

Dear Parishioners

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

This coming week is **National Interfaith Week**. The relationship of the Catholic Church with people of other faiths took a huge leap forward at the Second Vatican Council when, in the final year of the council, 1965, the Fathers published their document *Nostra Aetate* or *Declaration on The Relation of The Church to Non-Christian Religions*. For the first time perhaps in the history of the Church a very positive attitude towards other faiths was promoted in the Church, and we were encouraged to get to know those of other faiths and to form friendships with them. The document bases this perspective on the insight that what unites us as human beings is more important than anything which divides us. The Council Fathers write: *One is the community of all peoples, one their origin, for God made the whole human race ...One also is their final goal, God. His providence, His manifestations of goodness, His saving design extend to all men.* They continue: *The Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in these religions. She regards with sincere reverence those ways of conduct and of life, which...often reflect a ray of that Truth which enlightens all men.* This represents a massive change of attitude on the part of the Church, and this is especially true of the Council's treatment of Judaism, to which much of the document is dedicated. They especially reject the constant persecution of the Jews which has disfigured the history of Europe from the earliest Christian centuries, and state: *Since the spiritual patrimony common to Christians and Jews is thus so great, this sacred synod wants to foster and recommend that mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues.* Another key document is *Meeting God in Friend and Stranger*, published by the Bishops of England and Wales. It is subtitled *Fostering respect and mutual understanding between the religions*, and, written in 2010, reflects the needs and concerns of our society in Britain today, which they describe as multi-cultural and multi-religious. In many ways it is a very practical approach, quoting |Pope St John Paul II - *Dialogue is not so much an idea to be studied as a way of living in positive relationship with others.* They write of four "dialogues", beginning with the Dialogue of Life - *This is when people of different religions simply try to live in an open and neighbourly way with one another, in the same town or street, or in the same place of work.* They then go on to consider The Dialogue of Action - *This is where those of different religions collaborate in working for greater human freedom and development, such as in matters of peace, justice and the integrity of creation.* Do please pray for good Inter-Religious relations, and do cultivate friendships with those of other faiths. Please see our website for more information - <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/dialogue-unity/inter-faith-relations/> especially about the Crawley Interfaith network, CIFN, which will soon meet again in person.

Please accept my apologies for some bogus emails which claim to come from me. Someone evidently hacked into my address book some time ago. I think you will recognise immediately that they are not from me. (I do not use a gmail address.)
Thank you. Fr Paul

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.

World Gifts

With Christmas just around the corner, CAFOD has the perfect ethical gift giving solution. Each World Gift represents very real work that CAFOD is doing and for every gift you buy, you're helping someone living in poverty. Starting at just £4, and covering all sorts of our work from farming, to education, emergency response work, water provisions, there is something for every budget and personality.

For each gift you buy, you receive a beautifully illustrated card containing a real-life example of your gift in action.

You can also choose to send:

- a personalised card direct to a loved one's address
 - an ecard
 - a copy to print off at home

We have also added new gifts this year that are focused on our climate response!

Please see CAFOD website - [World Gifts](#)

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.

Worth Retreat

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 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 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

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@duckyls.co.uk

COP26

What is happening at the United Nations 26th Climate Change Conference in Glasgow? Some stories point to great successes; while others say *so much* more work needs to be done. So, where's the truth?

Join a special Laudato Si' Dialogue via zoom on **Tuesday 16th November** at 2pm, to learn all about what exactly happened at COP26 and why it matters for you and our common home. [Join Us](#)

Our Common Home



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/V01g4yDl3PM>

Foundation Governor – “Taste and See Evening”

We are holding a Taste and See evening on **Monday 15th November** at 7pm. Meeting in St John's Parish Hall, 3 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ for anyone in Crawley Deanery interested in this service. Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop to serve as his representatives on the governing body of diocesan schools to ensure the Church's mission is upheld.

Governors have oversight of the curriculum and the appointment of staff and are accountable for the performance of the school. They have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the headteacher.

Governing bodies need people with a mixture of skills and experience
Training is provided to help governors fulfil this very important role.

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](#).

PACT: Operation Elf

Bishop Richard writes:

'In the last part of this difficult year, we can begin to look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. For those families where a parent is in prison, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. Through PACT's Operation Elf, parishes and individuals can support prisoners to give a gift to their child, sharing a little love and joy and strengthening the family bond. This simple act can nurture the hope that redemption and a fresh start is possible.'

Register at parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk, buy a Gift card with the value of £10, and post to PACT. Full guidance and details at www.prisonadvice.org.uk Thank you.

Deanery Station Mass

On **Monday 22nd November** at 7pm at St John's Church, Horsham, the bishop will be celebrating a Deanery Station Mass for those who have died during the Pandemic.

All in the deanery are invited to join him.

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.

A Night under the Stars presents

Bohemian Rhapsody

7.30pm on **25th November** at The Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre.

Concert tickets - £12-£60

Post-concert tickets - £70

Buy tickets at www.passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars-2021

For more information please contact – events@passage.org.uk

Night Under the Stars raises money for The Passage, a charity based in the heart of Westminster, that provides practical support and a wide range of services to help transform the lives of people who are street homeless. They run a modern Resource Centre in Victoria, three residential and resettlement projects, outreach and health services, homelessness prevention schemes and a pioneering modern slavery referral programme.

***93p in every £1 of voluntary income goes direct to our frontline services.**

PACT: Just People Workshops Sutton

Could you put your faith into action by reaching out in a practical way to some of the most socially disadvantaged people in our community?

If so, Pact, the Prison Advice and Care Trust's Just People workshops may be for you.

Each workshop offers an opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social

Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment.

Accessible in person or online; our next **in person workshop** will be:

Saturday 27th November, 10am – 4pm

Sutton Life Centre, 24 Alcorn Close, Sutton SM3 9PX [Book here](#) or to find out more call Marie on 07581 194907 or email parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk

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.

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.

CAFOD message

COP26 is coming to a close, but there's still a big gap in the commitment's governments have made and the emissions cuts we need to prevent a climate catastrophe for the world's most marginalised communities.

We know if temperatures rise more than 1.5C, people in vulnerable areas will be hit even harder by the climate crisis.

But the pledges governments in Glasgow have come up with so far would put us on track for 2.4C of heating.

We can't allow for this to happen.

Boris Johnson, as Prime Minister of the host country, has a vital role to play as the end of the COP approaches. We need him to make sure governments don't leave Glasgow without commitments which will keep temperature rises below 1.5C.

Please raise your voice one last time before the end of COP26 and call for the PM to make sure our sisters and brothers on the frontline of the climate emergency aren't forced to pay the price for the governments which fail to act.

And if you don't have a Twitter account, you can send Boris Johnson an email instead using the button below:

[Tweet to urge the PM to keep 1.5 alive](#)

[Email the PM](#)



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.*

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.*

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Philipa Edwards, Victoria Sheppard, Myrtle Buckland, Geoffrey Teal, Carolyn Pickering, Alec Ricketts, Anne Kibble, Janet McCleery, Oriel Fahey, Alicia Eborne, Ian Moore, John Belford and Joe Morice.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday – 1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday – 2 Macc 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10 (**St Gertrude the Great**)
Wednesday – 2 Macc 7:1, 20-31 Luke 19:11-28
Thursday – 1 Macc 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-44
Friday – 1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48
Saturday – 1 Macc 6:1-13 Luke 20:27-40

Next Sunday's Readings: **Christ the King**

1st Reading – Daniel 7:13-14 2nd Reading – Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Yes, I am a King

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.

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.