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Fourth Sunday in OT (year C)
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Journeying Together:

Collaboration

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Co-Responsibility

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families continue well. As always, I hold you in prayer and remember especially those of you who suffer from Covid and all that it can bring with it.

This week I would like to share with you a letter which Pope Francis wrote to mark the anniversary of his encyclical, **Amoris Laetitia**, in which he meditated on themes which the Synod about family life had raised. It is a beautiful letter and so reflects the love and pastoral care which Pope Francis has for all families. It includes passages for young people who are engaged and preparing for marriage, and for parents with young children, and also for grandparents and the very valuable role which they can play and the service they give to their families.

He begins: *Dear married couples throughout the world!*

In this "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year, I am writing to express my deep affection and closeness to you at this very special time. Families have always been in my thoughts and prayers, but especially so during the pandemic, which has severely tested everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us. The present situation has made me want to accompany with humility, affection and openness each individual, married couple and family in all those situations in which you find yourselves.

We are being asked to apply to ourselves the calling that Abraham received from the Lord to set out from his land and his father's home towards a foreign land that God himself would show him (cf. *Gen 12:1*). We too have experienced uncertainty, loneliness, the loss of loved ones; we too have been forced to leave behind our certainties, our "comfort zones", our familiar ways of doing things and our ambitions, and to work for the welfare of our families and that of society as a whole, which also depends on us and our actions.

Our relationship with God shapes us, accompanies us and sends us forth as individuals and, ultimately, helps us to "set out from our land", albeit in many cases with a certain trepidation and even fear in the face of the unknown. Yet our Christian faith makes us realize that we are not alone, for God dwells in us, with us and among us: in our families, our neighbourhoods, our workplaces and schools, in the cities where we live.

Like Abraham, all husbands and wives "set out" from their own land at the moment when, in response to the vocation to conjugal love, they decide to give themselves to each other without reserve. Becoming engaged already means setting out from your land, since it calls you to walk together along the road that leads to marriage. Different situations in life, the passage of time, the arrival of children, work and illness, all challenge couples to embrace anew their commitment to one another, to leave behind settled habits, certainties and security, and to set out towards the land that God promises: to be two in Christ, *two in one*. Your lives become a single life; you become a "we" in loving communion with Jesus, alive and present at every moment of your existence. God is always at your side; he loves you unconditionally. You are not alone!

Do please take a moment to read this very pastoral reflection

(<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2021/documents/20211226-lettera-sposi-anno-famiglia-amorislaetitia.html>)

You might also like to see the videos which have been made to celebrate this year :

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/parish-life/young-people/families-and-young-children/>

I would like to take this opportunity to offer all the families of our parish, my prayers and my thanks for all you bring to us.

Yours.

Fr Paul

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 – Violet Levett, Philippa Watelin, Angela Hollins, Heather Levett, Bill Mitchell, William Hyde Hills, William Brown, Mike Brayshaw, Maurice Johnson, Mrs Rutherford, Alice Yaldren, Joseph Curran, John Hull and Ernest Walker.

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 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13 Mark 5:1-20 (**St John Bosco**)

Tuesday – 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30, 19:3 Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday – Mal 3:1-4 or Heb 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 (**The Presentation of The Lord**)

Thursday – 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mark 6:7-13

Friday – Sir 47:2-11 Mark 6:14-29

Saturday – 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mark 6:30-34 (**St Agatha**)

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

1st Reading – Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him

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).

** The QR Code can also be found on the back of the Order of Service for your ease. Please feel free to take your order of service home with you and scan the code at your leisure. **

Thank you all for your generosity.

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.

Sunday morning Refreshments

We are planning to re-start serving tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday mornings, from the **6th February**. To make this possible we need more willing hands to come forward to help in this very important part of the Welcoming Mission of the Church.

Whether on a regular basis, or ad hoc and occasionally, please consider if you can help out.

Contact Jenny Chapman by email; jenny_chapman@sky.com,
phone: 07857274927, or Fr. Paul at the Parish office. Thank you.

Universal Prayers

We will re-introduce Universal Prayers (bidding prayers) from Sunday, 6th February. We need more volunteers to help with this, to write the prayers and read them. (If you prefer, you could ask someone to write them for you.) If you can help, please get in touch with Charles McCarthy (charles_mccarthy@hotmail.co.uk) This is an important service to the community, and a significant way to exercise your priestly vocation. Thank you very much for considering this.

Food Collections

Thank you everyone for your generous response to the appeal from the food banks. Your many contributions are greatly appreciated.

Could you very kindly remember that we can only take non-perishable items, as our bin is not emptied very frequently.

Thank you.

The wisdom of St Benedict

15th-17th February, Cost £220.

Fr Martin McGee OSB explores the riches of St Benedict's Rule & living out the Christian life. Stability; becoming rooted in Christ; Humility; learning how to become oneself & Lectio Divina.

[Email](#) to book or [visit the Abbey website](#).

Holocaust Memorial Day

To mark Holocaust Memorial Day, and to reflect the theme of 'one day', The Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) are encouraging people to observe 'one day of prayer' on **27th January**; to dedicate space during the day to approach God in prayer to remember the victims of genocides around the world.

To help dedicate some time during the day to prayer, CCJ have produced the following words.

These can be said at home, during a service, or shared with congregants to reflect upon.

However you might pray, we hope you may be able to dedicate some time on 27th January to prayerfully remember the victims of the Holocaust, and to petition God for an end to such human atrocities.

Eternal God, you hold all of our days in your hands.

On this day, we come before you to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

We lament the loss of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and victims of other genocides.

May our minds be clear and attentive to their memory and our hearts be moved to bear witness to their lives.

Today, help us to remember and recognise the sanctity of each human life, that all people are made in Your image.

One day, we pray that genocide and hatred will be no more, and that love will triumph over evil.

In our prayers and in our actions, help us to show this love in the world today.

Amen.

Please see our website for more information

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/holocaust-memorial-day-thursday-27th-january-2022/>

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](#).

Lenten Reflection for Young Adults (18-35)

Facilitated by the House of Prayer team, this day will provide a time of quiet reflection during this season of renewal. **Sat 12th March 10am-4pm at House of Prayer, East Molesey. Cost: £25**

Based on Ignatian spirituality, we will explore prayer and scripture in a new and profound way. **To book click here >>>** E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Confirmation Catechist Reflection and Formation Day

Join us for a day of Lenten reflection led by The Catholic Bible School.

Sat 26th March 10am - 3.30pm at St John the Evangelist, Horsham. Cost: £5

You will have the opportunity to stop, pray, and spend time with the Lord during this season of renewal.

You will also discover new and exciting ways to help young people connect to their faith.

To book click here >>> E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

[A weekend away for a lifetime of change](#)

Are you single again following separation, divorce or the death of your partner?

Beginning Experience is a weekend programme to help you to move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning and help you to face the future with renewed hope.

The next local weekend is from **8th-10th April** at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex.
If you are interested or would like more information please contact Freda 01322 838415 or
Maura 07795 498445
Email besouthofengland@gmail.com



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.

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Y:AMHS Parent Support group*

Justice & Peace Assembly 2022 – To a Safer Shore?

Our thank you to all those who attended this year's Justice and Peace Assembly "To a safer shore".

Speakers' notes can be accessed via your parish website

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/justice-peace/>

To watch the Assembly please click <https://vimeo.com/666831099>

To find out more about the work of the diocesan Refugee Crisis Fund please visit our website

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/rcf>

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](#)

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](#)

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 - 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

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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.