

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families continue well. As always I send you my prayers and very best wishes.

It was very good for members of the parish to be able to meet Abbot Mark at the weekend. He writes:

***A message of thanks from Abbot Mark***

*May I offer a brief word of thanks to the members of the Parish Community who welcomed me so warmly to last Saturday's and Sunday's Parish celebrations of the Eucharist. It was a joy to be with you at both masses over the weekend. I look forward very much to getting to know all of you much better as the lockdown draws to a close and we are able to mix more freely at our weekend celebrations. In the meanwhile, I promise you the regular prayers of the monastery for your concerns and welfare, and ask that you keep all of us in your thoughts and prayers.*

*With every good wish*

*Abbot Mark*

Last Sunday, together with World Refugee Day, we marked A Day For Life. This is a moment for us to reflect on the value of life which our Christian tradition upholds, and which is needed today more than ever. The organisers write: *Day for Life is an annual celebration of the intrinsic value and dignity of every human person from conception to natural death.* The Christian tradition rejects abortion, the death penalty and euthanasia as actions which negate our belief that we are all made in the Image of God, and, through the action of the Holy Spirit, we become the adopted sons and daughters of God. During the pandemic we have witnessed people losing their lives in a way we could hardly think possible in our culture, but we have also seen many dedicated health care workers dedicating all their skill and energy to preserving life. The bishops write: *The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Yet in the face of such suffering and death, we*

have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have each made sacrifices for the greater good during this pandemic. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life. This is something in which we can all be involved, by every word and action affirming the value of the life of those around us, and by getting involved with activities on behalf of refugees and others in special need. (Please see our website: <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/> and see Social Action) Of particular importance for Christians, and indeed for everyone, just now is the Private Members Bill on “Assisted Dying”, which is before the House of Lords, and will soon return to the Commons. It will be an urgent matter for us to contact our MPs when this happens. For more information do please see the website [dayforlife.org](http://dayforlife.org).

Meanwhile, thinking about refugees, we all have an opportunity to take some part in the Refugee Tales Walk, either with the main group, from Canterbury, or walking in your own area in solidarity, on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July. Do see: <https://www.refugeetales.org/the-walk-of-2021>

I send you all my very best wishes, with my prayers. Fr Paul

#### **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.

***Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June** is the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on the Vigil, Monday, at 7.30 pm, and on the day at 10 am.*

#### **A date for your diary**

We are pleased to announce that the “Welcome Back” mass has now been arranged for **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September**.  
Do please set this date aside and come to celebrate our parish community.

#### **Finding Stillness**

“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10. An experimental hybrid retreat where you are invited to come to Worth or join the retreat online FINDING STILLNESS The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey on

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August.**

For further information or to book your place online go to: [worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)  
Enquiries: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

### Day for Catechists

You may be aware that we are holding a gathering of our Catechists, at Worth Abbey on **25<sup>th</sup> September**. If you would like to join us please click on this link [Day for Catechists \(25-Sep-2021\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) to complete our booking form, and for more information. If you have already booked, thank you. Please spread the word, and we look forward to seeing you there.

### Online Rosary Group



Would anyone like to join an on-line rosary group? They meet every Wednesday at 7 pm. Please get in touch with Rachel Davies: 07801 696354

### 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](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk)  
This will take place on Saturday mornings, at 12 noon (**new time, permanent change**).  
I look forward to hearing from you.

### CAFOD (Reclaim our common home)

Take action to stop the climate crisis! This year, the eyes of the world will be on Britain as we host world leaders for the UN "COP26" climate talks.

Call on the Prime Minister to use this historic opportunity to protect our common home.

*"...Climate change is the global problem with serious implications.....It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day"* (Pope Francis). Sign the CAFD Petition at [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

### First Holy Communion

Please let the parish know if your son or daughter would like to make their First Holy Communion next year. The date of the celebration will be in May, by which time your child should have completed their eighth year. The course will begin in September, and we will issue more details once the inscriptions come in and the possibilities of meeting become clearer.

### Confirmation

Would your son or daughter like to make their confirmation next year? We hope to form a group for preparation in September, and the sacrament will be celebrated in May next year. Candidates should be about fourteen or fifteen years old. Please get in touch with the parish office.

### Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church of England and Wales or the Church in Wales.

Our Services are for people aged 18 or over, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the perpetrator is living or deceased. You do not have to have reported the incident to the Church authorities or the Police in order to access support. Our service is for people who have experienced any kind of abuse – this includes (but is not limited to) sexual violence, inappropriate sexual behaviour, physical abuse, financial abuse or exploitation, psychological abuse (including spiritual abuse), domestic abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour

How can we help? Remote support is provided nationally through our helpline and Live Chat for as long as our clients feel they need it and it is deemed to be helpful. We can help with advocating with authorities and other agencies, giving you emotional support, providing information (including information on church and police procedures), understanding your needs and working together on individual support plans.

