



Dear Parishioners

It continues to be a great pleasure for me to welcome you to the Abbey. In the Eucharist we express our communion with God and with one another, conscious that this is His gift to us.

Last Saturday was the occasion of the beatification of a young man from Italy, Carlo Acutis. Carlo had an intense devotion to the Eucharist, and he was also highly skilled in the use of the internet, and it has been suggested that he will become the patron of all internet users. They write of him: *Carlo famously said, 'To be always close to Jesus, that is my plan,' and 'the Eucharist is my motorway to heaven.' For Carlo, these were no mere words. He lived them with every fibre of his being. Carlo's way of becoming a saint was worked out in the ordinary context of family, school and lay life.* Do look at his exhibition, which he started when eleven years old - <http://www.carloacutis.com/> Carlo died suddenly from leukaemia when he was fifteen. May he pray for all young people and be their inspiration.

This coming Sunday is designated Mission Sunday. In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that to be a missionary is part of the vocation of every one of us. He begins with the words of Isaiah – *Here am I. Send me!* And he continues with words which speak of mission quite simply as human generosity - to reach out to people in need. *In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?"* In this context he urges us to reflect on our need of solidarity: *This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. "Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. We have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this". We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.*

Please see the full message –

<https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS2020-PopesMessage.pdf>



Mass Times at Worth

Saturday – 5pm First Mass of Sunday

Sunday – 9.30am Mass

Tuesday – 10.00am Mass

(There is no need for registration)



Bible Study Group

Would anyone like to join a group for Bible study? This takes place at St Benedict's (Parish Office) at 7.30pm on Tuesdays. We have begun to read the book of Genesis. 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.

Organ Voluntaryes

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-ole8ZQJaHEGioZhPXN-JLzCjsOo/viewform?ts=5f256f53&edit_requested=true

Lectio Divina with Bishop Richard Moth

Hosted by the House of Prayer, East Molesey, online, via Zoom.

Saturday 31st October, 11am-1pm.

This day introduces the practice of Lectio Divina - Praying with the Scriptures.

Bishop Richard will speak about the background to this way of prayer, which has been a part of the Church's life since the earliest times and its suitability for our own times.

Suggested donation - £15.00. Please contact admin@christian-retreat.org or Tel. 0208 941 2313.

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

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Elizabeth Leksinska, Patricia Stanford, Audrey Mary Davies, Jim Farmer, Elizabeth Montgomery, Cecily Evans, Miss Millet, Peter Cole, Cecily Hallack and Alexander Duncan.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Next Sunday's Readings: **30th Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – Exodus 22:20-26 2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

Daily Readings

Monday – Eph 2:1-10 Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday – Eph 2:12-22 Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday – Eph 3:2-12 Luke 12:39-48

Thursday – Eph 3:14-21 Luke 12:49-53

Friday – Eph 4:1-16 Luke 12:54-59

Saturday – Eph 4:7-16 Luke 13:1-9

Prayers



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

Please pray for missionaries around the world.

Prisoners Week Prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those who are held in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime.

*Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength
and in his Spirit, now and
every day.*

Amen

Please see <https://prisonweek.org/>

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

Family liturgy:

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

Diocese Family Materials:

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