

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you all had a good celebration of Easter, and that you are feeling refreshed and re-invigorated. The Church's celebration of the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' saving death and Resurrection, is something which gives us strength and hope, and can sustain us throughout the whole year. We need this encouragement just now in a special way, as we still encounter the effects of the pandemic; and we need to celebrate the God of life, who became man and suffered and died for us, and rose again. For the next seven weeks we continue to celebrate the Resurrection through Eastertide, and indeed on every Sunday of the year we celebrate the Resurrection in our Eucharist.

To continue the theme of renewal, we offer below the first part of an article by Alan Rew, the chair of the parish group, Worth Pro Earth, as an encouragement to us all to play our part in combatting climate change and preserving our planet, God's Creation, which He has entrusted to our care and stewardship. (Please also see the note from CAFOD below, Parliament in Your Parish.)

Meanwhile, I send my prayers and very best wishes for you all. Fr Paul

COVID-19 has led to many changes in the way that we live; our movements are restricted; the pandemic and travel constraints have reduced our use of resources. But will this significant reduction in our consumption continue? It remains to be seen. Yet unless we can change our behaviour permanently and support others to do likewise, we are likely to find our climate slipping out of control. We massively over-consume carbon by burning fossil fuels and so create greenhouse gases (GHG) which lead to planetary heating. We destroy nature and her plant and animal species by ever more urbanisation and transportation corridors. The many impacts on climate and nature are escalating. Currently, for example, Australia is experiencing extreme flooding; there were massive bush-fires there last year. One worrying development is the increasing loss of Arctic sea-ice cover. Sea covered with white ice reflects the sun's rays back from the earth; dark coloured oceans absorb the sun's heat leading to further warming. Global heating thus becomes ever more difficult to control.

The UK has been a leader. Its Climate Change Act of 2008 was the first legally binding national framework for action on climate. It requires the UK to set carbon budgets monitoring progress towards climate stability. 'Carbon budgets' are the proposed limits on the amounts of greenhouse gases (GHGs) that the UK can emit in a five year period. The Committee on Climate Change (CCC) is the body which advises the Government on GHG emissions targets and how to prepare for and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The Government's target is for net-zero GHG emissions by 2050. How to get there? Which actions matter only a little in terms of reducing our

GHG footprint; and which actions matter a lot? This is a critical question for Government and for us as Catholic parishioners.

Maybe small, individual adjustments in consumption will not be enough. David McKay, a former chief scientific adviser to the UK Department of Energy and Climate Change put it as 'If everyone does a little, we'll achieve only a little.' Yet if individuals do **nothing** because they despair and think their "little" won't help much, that will be fatal.

Our thanks to Alan Rew for this article, which will be continued next week.

Church Opening Times

Mass at on **Saturdays at 5pm**

Click here for live streaming: [5pm live video streaming](#).

Mass on **Sundays at 9.30am**

Mass on **Tuesdays at 10.00am**

(The Church will remain open on Tuesdays until 12 noon for private prayer).

Private prayer on **Thursdays at 2 pm**, with the opportunity for confession.
(Please note only the East door of the church (on the lower level) will be open.

Confession will be available in the Unity Room from 9am on Sundays before mass.

Lectio Divina

Would anyone like to join a Lectio Divina group on line? Lectio is a popular way of praying with the Scriptures, and is very simple. We use the Sunday Gospel reading. You would not need to do any preparation, and the sessions will last for only half an hour. Lectio consists in simply reading the passage slowly and letting God speak to your heart. There's no obligation to share anything, but we have the support of doing the reading with one another. We can send you some hints about lectio, if you would like this, or look on the website. Please let us know if you would like to join the group - parish@worth.org.uk
This will take place on Saturday mornings, at 11 am. I look forward to hearing from you.

Pope Francis: Too much exclusion for a world in which all are equal

Pope Francis has written to the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund as they begin their virtual spring meetings. Pope Francis highlighted that over the last year, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, "our world has been forced to confront a series of grave and interrelated socio-economic, ecological and political crises". The Pope stressed that it was his hope that their discussions may contribute to a model of 'recovery' capable of generating new, more inclusive, and sustainable solutions to support the real economy, assisting individuals and communities to achieve their deepest aspirations and the universal common good.' [Read more on the Vatican News website](#)

The Open Cloister

Saturday 24th April: Finding Silence 3 – the journey of meditation & silent prayer (online retreat) - led by Fr Peter Williams OSB, the third instalment in a series of day retreats looking at the journey of silent prayer.

