

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are well. I send you all my prayers and very best wishes.

This week and next world leaders meet in Glasgow to work towards reducing our carbon footprint. As you know this meeting is vital for us all, and most especially for our children who are growing up now. Please hold this meeting, COP26, in your prayers, and ask for the gifts of wisdom and generosity for our world leaders.

Meanwhile, moving from the world stage to our own parish, the new team who serve tea and coffee after Sunday mass begin their first “tour of duty”, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much for their generous service. Hospitality should be the hallmark of every Christian community, and simply giving people the opportunity to meet and talk to one another is so important. If you think you could help, do please get in touch, or speak to Jenny Chapman who leads the new team. And do please make a point of welcoming newcomers after mass. Friendship is always the best way to attract people.

Journeying Together – The Synod

We also continue to prepare to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis to help him build a different Church, one which reflects his vision. This is simply what the Vatican Council asked for all those years ago when they used the image of *The Pilgrim People of God*. This is a Church which knows that it hasn't arrived yet, which is well aware of all its faults and imperfections, and knows that we are all walking together, and that we all have our part to play to make the society which God wants. In an article which you can find on our website (<https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/speak-boldly-listen-carefully>) Austen Ivereigh writes : *In a synodal Catholic Church authority is no longer exercised in a remote and authoritarian way. Leadership becomes “co”: a matter of **collaboration, cooperation, and co-responsibility**. In a co-responsible Church the Spirit leads us all; the priest and the bishop are in the midst of the people of God, not hovering over them. It is the Church founded by Jesus Christ, but also reflecting him: no longer abusive, no longer clericalist, but synodal.*

Do please make sure that you play your part in building this Church of which Pope Francis dreams. We will be forming groups in the parish to help you all to join the dream. I look forward to welcoming you all.

I send my very best wishes, and my thanks for all you do. Fr Paul

Cake Sale

Tristan Van Assche would like to thank everyone for their generosity at his cake sale. He managed to raise over £100 for charity.

Traidcraft Christmas cards

We have received a selection of Christmas cards available to order. Please visit the Traidcraft stall to complete an order form or there are photocopies of the cards available if you wish to take them with you to decide at home.

Worth Retreat

“Be still and know that I am God” *Psalms 46:10*

A hybrid retreat where you are invited to come to Worth or join the retreat online. A section of the retreat is silent. FINDING STILLNESS. The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey

Mon 8th-Thurs 11th November 2021

Mon 13th-Thurs 16th December 2021

For further information or to book a place online go to: worth.co.uk/retreat-programme

Enquiries: retreats@worth.org.uk

Volunteers Needed

We are very pleased to be able to offer tea and coffee once more after Sunday mass, and our grateful thanks go to the new team which is led by Jenny Chapman. This is an important part of **offering welcome and hospitality** to everyone who comes, hoping that everyone will feel at home here. Hospitality is the essence of a Christian community, and should be evident to people as soon as they enter the door. However, we need more volunteers to help us do this. This ministry involves welcoming people as they arrive and giving them their order of service and, for those who may be visiting for the first time, showing them the way from the narthex into the church. After mass the team will serve tea and coffee and also engage socially with visitors and those who are new to the parish. If you feel you can help in this very important ministry, please get in touch. All parish activities depend entirely on volunteers, so please don't be shy about offering your help! It will all make our parish a more attractive, and more God-centred, community. Thank you.

Our Common Home - Week Three



YOUR CARBONFOOTPRINT AND HOW TO REDUCE IT

Watch BBC *Shop Well for the Planet*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0010k4c>

10 Tips for eating for the planet

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/what-can-i-do/10-tips-help-you-eat-more-sustainably>

How big is your carbon footprint? [HTTps://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/](https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/)

Carbon Footprint numbers <https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/carbon>

The Carbon Map

<https://www.carbonmap.org/#>

Recycle and Recreate for the Planet video

<https://youtu.be/V01g4yDI3PM>

Prayer for our Common Home

*Creator God, who made our beautiful world,
appointed us as its guardians and gifted us with everything we need,*

*Forgive us for the times we cause it harm;
for the times our way of life affects our neighbours.*

*Inspire us to care for the environment; to help rebuild lives and communities;
to share in the griefs and anxieties, joys and hopes of all your people,
so that all your creation may flourish.*

Amen.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Bishop Richard writes: In 2021, the UK government assumed the presidency of COP26. This provides a unique opportunity for the UK government to present its vision of a "Global Britain" and lead the way in International efforts to tackle the climate crisis.

As a Catholic community we have been given a very clear steer from Pope Francis about the importance of caring for our common home. In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, His Holiness made it clear that to "harm the environment was to harm human beings". Furthermore, it asks us the key questions, "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"

The Conference of Parties (COP26) is the 26th United Nations Climate Conference, that is set to meet in Glasgow in November 2021. It will be attended by leaders from over 200 countries to discuss climate change and how to tackle global ecological crisis. The conference follows from a series of summits including the Paris climate talks in 2015, where countries pledged to work together to keep the global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Centigrade.

If we exceed this threshold, millions of the most vulnerable people in our communities at home and abroad will be at risk of the devastating effects of climate change. In this respect, Pope Francis also makes the link that our current environmental crisis represents a sociological crisis as well, with the effects of climate change disproportionately affecting the world's poorest communities.

