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Twenty Fifth Sunday in OT (year C)

17th / 18th September 2022

No: 1308

Dear Parishioners

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

This weekend we begin our parish appeal, **Our Call to Stewardship**. This week we will think about sharing our time, one of God's most precious gifts. At each mass, after a brief homily, a member of the congregation will be invited to speak about the topic of the week, Time, Treasure or Talent. As you come into the narthex you will see a display of the many areas of parish life in which you can become involved, and on the tables, you will find sheets inviting you to show your interest in a particular activity. Do please take a moment to look at these opportunities for your involvement, and consider what are your own particular gifts, and how you might use them to bring blessings to your community. Our appeal comes from the conviction that God has given gifts to each one of us, and that His gifts are given for the service of one another and to build up our community. This implies that each of us is called to play a part in fostering our parish and our wider community of Church and society in general. The more generous we are, the more deeply we are involved, then the more integrated we will be and the stronger will be our community. We all have a part to play in building up the Body of Christ, and bringing the face of Christ to the world.

As a parish we are committed to the vision of Divine Renovation. At its heart is the meeting at a personal level with Jesus. For this we try to offer opportunities through the Alpha courses which we run. (Team members, who cook and serve food, wash up and lead discussion are always needed – there's plenty of variety of service here! And I take this opportunity to thank all those who fulfil this service for us.) Leading on from this are the many kinds of catechesis and work to support this; hospitality, whether leading or hosting a house group or prayer group, or welcoming members to our Sunday masses; and service within the liturgy. Do please ensure that you look at the display in the narthex and all the opportunities listed there, and, if you have not received a copy of *Get Involved* then do please pick up a copy in the Narthex and search through it to find some ministry in which you would like to take part. The ideal of Divine Renovation is that every parishioner, according to his or her possibilities, will be involved in some ministry. Finally, and most important, all this needs the support of prayer, that everything which we plan and do may be inspired and carried through by the Holy Spirit. Please do support us in this way – a ministry which each of us can undertake, whatever our circumstances.

Thank you all for your generous support of our parish.

Yours, Fr Paul

Prayers



For the happy repose of HM, The Queen

Almighty God, You are the author and sustainer of all human life; grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen, whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands, may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever, Amen. Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer for the King

O God, to whom every human power is subject, Grant to your servant His Majesty the King wisdom in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from unity and peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, Amen.

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Please pray for Rosemary Albert who died this week, and for her family. May she rest in Peace. Rosemary was a parishioner here at Worth for over fifty years, and was well known to many and loved.

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

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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.

Evangelii Gaudium prayers

On this Evangelii Gaudium Sunday we pray for all who are poor in our society. May the decisions which affect their lives be made in the light of the Gospel of justice and compassion.

We pray for the strength and courage to radiate the joys of the Gospel and to use the good news of the risen Christ to engage with the world around us. Please see - [evangelii-gaudium-sunday](#)

The Season of Creation begins on 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

Please see the message of Pope Francis: [Pope's Message](#)

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Mr Pannett, Nathaniel Lane, Michael McLoughlin, Victor Avico, Janette Curry, Dorothy Neve, Nellie Bond, Joan Edey, John McCall and Dom Thomas Symons.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday – Prov 3:27-34 Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday – Prov 21:1-6, 10-13 Luke 8:19-21 (**SS Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang**)

Wednesday – Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Matt 9:9-13 (**St Matthew**)

Thursday – Eccl/Qoh 1:2-11 Luke 9:7-9

Friday – Eccl/Qoh 3:1-11 Luke 9:18-22 (**St Pius of Pietrelcina**)

Saturday – Eccl/Qoh 11:9 – 12:8 Luke 9:43b-46

Next Sunday's Readings: **Twenty Sixth Sunday in OT**
1st Reading – Amos 6:1, 4-7 2nd Reading – 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31
Dives and Lazarus

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary

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 is 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 registration system is now open and can be accessed here

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

Volunteers for the Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette.

We would be extremely grateful if you could give up your time to offer us your help and support at this wonderful event, the visit to Worth of the Relics of St Bernadette, 23rd -24th October.

