



WORTH
ABBAY PARISH

Sixth Sunday in OT (year C)
12th / 13th February 2022
No: 1290



Journeying Together:

Collaboration

Co-operation

Co-Responsibility

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are well. As always, I send my prayers for you all.

As I write, however, I am aware that there are many of you who are not in good health, and for you I send my special prayers this week. On Friday, 11th, we celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of Lourdes**, and we are asked to make this a **day of prayer for the sick**. This is an intention very close to Pope Francis' heart, and he has written to us about this to help guide our prayer and actions, and to encourage those who are sick, and those who care for the sick.

He writes: *I would like to remind everyone that closeness to the sick and their pastoral care is not only the task of certain specifically designated ministers; visiting the sick is an invitation that Christ addresses to all his disciples. How many sick and elderly people are living at home and waiting for a visit! The ministry of consolation is a task for every baptized person, mindful of the word of Jesus: "I was sick and you visited me" (Mt 25:36). He chooses as his title, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" - Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity – words to encourage us all to play our part in bringing consolation to those in need. He says: Mercy is God's name par excellence; mercy, understood not as an occasional sentimental feeling but as an ever-present and active force, expresses God's very nature. It combines strength and tenderness. He speaks of Jesus as the incarnate mercy of the Father: The supreme witness of the Father's merciful love for the sick is his only-begotten Son. How often do the Gospels relate Jesus' encounters with people suffering from various diseases! He has special words of appreciation and encouragement for health care workers: I think of all those physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, the support staff and the caretakers of the sick, as well as the numerous volunteers who donate their precious time to assist those who suffer. Dear healthcare workers, your service alongside the sick, carried out with love and competence, transcends the bounds of your profession and becomes a mission. Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father. Be mindful of the great dignity of your profession, as well as the responsibility that it entails.*



I would like to take this opportunity to thank very sincerely all those in our parish who generously bring the Lord in Holy Communion and by their own loving presence to the homes of those who suffer. It is a most important work of mercy. If you know of anyone who cannot come to church and would like communion at home, please get in touch. Please pray with me in appreciation of all the health professionals in our parish, and for all for whom they care.

Please see the full text of the message of Pope Francis on our website:

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/world-day-of-the-sick-friday-11th-february-2022/>

Donating On-Line Information

For those who wish to donate on-line to the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal Collection, the following information shows how this can be done using the A&B Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage website.

1. Go to the Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage website using this link: [A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Website](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home) or the website address <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>
 2. Click on the  button on the right-hand side of the screen.
 3. Please then click on the  button in the middle of the page and follow the instructions.
- If you have any questions, please contact the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, either by email on lourdes.office@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01403 740110

Alternatively, as we will also be having a Second Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund this weekend, you can use the 2nd Collection bar on the machine by the East Door, (Donations can be gift aided)

Prayers



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

Please pray for the Health of Michael Wilson

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.

The Caregiver's Prayer:

Compassionate and healing God, help us to see your face in the faces of our sisters and brothers who are sick or injured. Guide us to reach out to them with hearts of compassion and hands which serve their needs.

When they are anxious, help us to know how to reassure them.

When they feel alone, help us to notice and be present.

When they feel confused, help us to listen and assist in finding answers to their concerns.

When they need comfort, help us to communicate care and understanding.

When they are weak or discouraged help us find ways to refresh their spirits. When doubt or darkness touches them, give your Light to guide them and lift them up.

Help us as caregivers to always turn to You as the source of our own strength and compassion as we seek to serve the needs of our sisters and brothers who are vulnerable. Amen.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Tigs Nott (Wheeler), Eamon Michael Litten, Martin Harewood, Marjorie Beck, Clare Crossman, Oliver Burrige, Harry Simmons and Kathleen Glew.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday – Jas 1:1-11 Mark 8:11-13 (**SS Cyril and Methodius**)

Tuesday – Jas 1:12-18 Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday – Jas 1:19-27 Mark 8:22-26

Thursday – Jas 2:1-9 Mark 8:27-33

Friday – Jas 2:14-24, 26 Mark 8:34 – 9:1

Saturday – Jas 3:1-10 Mark 9:2-13

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

1st Reading – 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 11-13, 22-23 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemies

Digital Collection Plate

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.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 2nd March – 4.30pm Mass - Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 9th March – 4.30pm Mass - Benediction

Monday 21st March – 4.30pm Mass – St Benedict Mass



This weekend you may notice on the church doors the application for permission to repair the church roof. This is necessary to stop rain coming in!

