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Twenty Fourth Sunday in OT (year C)

10th / 11th September 2022

No: 1307

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are well, and that you were able to spend some good time on holiday together. I send my prayers for you all.

I write today to let you know that we are planning a parish appeal to be held over the next few weeks – **Our Call to Stewardship**. Christian tradition affirms that each one of us is given gifts by God, and that these gifts are to be used for the benefit of all. This is what is meant by Christian stewardship. St Paul writes about this at some length when addressing his recent converts in Corinth, and wants them to understand what it means to form a community – what it means to belong to the Church. He writes: *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.* (1 Co.12.4-6) It is striking that he puts *gifts* almost as a synonym with *services*: in other words, the gifts which God gives to each of us are given so that we can build up the whole community of the Church by service. Our gifts are given us so that we can serve one another, and so strengthen our community. Paul continues with a metaphor of the body. *For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.* By using our gifts for our mutual blessing, we enter more fully into the Church, the Body of Christ, and our community is strengthened. *Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it...If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.* In service we come ever closer to Jesus, and in him we come closer one another, learning to depend on one another in trust.

This reflects the spirituality of the Synod in which many of us have taken part. We all have our role and importance in the Church; everyone has his or her contribution to make. This is what the Second Vatican Council meant by the image of *The Pilgrim People of God*. We are all on the journey together. We need one another in order to reach our goal of the Kingdom. Pope Francis has always commended to us this vision of the Church.

Next week I hope to show how stewardship is also central to Divine Renovation, the spirituality of the parish which was evolved by Fr James Mallon in response to the present context of religious faith in which we live. We adopted this as a parish some years ago and continue to work towards this vision. Over the next three weeks we will hear members of the parish speak about stewardship, and I would like to thank them for agreeing to do so.

Meanwhile, I close by thanking so many of you who already contribute so much to our parish by your generous gifts of time, treasure and talent.

I send my very best wishes to you all. Fr Paul



Prayers

Please pray for Tom McGahan, Eleanor Gibson and Tony Wright who all died recently.
Please pray for their families.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Fred Green, Peter Greene and Laura Rawlinson.

Prayer for those affected by the Pakistan Floods

*O Lord, in the goodness of your constant love, be with the people of Pakistan
as they face devastating floods.*

*At this time of great loss – loss of lives, homes and crops – may we be filled with your compassion
and moved to reach out in love.*

*As we stand alongside our sisters and brothers, we pray that they may find consolation in their sorrow,
strength as they seek shelter and safety and courage to carry on.*

*Forgive us, O Lord, for our part in the climate crisis, and inspire us all to play our part
in protecting the earth, our common home.*

*So that together we may build a world that reflects your glory, where hope drives out despair
and all things are made new.*

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

Prayer for Creation by Pope Francis

*Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.*

We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.

Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You.

*Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created,
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.*

*Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.*

You, who live and reign, world without end.

Amen.

*(The season of Creation runs from September 1st till the Feast of St Francis, October 4th. Please see the
message of Pope Francis: [Pope's Message](#))*

Anniversaries

**Please pray for the Souls of – Anton Wasylkiw, Georgette Groombridge, Michael Finch, Zofia Tywonska,
John Ovenden, Matthew Boughton and John Johnson.**

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

Daily Readings

Monday – 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday – 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Luke 7:11-17 **(St John Chrysostom)**

Wednesday – Num 21:4b-9 or Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17 **(The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)**

Thursday – 1 Cor 15:1-11 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 **(Our Lady of Sorrows)**

Friday – 1 Cor 15:12-20 Luke 8:1-3 **(SS Cornelius & Cyprian)**

Saturday – 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Luke 8:4-15

Next Sunday's Readings: **Twenty Fifth Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – Amos 8:4-7 2nd Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be the slave of both God and money

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary

This Sunday 11th September – Parish Brunch in Compass house after mass.

Saturday 1st October – Mass for Creation, with a blessing of pets. Meet at 4.45pm on the piazza.

Wednesday 12th October at 4.30pm – Our Lady of Worth, Mass with the school.

Sunday 16th October – There will be a Parish meeting after mass in the Unity Room, to consider the results of the appeal and any other matters arising.

Tuesday 1st November at 4.30pm – All Saints, Mass with the school.

Tuesday 1st November at 7.30pm – All Saints Parish Mass.

Sunday 18th December at 3:00pm - Join us to celebrate the joy of Advent at the Worth Abbey Advent Carol Service. Come and sing your favourite carols, listen to the choir and hear inspiring readings. Everyone is welcome and the service will be followed by refreshments.

Parking

Could we please ask that all the parking bays by the top of the church are kept clear and used for Disable parking only, until the East Door parking is available again.

