



Dear Parishioners

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, looking forward to the moment at the end of time when Jesus *will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power*, as St Paul writes in our second reading. We can ponder what are these *powers* which oppose the Kingdom of God. We might immediately think of the pandemic and all its consequences – illness and death, isolation and unemployment and the hardship and poverty which come with that; and then there is the ever present threat of climate change. In the face of such massive issues our first reaction is perhaps to feel that we can do nothing, and that we must leave it all to God. Of course the Kingdom will come only by his decree and at the time of His choosing; but He certainly wants us to play our part. The great parable of judgement in our gospel today (The Sheep and The Goats, Mt 25) is a good reminder of this. *As you did it to one of these, you did it to me*. Last weekend CAFOD offered a webinar called *Faith into Action – Building a Better World after the Pandemic*. Inspired by *Fratelli Tutti, Brothers and Sisters All*, (<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/?s=fratelli+tutti>) the latest encyclical of Pope Francis, we looked at different ways to undertake this. In particular people spoke of making a special effort to stay in touch with those who might be vulnerable or alone and those who are sick. Many inspiring actions were described about parish initiatives to respond to the document, where Pope Francis asks us to have *a heart open to the whole world*, where everyone is treated as our neighbour. Some initiatives can be undertaken individually, but as a community we have more strength. Do please see the website to read about the initiatives to support local food banks (<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/charities/>) or to play some part in working to limit the crisis of climate change (<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/care-for-our-common-home/>) and <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/worth-pro-earth/>. The encyclical also speaks frequently of migrants and refugees, strangers and, frequently, also prisoners, and here too we can play our part: see <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/refugees/> and <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/gatwick-detainees-welfare-group/> for ways in which you can help.

Meanwhile, we also celebrate National Youth Sunday, and you will find excellent material about this which you can watch in your homes. Some is designed especially for family prayers together which you can use at home. <https://nationalyouthsunday.com/> . See our website <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/national-youth-sunday-22nd-november-2020/>

I send you all my very best wishes and my prayers.

Yours, Fr Paul

The Abbey church is open every day for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour: on Sundays from 10 am till 11 am, and on other days from 11 am till 12 noon.

Godly Play

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

National Youth Sunday 2020

Highlights National Youth Sunday 2020 (NYS) takes place on **Sunday 22nd November**, the feast of Christ the King.

National Youth Sunday represents an opportunity to explicitly recognise young people -their gifts, talents and uniqueness. It also provides the Church with an opportunity to thank them for and affirm their contribution to the life of the local and universal Church. CYMFed has produced resources to help facilitate the celebration of National Youth Sunday in school, parish and at home.

For resources for youth Sunday, please go to www.nationalyouthsunday.com

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 Diocesan website.

www.abdiocese.org.uk

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.

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/>

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

Parish Giving:
<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/about-us/parish-giving/>

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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.