The work will force us to close the church for approximately two weeks.

We anticipate this will happen from June 27th until July 8th, but these dates may change slightly according to the progress made.

We expect to be able to make provision for at least one weekend mass to be celebrated in another building on the estate, and, nearer the time, we will give you full details.

Welcome to the parish brunch!

Come and meet other parishioners and make new friends. All families are especially welcome.

We start at 11am after coffee in Compass House. (Please ask for directions if needed.)

This will take place on the second Sunday of each month, beginning this Sunday, 13th.

Parish Leadership Teams

Some of those who took part in the Synod groups said that they were unaware of the identity of the members of the Parish leadership team. When some years ago the parish voted to adopt the Divine Renovation programme, we began to follow the leadership model which they recommend, replacing the elected PPC with a group who are responsible for the various pastoral ministries of the parish. We list below the members and their roles, and hope to be able to display their photos very soon on the web.

Ann and Charles McCarthy: 9.30am Sunday Mass. Marriage courses. Alpha courses. Welcome ministry.

Carol Morice: 5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Meg Rew: Parish website and Facebook page

Rachel Davies: Junior Church. First Holy Communion catechist. Safeguarding rep.

Kir Horner: CAFOD and Young People and other issues concerned with the developing world.

Leonora van Assche: Young People and ecology – Worth Pro Earth

Stella Russell: formation of children and pastoral of young families

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

Tea and coffee are again available after Mass on Sunday mornings.

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.



WORTH PILGRIMS

Abbot Mark has invited a group of us to consider how the different parts of the Worth family might connect more fully and how the beauty and spiritual resources of Worth could best serve others and support us all on our faith journeys. The involvement of the Parish community is central to this initiative.

Easter is the high point of the liturgical calendar and the first event that we would like to invite you to is on **Easter Sunday 17th April**, immediately after Mass when a number of activities are planned.

There will be a contemplative **Resurrection Walk** to the Quiet Garden led by Father David with reflections and readings on the way. There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for children and adults who are young at heart! We also plan to have a **guided walk** of the Worth estate taking in some of the best sights. The Worth coffee van will be serving refreshments and Italian Easter cake to tempt you. Rachel is very kindly offering **Junior Church** that day.

There are two further dates for your diary. On 29th August, August Bank Holiday Monday, **Worth will be open to visitors** for guided tours and music, with opportunities for prayer and contemplation. On Sunday December 18th there will be a special **Advent Carol Service**.

Further updates will be circulated as our planning progresses. If anyone would like to know more now or to get involved, please contact either of us.

Thank you - Christina and Sara

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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

Crawley Interfaith Network

“What my faith means to me – women’s perspective” – Zoom Meeting on Thursday 24th February at 7.30pm
Speakers from Buddhist, Bahia, Christian, Hindu, Muslim and Sikh religions.

To Join this Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84981632630?pwd=S3BtcFViWStRSWNYNk1wbDR1cmlpaUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 8163 2630 Passcode: 427800

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

Divine Renovation – What is God saying to the Church?

Have you registered to host a Watch Party for our biggest global event?

Hear Dan O’Rourke, President of Divine Renovation Ministry, share more about hosting a Watch Party:

It couldn’t be easier. Here’s what you need to do:

1. Find a space, in-person or online and invite your team, friends and community along!
2. Download your Watch Party materials, by registering to host a Watch Party [here](http://www.divinerenovation.org/what-is-god-saying-event/#watch-party).
3. Get talking! Engage in the conversation by following our easy-to-use programme.

<https://www.divinerenovation.org/what-is-god-saying-event/#watch-party>

We believe this will be an incredible opportunity for you and your community to come together and discover where God is calling you.

If you have any questions about hosting a Watch Party for the event, please email Daisy at daisy.vanderputt@divinerenovation.org.uk and she will be happy to help.

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](http://www.divinerenovation.org) 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](http://www.divinerenovation.org).

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 with Exposition.
(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.