Thank you

Second Collections

This weekend there will be a 2nd collection for the CAFOD emergency appeal for the Floods in Pakistan. Or donate online via Cafod - <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Pakistan-floods-appeal>

Next weekend there will be a 2nd collection for Mission Sunday.

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

Relics of St Bernadette



In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time.

This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near to their home. The visit will provide people across our community of faith with a valuable opportunity for prayer and healing. To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, and to allow venues taking part in the Relic Tour to prepare for the large numbers who will travel to them, we strongly encourage individuals and groups register their attendance at their earliest convenience choosing a free, dedicated timeslot at their chosen church or cathedral, as demand is likely to be high.

The Relic Tour will visit Worth from Sunday 23rd October until the Monday 24th October.

The reservation system is now open and can be accessed here

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/relics-of-st-bernadette-worth-abbey-23rd-24th-october-2022/>

St Bernadette retreat

21st-24th October Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will be visiting Worth on pilgrimage. This is a very special once in a lifetime event that will provide an opportunity for people, of all ages and backgrounds, to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. You can also book to stay at Worth during this time and learn more about St Bernadette.

Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available.

For more information and to book and pay for your place/s visit W: www.worth.co.uk or email E: retreats@worth.org.uk or call T: 01342 710318.

Worth Abbey Pilgrim Festival



A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Worth Abbey Pilgrims Festival on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August.

The sun shone and so did Worth! The feedback from our visitors was highly encouraging. People were delighted by the beauty and wonder of the estate, the joy of the amazing welcome and especially the peace and calm of the beautiful Abbey Church. It was a very memorable day for everyone involved and as one visitor commented, for many, "It was like a coming back home". We have some wonderful photos of the day on the way and we are looking forward to sharing them with you very soon.

Please remember to join the Worth Abbey Pilgrims mailing list here to keep up-to-date with future events.

[Click here for an introduction to Worth Abbey Pilgrims](#)

Clothing for GDWG

Gatwick Detainee Centre are currently in need of the following clothes **(for men only)**:

- T-shirts/polo shirts/short sleeve shirts S, M, L, XL and XXL
 - Trousers/jeans 29 to 40 (no formal trousers)
 - Joggers (Top and bottom) S, M, L, XL, XXL
- Casual Jackets S, M, L, XL, XXL (no suit jackets)
 - Trainers 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 UK
 - Slippers: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 UK

Would anyone in the Parish be available to take any clothing received down to the GDWG office in Crawley?
Please do let the parish office know

Non-Parish Events

Grandparents' Formation Day

Bishop Richard writes: *"Have you signed up to be part of our annual Grandparents' Formation Day on **Wednesday 14th September 11am – 3.30pm** at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley? The occasion offers a wonderful opportunity for real and honorary grandparents to meet people across our community for friendship and discussion, with keynote speaker this year, Susan Longridge from Sycamore, sharing her findings on what encourages a return to faith".*

Refreshments will be available from 10.30am but please bring your own packed lunch. To register your free place [please click here](#), to find out more E: formation@abdiocese.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming you.

Would anyone in our parish like to start a grandparents' group to share experiences and support one another locally? Please let us know.

A Call to Holiness

A Series of Talks for Young Adults (18-35)

Join our Diocesan Young Adults community for a series of online talks from a variety of excellent guest speakers, who will be helping us to explore God's call on our lives. The first of these takes place on **19th September at 7.30pm** where we will be joined by Dr Pia Matthews who will be speaking on the topic of Human Flourishing. To receive the joining instructions for the online meeting E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Confirmation - Sacramental Preparation

Saturday 24th September 11am–2.30pm. Are you involved in preparing young people for Confirmation? Would you like to be?

Come along to an event hosted by our Diocesan Youth Adviser who will be presenting the latest research on evangelising and catechising young people, as well as delivering guidance on how we might adapt our current practice to help ensure that the young people we work with stay connected with Christ and our communities. The event will be held at the St Philip Howard Centre, with access online for those unable to join us in person.

E: formation@abdiocese.org.uk to book your place.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass

Saturday 8th October 11.30am. There are still places available for those who wish to join us for our annual Mass celebrating marriage. The event this year is going to be held at Arundel Cathedral and Bishop Richard will be presiding. If this year's anniversary is of particular significance for you please do book on the events section of the website or contact Katherine, our Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk for further information.

A new Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

(CCRS) course starts this October. The qualification is ideally suited to catechists, teachers, readers, extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, governors, parents and grandparents, in fact, anyone and everyone interested in sharing or discovering more about their faith. The next intake will begin studying this Autumn.

For more information, please contact our Formation Adviser, Jon Harman;

E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

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. (Thursday with Exposition has been postponed at the moment due to the building works).

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 **The sessions are taking a break now. New dates will be updated as soon as they are confirmed.**

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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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.