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ABBAY PARISH

Second Sunday in OT (year C)
15th / 16th January 2022
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Journeying Together:

Collaboration

Co-operation

Co-Responsibility

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are well. I send my prayers for any of you who are suffering because of the pandemic.

This Sunday we celebrate Peace Sunday. Pope Francis has written a message for us. He entitles it: *Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work*, and continues to develop these three themes as keys for the promotion of peace, which he calls *the fruit of a shared commitment*. He mentions what militates against peace in our day – war, the pandemic, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation, poverty and *an economic model based on individualism rather than on solidarity and sharing... the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth constantly make themselves heard, pleading for justice and peace*. Peace is always the fruit of justice.

He stresses the need for dialogue between generations: *All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family*. He says that we need to regain trust in one another. He speaks especially about *our common home* and the role which young people play. *We ought to esteem and encourage all those young people who work for a more just world, one that is careful to safeguard the creation entrusted to our stewardship*.

He then writes about the importance of education: *Teaching and education are the foundations of a cohesive civil society capable of generating hope, prosperity and progress...But - Military expenditures, on the other hand, have increased beyond the levels at the end of the Cold War and they seem certain to grow exorbitantly*.

He then turns to labour: *It is a path to cooperation with others, since we always work with or for someone. Seen in this clearly social perspective, the workplace enables us to learn to make our contribution towards a more habitable and beautiful world...Labour, in fact, is the foundation on which to build justice and solidarity in every community*.

Please see the full text of the message from Pope Francis:

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/peace-sunday-16th-january-2022/> And please see the links below.

There will be a retiring collection at masses this weekend for the work of Pax Christi, the Catholic organisation which works to promote education for peace.

Please see below also for the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, which began on Tuesday.

The material this year was created by Churches in the Middle east, who persevere with great courage in the face of so much suffering. Please pray especially for them. They write:

In this fragile and uncertain world, we look for light. We look for the good within ourselves, but often we are so overwhelmed by our weakness that hope fails us. Our confidence rests in God, who in wisdom, enables us to hope for his mercy. We are surprised when it comes in human form: Christ is the light in our midst! God's gift to us is a 'spirit of power, and love'. We are drawn forward on the way to this perfect light by God's Holy Spirit, not by relying on our own strength and ability.

In the midst of darkness, the star from the East penetrates the depths of the darkness that separates us from one another. The star's light continues to shine and to change the face of history. Throughout the ages, by the lives of Christ's followers, the world has come to know the hope that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. And the Risen One continues to shine, like a beacon guiding all into this perfect light and overcoming the darkness which separates us from one another.

The desire to overcome the darkness that separates us compels us to pray and work for Christian unity.

Prayer

Creator of light, illumine our path by the light of Christ who moves before us and leads us. May he be a beacon for our pilgrimage. Enlighten us and dwell within us. Guide us to discover a manger in our hearts where a great light still shines.

We thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him. Amen.

We are unable to offer an ecumenical meeting at this time, but hope to do so at Pentecost this year. Meanwhile, please pray for unity. Please use the material on our website :

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-18th-25th-january-2022/>

Links for Our Common Home

[Help Reduce Food Waste](#)

[Greenpeace 101 ideas to live more sustainably](#)

[Help Reduce Plastic Waste](#)

Please look at the excellent material produced by Fairer World Lindfield, which includes a talk, *Know Your Carbon Footprint*, an on-line talk as part of their Climate Café, as well as many other themes. [Fairer World](#) . See also an analysis of COP26 produced by the Guardian. [COP 26](#)



Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our brother, Fr Ian Condon, 1934-2021, who died peacefully on Monday, 20th December, among his brethren who had just started their Community Retreat. He had been in poor health for many years, and was nursed here at Worth by devoted care staff and his brethren. He will be greatly missed by his monastic community and his many friends. Fr Ian's Funeral will take place on **Friday 21st January at 14:30** in the Abbey Church, followed by burial in the monastery cemetery.

His body will be received into the Abbey Church on **Thursday 20th January at 16:00**.

Please pray for our parishioners Fred Green, Michael Grech and Laura Rawlinson.

