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ABBAY PARISH

Seventh Sunday in OT (year C)
19th / 20th February 2022
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Journeying Together:

Collaboration

Co-operation

Co-Responsibility

Dear Parishioners

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

This weekend our parish celebrates **Racial Justice Sunday**. (This was delayed from last weekend in our diocese so that we could hold the Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal.) The Bishops of England and Wales have produced some material for us, which includes some very beautiful images of the Virgin and Child from around the world, reflecting different cultures. They write: *The theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. Our aim, in 2022, is to continue these conversations about how we see others in the "Image and Likeness of God".* Through these images all races are invited to see themselves reflected in the persons of Mary and her child, Jesus, who took our human nature to join us with his divine nature. All humanity is included, all are invited. You will find an exhibition in the narthex which shows these beautiful images from around the world. Do please look at the Bishops' material on line: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs22/> and see the prayer below.

Meanwhile, Caroline Howells, leader of the Traidcraft team writes:

*With **Fairtrade Fortnight** about to start, 21st Feb – 6th March, why not visit the Traidcraft stall and stock up on their products including tea, coffee, sugar and chocolate. Traidcraft ensures that farmers and workers are paid a fair wage and gives an additional premium, which is used to invest in local community projects.*

Monday is the start of Fairtrade fortnight.

This year Fairtrade Fortnight aims to put the spotlight on climate justice. Climate change hits those in low-income countries the hardest. Increasingly extreme, unpredictable weather is destroying bananas, coffee, cocoa and other crops. That means farmers and workers who are already underpaid have even less to spend on essentials such as education, medical treatment and even food.

Please remember when shopping that 'Fairtrade' is the gold standard of ethical trading and the world's most trusted and best-known food certification scheme. The prices paid for the crops behind some of our favourite foods need to increase significantly in order for farmers to escape the cycle of poverty and still have the means to adapt to climate emergencies. Now more than ever, they need fair pay, fair prices and fairer trading practices.

'Fairtrade' works with farmers to strengthen environmental and climate protection, to provide resources, training and knowledge so they can face climate challenges right now.

'Fairtrade' certifies products and ingredients. They independently check that their standards have been met by the farmers, workers and companies that are part of product supply chains. In order to reassure consumers that this has happened, they license the use of the 'Fairtrade' Mark on products and packaging to signal this.

As many of you know, our Traidcraft stall carries a large selection of Divine chocolate. Divine is the only chocolate company in the world which is 100% 'Fairtrade' and owned by cocoa farmers. While 'Fairtrade' ensures farmers receive a better deal for their cocoa and additional income to invest in their community, company ownership gives farmers a share of Divine's profits and a stronger voice in the cocoa industry.

Chose 'Fairtrade' this Fairtrade Fortnight and beyond; choose to fight for climate justice, for farmers on the front line of climate change, for our planet and for future generations. We look forward to seeing you.

Our thanks to Caroline and all her team for offering this important reminder to us all about justice in trade.

Please see <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/fair-trade-fortnight-21st-february-6th-march-2022/>

Prayers



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

Please pray for the continued recovery of Michael Wilson

Please pray for Christine Brown, who will be received into the Catholic Church at a private ceremony, here at Worth, during the coming week. Thanks be to God.

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.

Prayer for Racial Justice:

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,

reflected in all the peoples of the earth,

so that we may discover anew

that all are important and all are necessary,

different faces of the one humanity

that God so loves.

Amen

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Mary Cockerill, Miriam Vinycomb, Mrs Maynard, Cornelius Faber and Stephen Loftus.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Jas 3:13-18 Mark 9:14-29 (**St Peter Damian**)

Tuesday – 1 Pet 5:1-4 Matt 16:13-19 (**The Chair of St Peter the Apostle**)

Wednesday – Jas 4:13-17 Mark 9:38-40 (**St Polycarp**)

Thursday – Jas 5:1-6 Mark 9:41-50

Friday – Jas 5:9-12 Mark 10:1-12

Saturday – Jas 5:13-20 Mark 10:13-16

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

1st Reading – Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Can the blind lead the blind?

Message from The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office

“We are receiving several applications from Pilgrims who will require assistance to join this year’s Lourdes Pilgrimage, but at this point we are short of Helpers, Nurses and Doctors to assist with their Pilgrimage. If you would like to help, we would like to encourage Helpers, Nurses and Doctors to apply. The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions anyone has prior to applying.”

The application form they should use is available on the website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 2nd March – 4.30pm Mass - Ash Wednesday
(Parish Mass, with ashes, at 7.30pm)

Wednesday 9th March – 4.30pm Mass - Benediction

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

After mass recently, a kind parishioner recommended this Ken Loach film “Sorry we missed you” (2018) as a response to Fr Paul’s homily. We thank you for your suggestion.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0014blg/sorry-we-missed-you>



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. Next date – **13th March.**

Parish Walk

Do join us for a walk with Father Paul starting from Worth Abbey on **Sunday 28th March** lasting for about an hour and a half, with lunch at The Cowdray Arms post walk.

We will make a circular route down to the very beautiful tenth century Worth church.

Further details of the walk to follow from Father Paul.

Contact either Father Paul or Trishia on 01892 770942 or trishiasol@aol.com.

