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The Holy Trinity (year C)

11th / 12th June 2022

No: 1304

Dear Parishioners

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

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Parish Pentecost Picnic so successful. I hope that you all enjoyed the occasion as much as I did. The weather was not quite what we might have hoped for, but it was very good to have everyone grouped together in the Unity Room, sharing one another's picnics. I felt it was very much in the spirit of the feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the birth of the Church, God's gift of community, communication and understanding. There was a real warmth there, despite the weather; and I admire the families who brought their own warmth and celebrated outside!

This Sunday we celebrate another great feast – Trinity Sunday. It does not have the long history of Pentecost, which dates from the earliest recorded calendars of Judaism. (The Feast of the Trinity entered the calendar only gradually, starting in the great monastery of Cluny in the early 11th century.) Nor does it have the same natural appeal of Pentecost. Indeed, the concept of the Holy Trinity rather suggests a mystery which is completely beyond our understanding, as it truly is. But I would like to share with you some lines by Pope Francis in which he presents this feast with his characteristic grace of simplicity – it is the feast of God's love for us, God's gift of Himself.

He writes: *The Father is love; the Son is love; the Holy Spirit is love. And inasmuch as he is love, God, while being one alone, is not solitude but communion, among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: Because love is essentially a gift of self - in its original and infinite reality it is the Father who gives himself by generating his Son, who in turn gives himself to the Father, and their mutual love is the Holy Spirit, the bond of their unity. It is not easy to understand, but we can live this mystery, all of us, we can live it a great deal... This mystery of the Trinity was revealed to us by Jesus himself. He showed us the face of God as merciful Father; he presented Himself, true man, as the Son of God and Word of the Father, the Saviour who gives his life for us; and he spoke of the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son, the Spirit of Truth, the Paraclete Spirit — the Consoler and Advocate. And when Jesus appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection, he invited them to evangelize "all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19).*

Today's celebration, therefore, makes us contemplate this marvellous mystery of love and of light from which we come and toward which our earthly journey is guided.

In the message of the Gospel and in every form of Christian mission, one cannot overlook this unity among us to which Jesus calls, following the unity of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:

one cannot overlook this unity. The beauty of the Gospel asks to be lived — unity — and witnessed in the harmony among us, who are so diverse! And this unity, I dare say, is essential to Christians: it is not an attitude, a manner of speaking, no; it is essential, because it is the unity that arises from love, from the mercy of God, from the justification of Jesus Christ and from the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

I commend to you this meditation. Do please consider how we can live this unity of love and show the presence of God in our community.

My best wishes to you all. Fr Paul

Prayers



Please continue to pray for our parishioners Fred Green, Michael Grech, Tony Wright and Laura Rawlinson.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

God of peace, your prophet Isaiah promised swords would be turned into ploughshares, and your Son's mother, Mary, proclaimed the mighty would be put down and the humble exalted: visit the people of Ukraine; deliver them from fear, violence, attack, injury, destruction, death; and give them courage, solidarity and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.

Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.

Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict, restore order, and pursue justice.

And make this moment of peril an occasion for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict and our dependence on one another.

In Christ our Lord, who went to his death because of our hatred, and rose again because our hatred is never stronger than your indomitable love.

Amen.

(Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Church)

We continue our Holy Hour of prayer each Sunday at 6pm

Please continue to pray for the peoples of Palestine and Israel, that they may achieve peace with justice. Please see this statement by the local Justice and Peace Commission on our homepage.

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"We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us"

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Lynne Hedgecock, Betty Clegg, John Paris, Bernadette Marchant, Pauline Godfrey, Beryl Paris, Daniel McNaboe, Doris Moody, Julian Millest, Jack Gould, Tony Curtis, Eileen Ortiger, Revd Richard Harvey, Gen Sir Richard O'Connor and Phyllis Gould.