Opening Times: Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat: 10am – 6pm, Thursday: 12pm – 8pm

Website: [www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/)

Email: [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

Phone number: 0300 303 1056

**Scripture From Scratch: An introduction to the Bible**

**Seminar dates: Mondays 21<sup>st</sup> and 28 June then 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July.**

This course will run twice on Mondays, *either* 11.30am-12.30pm or 7.00-8.00pm. Entry level - open to all, invited contribution: £65

The Bible is a great treasure of the Christian world, and source of revelation of God's word. While we may have our favourite passages, the language and the images behind those words may be foreign to us. And even if we work through the process of trying to understand a biblical book, we may not really believe that it has something to say to us today. This course introduces some key elements to understanding the Bible and explores some of the traditional preconceptions we have about the Bible itself.

You can [find out more here](#).

**The Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group in Crawley request.**

We would be grateful to receive good quality second-hand clothes as follows:

Jeans, waist 30", 32", 33", 34"

Joggers in all sizes

T-shirts in all sizes but especially Medium

Summer jackets in all sizes

Shoes in all sizes (apart from 45)

People can bring clothes to the Crawley Office - The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD during office hours, however it is best to email Josie first to fix a time, to ensure a member of staff is available. [josie@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:josie@gdwg.org.uk)

**The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey**

**Julian of Norwich - Online Day Retreat led by  
Fr David Jarmy OSB**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July.** Zoom registration at 09:45 and the day ends at 4:30pm

To book your place online go to [www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)

For further information email [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

**An Open Cloister Online Day**

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 10am - 4.30pm**

Desert Wisdom: power thoughts with David Clayton & Michael Woodward

*Evagrius (b.345) is honoured as 'one of the most important names': come & see why his teaching lives. .*

Bookings & Info via [TOC@worth.org.uk](mailto:TOC@worth.org.uk)  
[www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)  
You will just need a smart phone, tablet or computer, with access to a Zoom account!

**Step into the Gap**

Are you aged 18-30? CAFOD offers a gap year programme called Step into the Gap. As part of the 10-month programme, you will be based in either a youth retreat centre, university chaplaincy or a secondary school chaplaincy team gaining new skills, developing as a leader and gaining work experience. Accommodation and travel expenses are included. Full time placements include stipends. Find out more information including how to apply at [www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear)

**Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July** at Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis West Grinstead RH13 8LT.  
12noon - 4.15pm

Click [here](#) to book your free place.

If you would like to confirm your place and book in person or would like further information, please contact: Linda C-Dominguez T: 01273 463463 M: 07944 377252

Jayne Lock M: 07816 422851 or E: [jaynelock1@gmail.com](mailto:jaynelock1@gmail.com)

Jozef Bubez T: 01444 232974

**A Pilgrimage of Mission, Healing & Renewal**

The pilgrimage dates are **23<sup>rd</sup> July - 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Applications close 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://2021.ablourdes.org) or contact the Pilgrimage Office by phone on 01403 740110 or by email on [office@ablourdes.org](mailto: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** – Rudi Weisweiller OG, Lesley Sayward, Dom Edward Cruise, Jim Higgins, Setna McQuillan, Anthony Holland and Mitch Rozum.  
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**

Next Sunday's Readings: **Fourteenth Sunday in OT**  
1st Reading – Ezekiel 2:2-5      2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
**Gospel: Mark 6:1-6**  
**A prophet is only despised in his own country**

### **Daily Readings**

Monday – Acts 3:1-10 Gal 1:11-20 John 21:15-19 **(St Irenaeus)**  
Tuesday – Acts 12:1-11 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 Matt 16:13-19 **(SS Peter and Paul)**  
Wednesday – Gen 21:5, 8-20 Matt 8:28-34  
Thursday – Gen 22:1b-19 Matt 9:1-8  
Friday – Gen 23:1-4, 19:24:1-8, 62-67 Matt 9-13  
Saturday – Eph 2:19-22 John 20:24-29 **(St Thomas)**



### Prayers

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

Please continue to pray for the people of Burma. On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> it was the birthday of Daw Suu. Her supporters write: *On her birthday, we recognise Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as a source of hope in a time of such darkness for Burma. The power of the gun is strong, but hope in an inclusive future grounded on the will of the people and the rule of law has not been forgotten.*

Please pray for those who work in defence of the value of life, and for those who are at the end of life. We pray for those people in the final stages of life. May their fears and distress be met with a true compassion, one which finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and the appropriate palliative care.

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

**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](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.**