Ruth Cross, Norman Smith, Catherine Castle, Derek Kirby-Turner, Winefrid Osborne, Kathy Maynard, Will Gardner, Mary Loftus, Patsy Willson, Andrew Smith Paterson, Francis Pollen, Walter Stanford, Bronka Bogacz and Charles Bethune.

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

Next Sunday's Readings: **Thirty Second Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – Wisdom 6:12-16    2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

**The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**

### **Daily Readings**

Monday – Isa 25:6-9    Rom 5:5-11    Matt 11:25-30 (**All Souls Day**)

Tuesday – Phil 2:5-11    Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday – Phil 2:12-18    Luke 14:25-33 (**St Charles Borromeo**)

Thursday – **Commemoration of Deceased Relatives and Benefactors of the English Benedictine Congregation**

Friday – Phil 3:17-4:1    Luke 16:1-8

Saturday – Phil 4:10-19    Luke 16:9-15

### **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](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/>

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Any cheques to be made payable to – Worth Abbey Parish

Safeguarding: Rachel Davies (07801 696354) and Maria Stribbling (01342 710313)

**In Touch:** If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at [parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk)  
(by Wednesday 10am)

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you have any prayer intentions, please let Fr Paul know.