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 21:1-16 Matt 5:38-42 **(St Anthony of Padua)**

Tuesday – 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Matt 5:43-48

Wednesday – 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Matt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday – Sir 48:1-14 Matt 6:7-15

Friday – 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Matt 6:19-23

Saturday – 2 Chr 24:17-25 Matt 6:24-34

Next Sunday's Readings: **Corpus Christi**

1st Reading – Genesis 14:18-20 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

The feeding of the five thousand

Parish Events



Dates for the Diary

This Sunday 12th June – Parish Brunch in Compass House at 11am.
(Next brunch on 10th July will be “bring your own”. If the weather is nice this will be outside, if not, we will use the Unity Room)

19th June – Next Parish Walk. Depart from Worth after mass and return to Worth for a shared picnic.

22nd June – Joint mass with the school at 4.30pm.

24th June – 9th July – Fr Paul on Holiday

24th June – 10th July – Approximate date for church closure for roof repairs.

During Fr Paul's absence, there will be no Saturday evening mass on **25th June and 2nd July**.

Due to the possible closure of the Abbey Church, mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 3rd July** in the school theatre.

(If we need to celebrate mass in the theatre, notices will be posted on the church doors and stewards will be on hand)

Next weekend (18th/19th June) will be our last In Touch until 17th July.
Please contact Maria in the parish office, if you would like to add a notice.

Junior Church

Do you enjoy working with children? We urgently need more helpers to run the Junior Church on Sunday mornings during the first part of mass for children of school age. This lasts less than half an hour, and there is a rota. You will be able to accompany those who have experience of doing, this for training. The children love it, and I am sure that you will enjoy it! Do please get in touch. Thank you. Fr Paul

First Holy Communion Preparation

We have started to register children for preparation for their First Confession and Holy Communion. The group (children and parent, or parents, and other family members who can take part) meets on Saturday mornings, beginning on Saturday, 10th September 2022. Your child should have reached his or her eighth birthday by the date of the celebration of the First Communion, Sunday, 14th May 2023.
Please get in touch with the parish office – parish@worth.org.uk

Studio or Flat?

Do you have, or know of someone who might have a property they could let out for 8 or 9 months from 22nd June? This is for a 22-year-old girl, who will be doing training at Gatwick Airport. If you can help, please call her mother, Rosie, on 07811 657824 or alternatively let Maria in the Parish office know, and we will contact for you. Thank you.

Non-Parish Events

A Day with Mary

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917.
Arundel Cathedral, Sussex on **Saturday 9th July** at 9.30am (finish 5pm. Please bring a packed lunch)
For full information see - www adaywithmary.org



In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them, with the relics visiting three venues in our Diocese;

- St Dunstan's in Woking – 21st October
- Arundel Cathedral – 22nd October
- **Worth Abbey** – 23rd October

The relic tour website is now live, and will be updated regularly with further details of this very special visit. To discover more about the visit and learn about the life of St Bernadette and charisms of Lourdes, please click [Relic Tour](#)

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](#) [WSCC Environment and Climate Change Newsletter](#)

[Nature on your doorstep](#) <https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/>

<https://www.recyclenow.com/repeatthecycle> [Greenpeace Big Plastic Count](#)

[West Sussex Climate Action](#) [The Joyful Environmentalist](#)

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 – 7:10pm until 8:00pm. 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** - *29th June (*this one session will be held in St Bruno's sitting Room) and 27th July.

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday). After Compline 8.30pm - 9.00pm.

Bible Study Group – 11.15am on Mondays in **Compass House. (New Location)**. Please double check with the Parish Office.



For other regular items, please see the website:

For readings, see Universalis: [Universalis](#)

Parish Leadership Team: [Parish Leadership Team](#)

Our Facebook page: [Parish Facebook](#)

Children's Junior Church liturgy: [Junior Church](#)

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For D'Arcy's music, please visit our homepage under Organ voluntaries:

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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)

Safe Spaces: 0300 303 1056 Web: www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/ Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

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.