Parish Leadership Team

Following your request, we are pleased to be able to offer a special page on our website which will soon show photographs of members, with their names and contact details, (subject to GDPR), and their particular areas of activity and responsibility. Our special thanks to all those who submitted some excellent and creative ideas for parish activities. We will look at these carefully and respond as quickly as we can. Please bear in mind that every activity depends on volunteers to organise it and make it all work; so, I will be looking for lots of eager volunteers to make it all happen! It is also worth remembering that some activities also have financial implications! I look forward to exciting future developments with your generous involvement.

Please see our website <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/parish-life/parish-leadership-team/>

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

Message from CAFOD

Thank you to all parishioners at Worth Abbey for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of **£235.80** which we received on 2nd February 2022. Thank you so much for being there for our global family. Your generosity means that the local partner organisations and sister agencies we work with in Afghanistan can reach communities most in need – especially women and children.

Your donation will provide food, clean water and fuel. Please keep the people of Afghanistan in your thoughts and prayers.

Focusing on food waste

More than **35%** of global CO2 greenhouse gases come from the production and distribution of food. By preventing unnecessary food waste, we can greatly reduce the impact our eating habits are having on climate change.

In West Sussex, food waste makes up a staggering 40% of the average household general waste bin.

However, up to 70% of that waste can actually be avoided!

With **Food Waste Action Week** taking place from 7th - 13th March, now is an excellent time to forge new habits by wasting less while also reducing food bills.

The West Sussex Waste Partnership is tackling food waste through various trials and initiatives. It is also undertaking trials of separate food waste collections to further reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill.

If you have excess or leftover food you can find details on ways to share it and avoid your food going to waste by visiting **Food Rescue campaign**.

For more top tips, visit the **Love Food. Hate Waste** website. It's packed with information and inspiration to help you plan meals and make delicious food.

Fans of social media? Don't forget to let others know what you're doing, use the hashtag **#WestSussexClimateAction**

A Retreat for Lent

Through the spirituality of St Ignatius. Celebrating the 500-year centenary of the conversation of Ignatius Loyola and 400 years since his Canonisation. Available online at www.onlineprayer.net
For details of the online retreat contact the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, in Glasgow on 0141 354 0077 or email admin@iscglasgow.co.uk

Theresa Hobson-Frohock writes: "You are able to register, online, for a virtual weekly group via zoom (details above). OR attend in person within the Parish by emailing Theresa on t55mhf@gmail.com for further information".

LENT DISCUSSION GROUP

All are welcome to a Lent Discussion Group on the theme of Justice, using Archbishop Justin Welby's specially-commissioned book for Lent 2022.

It looks at justice in the Bible and the relevance to our lives. It is a very positive and encouraging book and it has a booklet to go alongside it.

We'll meet after Sunday Mass in the Unity Room on the following Sundays: **6th March, 20th March, 3rd April**
Feel free to come along when you can.

Each session is 'stand-alone'. If you'd like to follow along at home, let us know and we can provide you with a copy of the booklet.

For more information contact: Christina Fitzsimons E: cfitzs3287@aol.com or

George Fitzsimons E: george@fitzsimonsonline.com

Embracing Justice by Isabelle Hamley

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.

Invited - February Reflection

On February 11th, we had the optional Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes. The story of Lourdes as a shrine begins in February 1858, when a local 14-year-old girl, Bernadette Soubirous, whilst collecting firewood, heard a noise like a gust of wind. She looked up towards a cave: "I saw a lady dressed in white, she wore a white dress, and equally white veils, a blue belt and a yellow rose on each foot." Bernadette made the Sign of the Cross and said the Rosary with the lady. When the prayer ended the Lady suddenly vanished. Over the following weeks, Bernadette returned to the spot and encountered the vision each time and soon the lady spoke to Bernadette. During the thirteenth vision, the Lady asked Bernadette, 'Go and tell the priests that people are to come here in procession and to build a chapel here.' The local clergy were sceptical about the vision and demanded that Bernadette ask the Lady to identify herself. On 25th March, the Lady said, 'I am the Immaculate Conception.' Given the unlikelihood of Bernadette knowing this theological expression, and after further investigations, the Church authorities acknowledged the apparitions as 'worthy of belief.' Bernadette was canonised in 1933 by Pope Pius XI with her Feast Day on 16th April, the date of her death in 1879.

The site of the visions is now a worldwide pilgrimage destination, and the Diocese (in normal times) has an annual pilgrimage at the end of July. If you would like more information about this year's pilgrimage, please

[click here >>>](#)

Alternatively, contact the Pilgrimage Team on **T:** 01403 740110, and they will be delighted to answer your questions and offer more information.



WORTH PILGRIMS

Easter Sunday, April 17th

There are some exciting activities for parishioners after Mass on Easter Sunday.

Father David is leading a contemplative **Resurrection Walk** to the Quiet Garden. He will be stopping for reflections on the way. The walk is gentle and suitable for all ages.

There will be an **Easter Egg hunt** with lots of eggs to find! We would love to see lots of children and adults enjoying the fun!

In addition, there will be a **walk on the Worth estate** taking in some of the best sights. Father Patrick will lead us through the Worth estate. Walking shoes or hiking boots recommended.

The Worth coffee van will be serving refreshments and Italian Easter cake after these activities to tempt you!

We would love to have some volunteers! We need people to hide Easter eggs before Mass and to help the younger children find them! We need walkers to help Father Patrick and people to help guide everyone to their activity of choice.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact:

Christina Fitzsimons E: cfitzs3287@aol.com T: 01444 415557

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Worth Pilgrims: <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/parish-life/worth-pilgrims/>

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

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](#).

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/>

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.

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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.