



In Touch

Journeying Together:

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Sixteenth Sunday in OT (year C)

16th / 17th July 2022

No: 1305

Dear Parishioners

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

On Thursday this week we have the very happy celebration of the Confirmation of a group of young people from our parish, which takes place in the Friary in Crawley: Bruno and Oliver Strama, Amelia Bullen, Ben McAlister, and Dylan Killick Roberts. Please pray for them, that the Holy Spirit will guide them in their lives and that they find their true vocations as disciples and members of the Church. Please pray also for their families and mentors, that they will be able to continue to guide them as they grow in their faith. Please pray too for their catechists, Lizzy Wakeling and Penny Stokoe, who have led their sessions over the past seven months with great dedication, generosity and skill. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude, and I would like to record here my sincere thanks to them.

Meanwhile, when you arrive at church this weekend, you will see that the scaffolding is at last in place so that the necessary work on the roof can be completed. We expect it to be in place until towards the end of the year. Please be assured that the normal masses at the weekend, both Saturday and Sunday, and weekday masses and all the monastic offices, will be celebrated and open to everyone. If there should be any change we will let you know.

However, access to the East door is now restricted. Please do not drive down to the East door. There is no parking there, nor any room to turn. Please could everyone enter by the narthex. Anyone who has a problem with stairs is welcome to use the **lift**, which will take you down to the West door. Turn right as you enter the narthex, walk to the end and pass through the door next to the Gents' toilets. Walk down the corridor, through several (automatic) doors, until you come to the large window on your left which overlooks the interior of the church. The lift is then on your right.

Prayer in Action

Parishioner Gillian Maher offers us this account of an excellent local company which can help communities save money on power, and also help to save the planet.

It has been our tradition for many years to support charities providing services to disabled and

disadvantaged people and, sadly, more recently, by supporting food banks in our local communities.

However, new opportunities are now arising which provide an opportunity to respond to Pope Francis' call to us all, to protect Creation and all Life on Planet Earth, our Common Home. Small, not-for-profit companies are using renewable energy to reduce the carbon emissions of our local communities by providing solar panels and LED lighting to schools, charities and village halls - free of charge.

This can save thousands of £s annually to our most important local amenities, while providing an excellent financial return to local investors and savers.

Here in our parish Repower Balcombe is providing an opportunity to invest in share offers which provide solar panels to our local schools and community buildings and charities. All costs are borne by the company, and the energy generated by the sun and bright daylight replaces the energy provided by oil, gas and coal. It can save even the smallest Primary School thousands of £s over the school year.

The capital which pays for these projects is raised through share offers to which we can all subscribe - and receive a dividend, which in recent years has far exceeded the rates available from our building societies and banks; but this is not the only benefit available.

The income received from the National Grid for the energy generated by the company is used to cover the costs of running the company, meeting regulatory demands and providing the panels at no cost to other recipients. The surplus income is then paid into a Community Fund, which provides free LED lighting to other community resources, refrigerators and freezers to local food banks and a growing list of options to assist the wider community. There are no staff wages, salaries or bonuses to be paid, as all the time and expertise required is donated, or hired for each project as required from an agency, which is also a community interest company. A truly virtuous circle!

This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to save money, while also sharing the benefit of this opportunity with the wider community. Some people like to donate the dividend they receive to other charities and good causes, thereby magnifying the blessings received.

The next share offer from Repower Balcombe will be issued later this year, but meanwhile more information can be obtained from this link:

<https://www.repowerbalcombe.com>



Prayers

Please pray for Tony Grech (Son of Mavis and Michael), who died on 10th July.
Please pray for his parents and his family.

Please pray for Tony Wright who died recently. Please pray for his family.
The funeral will be held on Friday 22nd July, here at Worth Abbey at 11.30am.

Please pray for the young people of our parish who will be confirmed on Thursday evening at the Friary:
Bruno Strama, Oliver Strama, Dylan Killick Roberts, Amelia Bullen, Ben McAlister.
Please pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit through their lives and please pray for their families.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Fred Green 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

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Lilla Bethune, William Kibble, Ben Fielder, Julia Harvey, Dick Norman, John Palmer, Mary Relfe, Henrietta Landon, Sidney Hoare, Dom Fabian, Betty Rochfort, John Southam, Susan Chitty, Jack Holcombe and Maggie Lane.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Mic 6:1-4, 6-8 Matt 12:38-42

Tuesday – Mic 7:14-15, 18-20 Matt 12:46-50

Wednesday – Jer 1:4-10 Matt 13:1-9

Thursday – Jer 1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Matt 13:10-17

Friday – Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 John 20:1-2, 11-18 **(St Mary Magdalene)**

Saturday – Jer 7:1-11 Matt 13:24-30 **(St Bridget of Sweden)**

Next Sunday's Readings: **Seventeenth Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – Genesis 18:20-32 2nd Reading – Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

How to Pray

Parish Events

Junior Church

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

**Junior Church will be shutting down for the Summer Holidays.
Our last class will be this Sunday 17th July and we will resume in September.**

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

The Abbot and Monks invite you to the Worth Abbey Festival

'A Place of Beauty and Joy'

Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August 2022 from 1pm – 4.30pm

This special Open Day will celebrate the beauty that is Worth, sharing the monastic offices with the monks in the Abbey, including music from the Abbey's resident, internationally acclaimed organist. There will be a guided walk through the Worth estate with pauses for prayers and reflection, tours throughout the day exploring the historic rooms in Worth School, visits to St Bruno's Retreat Centre and the Open Cloister programme of weekday and weekend retreats, activities for children and afternoon refreshments on the South Terrace overlooking the Sussex High Weald.

Families welcome – plenty of car parking

ADMISSION FREE

(Christina Fitzsimons is looking for volunteers from the parish to help with a variety of jobs on the day. Please get in touch if you can help.)

For more information: www.worthabbey.net & pilgrims@worth.org.uk

Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, West Sussex RH10 4SB

Walk and Picnic

Would anyone like to join us for a walk and shared picnic after mass on **24th July?**

Please meet in the narthex at 11am.

Non-Parish Events

CRAWLEY INTER FAITH NETWORK (CIFN)

You are cordially invited to join our gathering of 28th July 2022 to hear a presentation by three speakers on their faiths: "My faith's key beliefs and principles"

So far, the speakers confirmed are: Fali Dastoor of Zoroastrian Faith, Jasmine of Brahma Kumaris Faith and someone from Ismaili Faith.

The event will be on Zoom followed by questions, answers and discussion.

If you would like to be involved with CIFN as a committee member, volunteer, contributor or observer then please contact Ashwin Soni, 07833252551, ashel@hotmail.co.uk. Also follow us on our Facebook page and website <https://www.crawleyinter-faith.com>. We also have a WhatsApp Group. You may join this group by [contacting Ashwin](#).

Join the Zoom Meeting:

28th July, 7:30 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87931462331?pwd=QU95bG9aZWJpNXFkTGZid1ExVsyQT09>

Meeting ID: 879 3146 2331 Passcode: 406147



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 Meeting - 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](#)

Diocesan Family Materials: [Family Materials](#) Parish Giving: [My Dona Parish Giving](#)

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

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>

Please use the QR code for donations to the Parish. Thank you



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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)

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.