In the run up to the COP26 and specifically on the last Sunday in October, we are asking people to pray that the leaders meeting in Glasgow work together for positive outcomes for people and the planet. To assist with this the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, in partnership with CAFOD have produced a prayer resource, for use in both the parish and the home, which is available in the Narthex.

Staff Needed

Duckylys Farm Centre is looking for FUN and ENTHUSIASTIC people to come join our team supporting 9 adults in our residential home! No experience is required, but a love for being outside to help on our farm!
Any hours available.

Please contact Karen Tolton on 01342 811111 / 07488335639 / karen.tolton@duckylys.co.uk

The St John Vianney Group

For men 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood.

The next meeting is **Sunday 21st November**
3-7pm at 2 Falkland Grove, Dorking, RH4 3DLF.

For more information please contact Fr Con Foley
T: 01932 842643 or

E: con.foley@abdiocese.org.uk

To find out more about vocations please
[visit our website.](#)

Edith Stein

A Dialogue of Mind & Spirit, The House of Prayer,
Saturday 27th Nov, 10am - 4pm, Cost £30.

A feminist, Jew, philosopher, psychologist, Carmelite nun and martyr, it is difficult to put Edith Stein, St Teresa Benedicta a Cruce, in one 'box'. Explore her life and works through a day of meditation, discussion & prayer. No prior knowledge needed.

[Click here](#) to book.

Advent Retreat Day

Sussex Heritage Centre in Arundel, **Saturday 27th November** 10am - 4pm, Cost £25.

Join an exploration of the advent scriptures with an opportunity for prayerful meditation and creativity.

For more details or to book E: info@sussexheritage.co.uk or T: 01903 413606.

Young Adults' (18-30) Advent Retreat

3rd - 5th December. An opportunity to prepare for Advent with talks, small group discussions and opportunities for reflection and prayer revolving around the rhythm of prayer of the Benedictine community at Worth Abbey. This retreat is offered in collaboration with The Wellspring Community. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Climate Justice

We want to say thank you for raising your voice this year and calling for Boris Johnson to make sure those hardest hit by the climate crisis are at the heart of the COP26 talks.

Last week, a group of faith leaders visited Downing Street to deliver a message on behalf of the thousands of CAFOD supporters who've signed our petition to the Prime Minister, as well thousands of others from faith communities across the country who've demanded action ahead of the Glasgow summit.

But given it's a message we can't afford for the PM to miss, we wanted to make doubly sure he saw it – so we've projected it onto Parliament!

[See the message we've sent to the PM](#)

The fight to tackle the climate emergency won't end in Glasgow. But the COP is vital for keeping temperature rises below the 1.5C level that will be catastrophic for our sisters and brothers in the most vulnerable communities around the world.

And it's a fight Pope Francis has called "the greatest leadership opportunity of all", so our projection called for the PM to give us faith he'll show that leadership at the COP – keeping the 1.5C goal alive, working to deliver the money rich countries have pledged to countries hardest hit and stopping support for the fossil fuels which are driving the crisis.

It's a message we want other world leaders to hear during COP26 itself, so if you're available and have not already signed up, please join us on Saturday 6 November in London to take part in a global day of action and demand leaders respond to Pope Francis's call.

[Sign up to join us on 6 November](#)

Thank you once again for calling on Boris Johnson to give us faith he'll show the leadership we need to care for our common home.

Prayers



Please pray for our parishioners Michael Grech and Laura Rawlinson.

A prayer for the COP26 Climate Talks:

Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

A prayer for the Synod:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

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 and Brian Haynes.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Wis 1:1-7 Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday – 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**)

Wednesday – Wis 6:1-11 Luke 17:11-19 (**St Leo the Great**)

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

Friday – Wis 13:1-9 Luke 17:26-37

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

Next Sunday's Readings: **Thirty Third Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – Daniel 12:1-3 2nd Reading – Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Mass Times - Saturday: 9.00 am (Concelebrated) and 5.00 pm (First Mass of Sunday),

Sunday: 9.30 am

Daily Mass: 5.30 pm (Concelebrated), Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass: 7.30 pm;

Feast Day: 5.30 pm

Adoration - Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Reflection, music and silence.

Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation) - Sundays 9.00-9.30am and Thursday 2pm.

Marian Prayer Group – Now Meeting 1st / 3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm, Lady Chapel.

Rosary Group – Monday's in the Abbey Church after Vespers – 7:15pm until 8:15pm when Compline is due to begin; Please get in touch with Rachel Davies: 07801 696354

Lectio Divina - Tuesdays at 7.40pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman jenny_chapman@sky.com

Christian Meditation Group – 7.00pm in the Unity Room, next session **Wednesday 24th November**.

There is also a zoom session on Wednesday 10th November, please contact Richard by email

rbrownd1@gmail.com

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday). After Compline 8.30pm - 9.00pm.

Bible Study Group – 11.15am on Mondays in St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please double check with the Parish Office.



For other regular items, please see the website:

For readings for the coming week, see Universalis: [Universalis](#)

For prayers and anniversaries see our homepage: <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>

Our 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, available 9.15am-1.15pm Mon-Fri

Night time emergencies only: 01342 710331

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.