

Dear Parishioners

I am sure that you will have been as sad as I was to hear the news that we can no longer offer public liturgy. This comes as a hard blow just as we had begun to build up our prayer together once more. Perhaps most difficult is that we do not know how long this will continue. We must trust that by God's grace we will be able to get through this again and be able to celebrate the Eucharist together before too long.

We are permitted to open the church for private prayer, however, and we will let you know as soon as we have been able to make the necessary arrangements. As before, we will need stewards to help us with this. Please do consider if you might be able to help in this way and let us know (parish@worth.org.uk), and, if possible, give an indication of days and times when you might be free.

We are also able to offer the sacrament of confession by appointment. This will be socially distanced, and outside, so you will need to choose a fine day. Please get in touch as above.

It may seem foolish to look much further ahead, but of course we hope to be able to welcome you to mass at Christmas. Provided that government regulations permit, entry to the Christmas masses will need to be carefully controlled in order to maintain social distancing, and we will need to issue tickets. This will be primarily through the parish website, but for those without access to the web we will offer other means. Please watch out for an announcement. We will, of course, give priority to regular members of the Worth parish.

Meanwhile, please do remember that the local food banks are in as much need, or even more, of our contributions during lockdown. The porch of the parish office, St Benedict's, is always open, and you will find there a large green wheelie bin for your donations. (St Benedict's is on the left as you drive in, just past the high stone wall, a bungalow set back in a garden.)

During these weeks of lockdown, please make full use of all the resources for prayer which are offered on line. They contain excellent material both for adults and for children. Please see the home page - <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/> we continue to stream the monastic liturgies.

Meanwhile, I hold you all in prayer, and look forward to meeting you personally when circumstances allow. Yours ever, Fr Paul

Mass Times at Worth

The church will be closed from Thursday 5th November until further notice.

Bible Study Group

Unfortunately we will be unable to hold this group until further notice.

Annual Parish Volunteers Forum

Don't forget to join us as our annual Forum goes on line on **Saturday morning 7th November**. Bishop Richard will greet all our volunteers as you join us for a range of updates. The links to our four sessions can be found below. Advance registration is not required.

10 am Finance

When: Nov 7, 2020 10:00 AM

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87903060813>

10.30 Safeguarding

When: Nov 7, 2020 10:30 AM

Please click the link below to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86103789190>

11.30 Health & Safety

When: Nov 7, 2020 11:30 AM

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280246659>

Noon Gift Aid

When: Nov 7, 2020 12:00 PM

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88437491831>

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

Godly Play

Godly Play is a creative and engaging way of praying with children, young people and even adults! Telling stories helps us explore God's story, Bible stories, our own story, and where we fit in to it all. Are you involved with, or interested in Godly Play? Join members of the Diocesan Formation Team on Zoom, on **Saturday 21st November** at 10.30am. Please contact rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk for booking information.

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 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 Tel: 01293 651155.



Prayers

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

Dear Lord,

At this time of pandemic,

Let us foster respect and solidarity with others, especially those who are weak or poor.

Let us remain calm and ignore unsubstantiated rumours.

Let us take advantage of living together as a family.

Let us attend to moments of prayer.

Let us cultivate responsibility, patience and hope.

Amen.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Abbot John Chapman, Ernest Paskett, Kathleen Brockley, Bob Perry, Dom Eric Booker, Judith Wright, Noreen Short, Bridie Ricketts, John Hicklin, Michael Keating, Christine Genders, Raymond Huckstep, Brian Haynes, Philipa Edwards and Victoria Sheppard.

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 Third Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

Daily Readings

Monday – Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 or 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22 (**The dedication of the Lateran Basilica**)

Tuesday – Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 Luke 17:7-10 (**St Leo the Great**)

Wednesday – Isa 61:1-3 Matt 25:31-49 (**St Martin of Tours**)

Thursday – Phlm 7-20 Luke 17:26-37

Friday – **All Saints of the Order of St Benedict**

Saturday – 3 John 5-8 Luke 18:1-8

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/>

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(Parish office is currently closed please email and we will be in touch)

Parish Website: www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk

Secretary: Maria Stribbling (currently working from home 9am-1pm Tuesday/Wednesday))

Night time emergencies only: 07494 484979

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
(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.