The sessions: 1. A Way of Humility 2. A Way of the Heart 3. A Way of the Spirit

Suitable for those who are experienced meditators but would also be accessible for someone beginning their meditation journey.

Book your place online at www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats

For all enquiries, email: toc@worth.org.uk

The Open Cloister

Saturday 8th May: The Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Mothers – The thoughts cont... (Online retreat) – led by Fr Peter Williams OSB During the recent Lent retreat we looked at several of the 8 thoughts – gluttony, anger and vainglory and saw how relevant John Cassian’s observations were about these vices for us today. In this retreat we will look at all the 8 thoughts and how they work together in combination.

To quote Cassian, “Once you can understand the problem, you become very near to finding the solution”.

The sessions: 1. Thoughts of the World – gluttony, lust and avarice 2. Thoughts of the Heart – anger, acedia and sadness 3. Thoughts of the Mind – vainglory and pride

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Parliament In Your Parish – the future of our planet

Parliament in your Parish – Engaging A&B MPs

Thursday 15th April, 7.30pm – 8.30pm (free)

The UK hosts both the G7 and COP26 summits this year. It is as important as ever that we hold politicians accountable after the pandemic, rebuilding in a way that addresses the world’s most pressing ecological and social issues.

Arundel & Brighton’s [Journey to 2030](#) and [CAFOD](#) invite you to an evening of online discussion exploring how we can engage with our MP’s on these issues using CAFOD’s [Reclaim our Common Home](#) campaign. Participants will learn how to engage with the campaign with the opportunity to connect with others across the Diocese and your own constituency.

Please email: parish_rep@journeyto2030.org with your name, parish and MP constituency to register your place and receive the ZOOM link.

A Pilgrimage of Mission, Healing & Renewal.

The pilgrimage dates are **23rd July – 29th July 2021**

Applications close 31st May. Open to Pilgrims, Families, Students from years 12 & 13 (Blueshirts) and Years 10 & 11 (Redshirts)

For further information and the Application Form link go to 2021.ablourdes.org or contact the Pilgrimage Office by phone on 01403 740110 or by email on office@ablourdes.org

The 2021 Pilgrimage is only open to those who do not have a condition that makes them susceptible to CV-19. Please see website for more details.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – George Botting, George Sharman, Pat Seal, Joan Rich, David Moore, Paula Bateman, Marisol Burridge, Helene Stoppani, Fr Alban Brooks, Peta Orr, Salvo Xerri, Mildred Young, Fr Anthony Porterfield, Abbot Dominic Gaisford, Elizabeth de Saventhem, Nicholas Burridge, John Willson, Dom Kevin Seasoltz, Maureen Royds-Jones and Jim Rochford.

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

Next Sunday’s Readings: **4th Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading – Acts 4:8-12 2nd Reading – 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is on who lays down his life for his sheep.

Daily Readings

Monday – Acts 6:8-15, 17-19 1 John 2:1-5a Luke 24:35-48

Tuesday – Acts 7:51 – 8:1a John 6:30-35

Wednesday – Acts 8:1b-8 John 6:35-40

Thursday – Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51

Friday – Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59

Saturday – Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69



Prayers

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

Please continue to pray for the people and elected leaders of Burma.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi writes: *Without a revolution of the spirit, the forces which produced the iniquities of the old order would continue to be operative, posing a constant threat to the process of reform and regeneration.* Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, *Freedom from Fear*, 1991

Please pray for Jo Fallon, a former parishioner of St Dunstan's. We buried her in East Grinstead, Mt Noddy, on Tuesday. Her daughter writes:



Josephine Fallon_
Obituary_April 2021

Please pray for Jews around the world, who marked Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Day, last week.

Please pray for the people of Tigray, Ethiopia, who have suffered the violence of civil war, and are now facing starvation.

For regular items, please see the website:

For readings for the coming week, see Universalis:

[Universalis](#)

For children and young people's prayer, see CAFOD's material:

[Children Resources](#)

For prayers and anniversaries see our homepage:

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>

Our new Facebook page:

[Parish Facebook](#)

Children's Junior Church liturgy:

[Junior Church](#)

Diocesan Family Materials:

[Family Materials](#)

Parish Giving:

[Parish Giving](#)

For D'Arcy's music, please visit our website homepage under Organ voluntaries:

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>

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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
[\(by Wednesday 10am\)](#)

**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.**