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ABBAY PARISH

Fifth Sunday in OT (year C)
5th / 6th February 2022
No: 1289



Journeying Together:

Collaboration

Co-operation

Co-Responsibility

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are well. I send you all my prayers, most especially any who are suffering from illness and any other needs.

On Tuesday, 8th we celebrate the feast of **St Josephine Bakhita**, whom we now venerate as the patron saint of victims of trafficking. She was born in about 1870 in the South Darfur region of Sudan. When she was ten years old she was captured by Arab slave traders and was subjected to very violent treatment by various owners. She subsequently had the good fortune to be sold to the Italian consul who took her to Italy to live with a family near Venice. After some years she came in contact with the Canossian Sisters there, and was baptised in 1890. Three years later she herself entered the convent and was subsequently professed as one of their community, among whom she lived for the next fifty years until her death in 1947. She was beatified by Pope St John Paul II in 1995, recognising her piety and charity.

It is now understood that there are many victims of trafficking all around the world, most especially in wealthy countries like ours. Our diocese of Arundel and Brighton has formed a commission to work on behalf of victims, and welcomes everyone's help to detect this hidden crime. They write: *Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of human traffickers, becoming unpaid modern-day slaves in their own countries and abroad. Our Diocese is committed to combatting modern slavery in all its guises and has set up a Steering Group attached to our Social Action Commission...Modern slavery manifests in many different guises including forced domestic service, human trafficking for exploitation, and crimes which enable trafficking. It is a human rights violation which has very serious consequences for the health and wellbeing of survivors; victims are often hidden away and may be unable to leave their situation, or unable to come forward because of fear or shame.* They calculate that it is the most lucrative form of crime, after the trade in arms, and often preferred because it is much easier to conceal. In England, it is suggested, there are 136,000 slaves today. Many, perhaps one in four, will be children.

Could you help the Diocesan Group in their work? They write: ***Our Diocesan Steering Group on Modern Slavery welcomes new members! The task to overcome this heinous practice is enormous. Our Steering Group aims to combat modern slavery wherever it is found, diligently working toward its abolition by collaborating with other churches and***

We are asked by the Bishops to continue to wear a mask in Church and to use the hand sanitiser. Thank You.

external organisations, actively raising awareness, and assisting the police in bringing the perpetrators of modern slavery to justice. Please pray for their work and for all the victims of slavery around the world.

Please see the diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/formation/combating-modern-slavery>



Prayers

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

Please pray for the Health of Michael Wilson

Please pray for the victims of human trafficking that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have gone through. We pray that we, as the Church, will continue to defend victims of human trafficking. We pray for our governments that they may make and implement laws that will protect victims of modern-day slavery. We pray for those organisations dedicated to eradicating modern day slavery that they will be courageous in the face of challenges. We pray for those caring for the victims of human trafficking, that their efforts to help the vulnerable and traumatised may not go unrewarded. Amen

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 – Rosemary Jansen, Violet Ferguson, Dom Hugh O’Neill, Dom Oliver Brayden, Michael Godfrey, Elizabeth Fresne, Edgar Stanford, Josephine Chamberlain, Eda Dunbar, Joan Witham, Jim McClusky, Fra Andrew Bertie, Angus MacDonald, Eddie Flanagan, Beatrice Green, Bruce Lagden, Anne Powys-Lybbe, Peggy Bonner, Peter Whelpton and Alison Rawlins.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday – 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday – 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-23

Thursday – Songs 8:6-7 Luke 10:38-42 **(St Scholastica)**

Friday – 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19 Mark 7:31-37

Saturday – 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34 Mark 8:1-10

Next Sunday’s Readings: **Sixth Sunday in OT (Year C)**

1st Reading – Jeremiah 17:5-8

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Happy are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep

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](#)

[Fairer World](#)

[Laudato Si' Movement](#)

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 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.

Welcome to the parish brunch!

Come and meet other parishioners and make new friends. All families are especially welcome. We start at 11 am after coffee in Compass House. (Please ask for directions if needed.) This will take place on the second Sunday of each month, beginning next Sunday, 13th.

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.

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](#).

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.

Time Out at Worth

18th-24th February

Individual self-led retreats Cost: £90 per person, per night

Start the new year by getting away and having time to process, to reflect and to pray. This is a week set aside from the normal retreat programme to offer time for a bit of sanctuary so you can do whatever you need to do, with plenty of time in between.

Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment.

Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available.

Please contact us for further information.

Website: worth.co.uk/retreats Tel: 01342 710318 Email: retreats@worth.org.uk

The Bartimaeus Project

A fantastic new faith initiative begins across the Diocese this March. The Bartimaeus Project aims to provide people across our diocesan community with a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith, with an engaging series of talks, delivered by a group of Arundel & Brighton parish priests, beginning this Spring. The first of four talks will take place in person in Effingham & Fetcham parish, and online at Arundel, Bognor Regis & Slindon, and Southwick parishes, on Shrove Tuesday, **1st March** at 7.30pm. Talk One, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening' with Fr Stephen Dingley will explore our understanding of God's revelation, examining how God speaks to us through creation, the Old Testament, and supremely in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The talk will be followed by an opportunity for discussion and questions to the speaker. To find out more please visit [The Bartimaeus Project website](http://TheBartimaeusProject.org) or E: mail@bartimaeus-project.org

What is God Saying to the Church?

A live online conversation with Fr James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron & Revd. Nicky Gumbel, **Tuesday 1st March** at 6pm. March 2022 marks two years since the pandemic hit much of the world. What is God saying to the Church in the last two years? [Click here](#) to visit the Divine Renovation website and book your free place.

A webinar with Bishop Richard

Synod 2021-2023

Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm. A two-year synodal process is taking place across the Catholic Church. Join Bishop Richard for a webinar highlighting the Synod feedback received from people and groups across our Diocese. To register your place [please 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

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

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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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.