Please pray for Aung Sang Suu Kyi, the democratically elected leader of Burma, and for the people of Burma. Daw Suu has just been convicted by a court on false charges and faces another long prison sentence. *Care is a responsibility. We dare to act in accordance with the saying, "You are the strength of the weak".*

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Albert (Davy) Davis, Revd Norman Print, Evelyn Garvan, Louise Dobson, Tim McShane, Kenneth Huggins, Joan Leslie, Hannah Philipps, Mgr Canon David Donnelly, Althea Davis, Joseph Clarke and Fred Enscoe.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – 1 Sam 15:16-23 Mark 2:18-22 (**St Antony of Egypt**)

Tuesday – 1 Sam 16:1-13 Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday – 1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mark 3:1-6

Thursday – 1 Sam 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mark 3:7-12

Friday – 1 Sam 24:3-21 Mark 3:13-19 (**St Agnes**)

Saturday – 2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mark 3:20-21

Next Sunday's Readings: **Third Sunday in OT (Year C)** (Sunday of the Word of God)

1st Reading – Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen

Monastic mass this coming Saturday morning, 15th,
will begin at 8.45am (instead of 9 am), just on this occasion.

The Synod – Journeying Together

Please do give your views on synodality, *journeying together* as the Pilgrim People of God – the new kind of Church which Pope Francis wishes to build with us. Please submit them to the Diocese by completing the short questionnaire online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PTZKV3L>. The Diocese will consider all the input they receive and reflect it in their contribution to the Bishops' Conference as part of the worldwide process organised by the Vatican. It is really important that as many people as possible participate. For more information about the whole process, look at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>

If anyone wishes to talk about the process, please get in touch with Sr Jo by phone or text on 07949289902. Meanwhile, George and Christina Fitzsimons will hold the next session of their group after Sunday mass in the Unity Room.

Counters Needed

We need volunteers who can count the weekly collections, and bank the cash. Training will be given. Please get in touch. Thank you for offering your time and skills.

Readers Needed

We need volunteers to write and read the Universal Prayers at Sunday mass. Training will be given, and, if you prefer, someone will offer to write the prayers for you. This would not be more frequent than once every two months. Do please get in touch if you can help.

CAFOD send their many thanks to all of our generous parishioners. The latest donation received by them totalled **£495**.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Week

18th-25th January.

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Please see link for downloadable pamphlet which includes daily reflections.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/WPCU-2022-English-A5-1.pdf>

CAGNE Virtual AGM

Friday 18th February at 7.30pm with keynote speakers from politics, environment, and sustainable transport including the Southeast Ambassador for the Conservative Environment Network

Book to attend here or find details on our website

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/cagne-2022-agm-tickets-239287935657>

CAGNE is the umbrella aviation community and environment group for Sussex, Surrey and Kent.

Now Accepting Contactless Donations

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

The machine is in the lobby by the East door of the church (at the lower level). We hope to have another machine in the narthex soon, however in the meantime please find our Parish Offertory QR code in the Narthex. Just aim your phone camera at the code and click on the mydona link. (For some devices you may have to download an app to recognise QR codes). Thank you all for your generosity.



Invited

Are you part of our Invited Mission community? The latest Invited Monthly Reflection is out now, with exciting plans for Invited Season Two already underway. To find out more about Invited please [visit our website](#). To read January's Reflection click on the link below.

[Invited January Reflection](#)

NBCW

May I introduce myself as Diocesan Link with the '[National Board of Catholic Women](#) 'NBCW'? I would love to be able to keep in contact with the women of our parishes as part of my role as Diocesan Link and a means of engaging two-way communication between the Diocese and the NBCW. Please consider being the parish contact. Thanks. **Sue Petritz** nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk
Diocesan Link for Arundel & Brighton. *Actively promoting the presence, participation & responsibilities of Catholic Women.*

Applications to the Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage are open

The Lourdes Office are very pleased to announce that online applications for the 2022 diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 29 July - 4 August, are now open. Online applications [can be made by visiting our website](#). Paper application forms for those who require assistance can be accessed through the Lourdes Office. Please [click here](#) to email your name and address to our team, or
T: 01403 740110.

Peace Sunday – 16th January

Sunday, 16th January, is PEACE SUNDAY and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

Please see link for message from Pope Francis: [Message from Pope Francis](#)

The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media.

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>

If you'd like your personal donation to be counted towards your parish contribution please give your parish name and town in the 'Additional Information – Order Notes' box on the checkout page.

Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: *Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY*
Tel: 0208 203 4884

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. *(please check with Parish Office before coming)*

Rosary Group - Mondays 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 - Tuesday evenings at 7.40pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman

jenny_chapman@sky.com

Christian Meditation Group - 7.00pm in the Unity Room, please contact Richard by email
rbrownd1@gmail.com **Next Meetings** - **26th January**, 23rd February, 30th March and 27th April.

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: [My Dona 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.