



Journeying Together:
Collaboration
Co-operation
Co-Responsibility

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are well. I continue my prayers for you all, and most especially for any of you who are suffering from the effects of the pandemic. May God bring you comfort and healing.

As we approach the end of January the Synod groups which are meeting in our parish will be completing their work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken part in a group for your generosity with your time and energy; and most especially I thank those who have undertaken the service of leading a group. I know that the questions have not always been easy ones to answer, and none permits a simple response; so, the work of co-ordinating discussion and summarising it to send it to the Diocese requires time and energy. May I remind everyone that even if you have not taken part in a formal group you are still very welcome to submit your own ideas: Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PTZKV3L>. For more information about the whole process, please see <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod> If you know of anyone who no longer comes to church but might be willing to take part in the Synodal process, please do send them a reference. Pope Francis particularly wishes to hear from them. I have invited all the group leaders to a meeting with the parish team which will take place early next month, to look at any ways in which we can improve the pastoral work of the parish in the light of your responses to the Synod questions. Please consider this as the groups meet for the last time and make your suggestions known. If you would prefer, do please write to me directly.

Meanwhile, this Sunday we celebrate **The Sunday Of The Word of God**. This is something which Pope Francis instituted three years ago with a letter entitled *Aperuit Illis – He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures*. (You will find a copy of this in our excellent bookshop, or on line on the Vatican website.) He marks with approval the fact that the use of Scripture in homes is now much more frequent: *It is now common for the Christian community to set aside moments to reflect on the great importance of the word of God for everyday living*. You might like to join the parish lectio group to sample this ancient form of prayer. We meet each Tuesday evening at 7.40 to pray around the gospel reading of the coming Sunday. Or you might like to join our Bible study group which meets on Mondays in the parish office at 11.15. (Please get in touch with Jenny Chapman who

runs these - jenny_chapman@sky.com) You will find materials to guide you in the various different ways of practising lectio divina on our website,

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/worship/daily-reflections/>

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/worship/prayer-groups/>

or contact the office. Pope Francis encourages us to make the Bible our own book: *It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words... The Bible is the book of the Lord's people.* I wish you well on your journey to discover God's Word for your own lives. Do listen carefully to the words of Jesus in Sunday's gospel – *These words are being fulfilled even as you listen.* What might this mean for us?

You might find these questions helpful in your personal reading of Scripture:

- What part of the passage struck me the most and why?
- Which person in the biblical story do I identify with?
- What behaviour or situation caught my attention?
- Did I experience any emotions during the reading? Which ones and when?
- How does this passage relate to my life?
- Do I feel inspired by the words I have heard?

Please see the home page of the parish website: www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk

Fr Ian's Funeral will take place this **Friday 21st January at 14:30** in the Abbey Church,
followed by burial in the monastery cemetery.

**There will be no 5.30pm mass on Friday 21st.
The only mass will be the funeral mass of Fr Ian.**

Prayers



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

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 – Sir Martin Wilkinson, Dom Peter Beazley, Josephine Wright, Irene Mitchell, Betty Jones, Michael Stimpson, Paul Rubridge, Tony Brailey, Kathleen Dorrington, Patrick Board and Arthur Figg.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – 2 Sam 5:1-7 Mark 3:22-30 (**St Francis de Sales**)

Tuesday – Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mark 16:15-18 (**The Conversion of St Paul**)

Wednesday – 2 Sam 7:4-17 Mark 4:1-20

Thursday – 2 Sam 7:18-19, 24-29 Mark 4:21-25

Friday – 2 Sam 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mark 4:26-34 (**St Thomas Aquinas**)

Saturday – 2 Sam 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mark 4:35-41

Next Sunday's Readings: **Fourth Sunday in OT (Year C)**

1st Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

No prophet is ever accepted in his own country

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](#)

The Laudato Si Movement write:

As good Christians and citizens of the world, we want to take care of creation, the gift we have been given by God. We want to manage well the inheritance that will be left to our descendants and truly care for creation. Following Pope Francis' leadership and the 1.3 billion Catholics who care for creation, [Laudato Si' Movement](#) has come up with 52 ways for you, your family, and community to pray and take action for God's creation this year. Please follow the link to explore their website.

Messages from CAFOD

Stand with human rights defenders

Around the world, communities who work with CAFOD are experiencing the impact of climate change and human rights abuses linked to the activities of UK companies.

A new law could put an end to this, but we need you to stand with human rights defenders who are under threat right now. Please send an email to your MP and ask them to call for a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act

Walk Against Hunger

Challenge yourself to walk 200 kilometres this Lent and help stamp out hunger. Go the distance and help end malnutrition — one step at a time. [Walk against Hunger](#)

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.

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.



Parent Support Group

Supporting a child with mental ill health can be exhausting, demanding and frustrating. Often, it is difficult to find the help that they need and it is easy to end up feeling isolated.

Our Parent Support group is for parents and carers of children and young people with mental ill health in the Crawley area and aims to provide a calm, relaxed and non-judgemental space to get away from it all for a short time and find support from people who 'get it'.

The group will run **every Saturday morning** from 9.30 – 11.30,
in The Footlights Room at the Hawth in Crawley.

You can come along anytime without the need to book. There is free parking and free refreshments will be provided.

Find out more on our website www.yamhs.co.uk or email us at info@yamhs.co.uk or just drop in for a warm welcome.

*Supported by the Sussex Community Foundation, William Reed and Boltini Funds,
Y:AMHS Parent Support group*

Synod 2021-2023

The deadline for group and individual responses in our Diocese 4th February 2022.

People from across our community are invited to consider and respond - online or in writing - to the questions posed by the Holy Father, exploring their response to the Synod within their parish, alone, or with friends or family.

To access the questions, online Synod Response Form, and supporting resources, please [visit our website](#) and download the **Participant and Group Leaders' Guide**. For questions about the Diocesan response, please E: synod@abdiocese.org.uk.

Contributions from across our Diocese will be collated during February 2022, with Bishop Richard presenting a summary of the feedback received during an online meeting 9th March at 7.30pm. To register to attend this meeting, [please click here](#).

Evening Prayer with Bishop Richard

For those who are Divorced, Remarried or Separated, **Sunday 6th February** at 3pm,
St John the Evangelist Church, Horsham.

All those in our parish communities who are divorced, remarried or separated, are warmly invited to join
Bishop Richard for conversation, Evening Prayer and afternoon tea.
To book your free place [click here](#).

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.

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.

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.