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Twenty Sixth Sunday in OT (year C)

24th / 25th September 2022

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Dear Parishioners

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

As most of you will know, we delayed the beginning of our parish appeal last weekend out of respect for the late Queen's funeral and the period of national mourning. So, this weekend we launch our **Call to Stewardship** with the invitation to consider how you can share your time. On each of the three weekends a member of the congregation will speak to us about Time, Treasure and Talent. Do please visit the exhibition in the narthex and see the sign-up forms on the table. You will also find there copies of *Get Involved* where you can find a list of the many activities in which you will be very welcome to take part. Do please ask about what is offered.

We continue our celebration of **Creation Time**. We mark this especially with our mass on Saturday, 1st October, which begins with a blessing of pets, (at 4.45) and will end with refreshments. Young people are especially welcome. Please see below for the prayer of Pope Francis and the link to his message.

This weekend we celebrate the day of **Migrants and Refugees**. In his message Pope Francis reminds us that we are all on a journey, to God's Kingdom: *The ultimate meaning of our "journey" in this world is the search for our true homeland, the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus Christ, which will find its full realization when he comes in glory... God's plan calls for an intense work of construction, in which all of us must be personally involved. It involves a meticulous effort aimed at personal conversion and the transformation of reality.* He adds that, through God's love, *the many forms of inequality and discrimination in the present world must be eliminated. No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants. The inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom.* Pope Francis reminds us that Jesus tells his disciples that when we welcome strangers we welcome him: *I was a stranger and you welcomed me.* (Mt 25, 34-36) He goes on to reflect that refugees and migrants bring us wealth and cultural riches: *History teaches us that the contribution of migrants and refugees has been fundamental to the social and economic growth of our societies.... The presence of migrants and refugees represents a great challenge, but at the same time an immense opportunity for the cultural and spiritual growth of everyone. Thanks to them, we have the chance to know better our world and its beautiful diversity. We can grow in our common humanity and build together an ever-greater sense of togetherness. Openness to one another creates spaces of*

fruitful exchange between different visions and traditions, and opens minds to new horizons. It also leads to a discovery of the richness present in other religions and forms of spirituality unfamiliar to us, and this helps us to deepen our own convictions.

Do please pray for refugees and migrants, especially for those in our own country; and pray for those in government responsible for their welcome. Please see the full text of the Pope's message [world-migrants-day-2022](#)

and look at the different ways in which we can all help – The Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group, and Refugees Welcome Crawley: <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/refugees/>

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



Prayers

Please pray for Peter and Antee Greene.

Please pray for Pat MacDonald

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

Please pray for Rosemary Albert who died recently. Please pray for her family. The funeral will be held here, at Worth Abbey, on Saturday 8th October at 2pm.

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.

The Season of Creation began 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.

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn. Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

*Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters.
Amen.*

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Revd Francis Hunter, Dr Bob Jackson, David Leslie, Zofia Tywon'ska, Barry Pierce, Peter Burrows, Ada Fieldwick, Allan Chamberlain, Nellie Tester, Terence Crannigan and Dom Joseph Marshall.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Job 1:6-22 Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday – Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Luke 9:51-56 (**St Vincent de Paul**)

Wednesday – Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Luke 9:57-62

Thursday – Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12 John 1:47-51 (**St Michael and All Angels**)

Friday – Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5 Luke 10:13-16 (**St Jerome**)

Saturday – Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Luke 10:17-24 (**St Therese of the Child Jesus**)

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

1st Reading – Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Say, "We are merely servants"

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.

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.

Altar serving

New altar servers welcome. Boys and girls, aged 8 – 80.

Contact: Paul.Michael.Westonburt@btinternet.com

Relics of St Bernadette



The Relic Tour will visit Worth from Sunday 23rd October until the Monday 24th October.
The registration system can be accessed here

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

Schedule for the Visit

SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER

14.00 The Abbey Church Opens to Pilgrims

15.00 ARRIVAL OF THE RELICS and LITURGY OF WELCOME

15.30 to 18.00 Period of Veneration of the Relics

18.00 SOLEMN VESPERS (Monastic Evening Prayer)

18.30 to 20.00 Period of Veneration of the Relics

20:00 MARIAN CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

20.00 to 24.00 Period of Veneration of the Relics

24.00 The Abbey Church Closes for the Night

MONDAY 24th OCTOBER

06:00 *The Abbey Church Opens to Pilgrims*

06:15 Matins (Monastic Vigil Office)

07:30 Lauds (Monastic Morning Prayer)

08.00 to 11.00 Period of Veneration of the Relics

11:00: MASS with the ANOINTING OF THE SICK

13.00 to 15.00 Period of Veneration of the Relics

15:00 Liturgy of the Water

15.30 to 17.30 Period of Veneration of the Relics

17:30 DEPARTURE OF THE RELICS and LITURGY OF FAREWELL

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 welcome, 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

Edward Dean welcomed as new Abbey Director of Music

Joining Worth Abbey as our new Director of Music in early September, Edward brings a wide range of experience in developing music programmes in the United States, France, and the UK – where he was most recently Organist of Holy Trinity Sloane Street in London. Edward writes:

*"It is a great honour to have been called to serve as Worth Abbey's Director of Music, and the possibilities for working with the Abbey's musicians really excites me. Members of the choir previously known as the Abbey Consort met after Mass on 11th September, and all agreed that renaming the group the 'Worth Abbey Choir' would fit in well with the vision of the choir singing at most Sunday morning Parish Masses. The Abbey Choir will do the majority of its rehearsals on a Saturday afternoon once a month, and this will give us all a good amount of time not only to get to know the music for upcoming Sundays, but also enough time to come together as a group and socialise – which I think is a very important part of being in a choir – singing and worshipping together as a close-knit group of friends. Exciting plans include a Christmas CD recording, a choir tour to Paris, and, of course, singing at the upcoming visitation of the relics of St Bernadette. It really is my wish to extend a warm welcome to new people who want to join the choir – so if you have ever thought of being a part of a choir, or wondered what it involves, please do get in touch. **If you are aware of any friends who might be interested in joining at this exciting time, please do consider pointing them in our direction!** I can best be reached by email at edean@worth.org.uk I very much look forward to meeting everyone in the Parish over the coming weeks and serving the Parish community in this exciting time."*

Edward Dean, Director of Music and Monastic Organist

World Youth Day 2023

Booking now open! Join the Diocesan Group attending World Youth Day in 2023 for an experience of fellowship, faith and jolly good fun!

31st July – 7th August 2023, Lisbon, Portugal

Lisbon2023 is expected to follow the standard schedule of WYD events beginning with an Opening Ceremony and Mass on Tuesday 1 August and concluding with a Papal Mass on Sunday 6 August.

Throughout the week, pilgrims will have opportunities to attend Catechesis, Masses, and Youth Festival events from concerts and film festivals to Adoration and prayer nights.

The pilgrimage is for anyone aged 18-35, who has a desire to celebrate their faith with like-minded people.

We guarantee there is no other pilgrimage quite like it!

To book your place click here >>>

Email E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more info.

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

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](https://www.eventbrite.com) or register at info@catholicunion.org.uk or 020 8749 1321. Please subscribe to the Catholic Union's [Weekly Briefing](http://www.catholicunion.org.uk) and for further information please visit www.catholicunion.org.uk

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

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](#)

Please see the Horsham Eco Newsletter, marking The Great Big Green Week, which begins on Saturday, 24th. [Greener Living](#)

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, m

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.