We will soon be putting together teams to help with parking and initial welcomers, to help with welcoming and stewarding within the narthex and the church itself, to usher at the Services, to provide refreshments, to provide information, and to offer first aid, if required.

We will be needing volunteers between 12noon and midnight on Sunday 23rd October and between 8am and 7pm on Monday 24th October. Please could you get in touch if you would like to volunteer and indicate when you could be available during these times. As we hear from our volunteers we will create a schedule. We will share this with you closer to the time, in advance so you have an opportunity to check the times and role allocated to you.

You can volunteer by emailing kohara@worth.org.uk or by calling on 01342 710370 or by completing the volunteer request form on our website at:

www.worthabbey.net/visiting/whats-on/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/

We will be providing you with a briefing update, either in person or via email prior to the visit. There will be refreshments for volunteers while you are on site.

We will stay in touch and keep you updated but if you have any further questions or would like to discuss the event further please don't hesitate to get in touch. Email us at: kohara@worth.org.uk or Telephone 01342 710370.

Thank you to all those, who have already volunteered. We are extremely grateful and will be in touch very soon.

Warmest wishes, Worth Abbey Relics of St Bernadette Committee

St Bernadette retreat

21st-24th October Cost: £240 per person, single occupancy

The visit of the relics 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.

Non-Parish Events

Clothing for GDWG

We are struggling to meet the need for clothes for detained people. We would be so grateful if you have any good quality clothes for our clothing store. In particular, we would really appreciate (for men only):

Small and medium t-shirts
Jogging bottoms of all sizes but S-M-L in particular
Trainers all sizes - priority 7-10
Jeans sizes 28", 30", 32", 33", 34"
Coats all sizes

With many thanks for any help you can offer us sourcing these clothes.

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

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.

Refugees Welcome, Crawley

We should like to thank everyone who helped or contributed in any way to our walk and tea on Saturday, 3rd September in aid of Refugees Welcome Crawley and the Red Cross in Ukraine. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and support. We have now raised a total of £1,098.30.
£405 of this will go to the Red Cross and the rest to R.W.C.
With many thanks, Alex & Pam Henderson

Spirituality and Theology for parishioners

Our new term begins at the end of September. We offer people in the London area an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Faith. Many events are offered online and in person.

For further details see our website: londonjesuitcentre.org
Tel: 020 7529 4844 Email: ljc@jesuit.org.uk

All are welcome to join us in our online and in person courses and retreats

Catholicism

A Study Day on Episode 2 of Bishop Robert Barron's 'Catholicism' course is being presented at Chilworth Abbey on **Saturday, October 1st**, on the teachings of Jesus.
Begins with Mass at 9 a.m. and concludes around 3.30 p.m. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. See their website for details: chilworthbenedictines.com

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven School

Is your child due to begin school in September 2023? Our Lady Queen of Heaven School, Crawley, has two Open Afternoons this term. From 1pm to 2.45pm on 7/10/22 and 1pm to 2.45pm on 4/11/22. All welcome and no need to book. If these dates aren't convenient, please call the Office Team who will be happy to arrange an alternative visit date and time. For more information, please visit www.olqoh.com or call 01293 526057

Craigmyle Annual Lecture

Monday 28th November at 6.30pm (Doors 6pm), Baroness Sheila Hollins will deliver the Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on "**Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican**" at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HG). In person and live streamed. Free, all welcome and followed by a Drinks Reception. To register and for livestream link, see [Eventbrite](#) or register at info@catholicunion.org.uk or 020 8749 1321. Please subscribe to the Catholic Union's [Weekly Briefing](#) and for further information please visit www.catholicunion.org.uk

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](#) [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](#)

On Saturday, 24th, we begin the "Great Big Green Week". Please see the newsletter from Fairer World Lindfield, listing local events and suggestions about how we can help preserve our environment and hints about how to save money during the current financial crisis. [Fairer World](#)

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 suspended 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 Next sessions are 28th September, 26th October and 30th November.

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

Bible Study Group – 11.15am on Mondays in Compass House. 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 volunteers:

<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.