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Twenty Eighth Sunday in OT (year C)

8th / 9th October 2022

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Dear Parishioners

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

This weekend we continue our **Call to Stewardship** with the theme of sharing our talents. An essential part of Divine Renovation is the aspiration that everyone will be involved in some ministry within the parish, or other act of service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have already volunteered in this way for activities in the parish and beyond, and those numerous parishioners who have been volunteering faithfully perhaps for many years. The forms for volunteering and to make enquiries are still available on the table in the narthex, so please do consider how you can use the gifts which God has given you to build up your community.

My thanks also to George Fitzsimons, who last weekend led us through the parish finances and our present financial needs. I am most grateful to you all for your support of the parish in your giving. You will be receiving a copy of the leaflet which illustrated his talk, together with information about how to make a standing order and to register for gift aid. Thank you for being generous.

The Diocese has just released the new **Pastoral Plan, *The Word Who Is Life***. I commend it to your study very warmly. (Please see <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/diocese-of-arundel-and-brighton-latest-news/>) Following the vision of Divine Renovation – From Maintenance To Mission – Bishop Richard writes : *The Word Who is Life is our subject, and the Mission of living and proclaiming the message of Salvation must be the focus for our every action, the measure by which we reflect upon our lives as the community of the Church.*

“I therefore take this opportunity to invite everyone in the Diocese – lay faithful and religious, deacons and priests – to join with me in forging our parishes into communities of saints, into strong, lively and welcoming schools of discipleship. May they be communities where the Lord is known and loved; where the liturgy is experienced as an encounter with the wonder of heaven; where daily prayer is a natural part of life; where all are welcomed and their dignity as children of God always recognized; where young people grow in deep love for the Gospel, for the sacramental life of the Church and for prayer; where all know the riches of the faith and seek to share it with others.”

This is what we will be exploring in our parish meeting on Sunday, 16th, after mass. Do please note this date in your diaries.

On the same weekend we will hear Lizzie Wakeling, the diocesan youth advisor, explaining our new approach to catechesis, which is drawn from the Diocesan plan. The approach is described

thus: *Recognising Formation in Faith as a life-long journey, beginning with Baptism, will lift us away from the periodic moments of catechesis that mark our present pattern of formation. Rather than a concentration on preparation for particular Sacraments, Formation in Faith can then be seen as a continuum from the beginning to the natural end of life. Preparation for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, as well as preparation for Confirmation, can then be seen as part of a continuing journey.*

Meanwhile, this weekend we celebrate **Prisoners Sunday**. This year the appeal is entitled *Making A Fresh Start*. PACT is an organisation which exists to help prisoners and their families, especially to help their integration on release. Cardinal Nicols, their patron, writes: *Let us remember that our Lord calls the wellbeing of prisoners to our attention. Let us remember that families in our parishes may be enduring anxious worry, isolation and perhaps hardship while a loved one is in prison. It is good to know that Pact is there for people of all faiths and none, supporting prisoners and their families on our behalf and with our help.*” This Sunday we will hear an appeal for PACT from parishioner Seb Bailey, and we will take a second collection on the following Sunday.

Please see: <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/prisoners-sunday-a-fresh-start-9th-october-2022/>

And www.prisonadvice.org.uk

You can also donate directly by going to <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate/prisoners-sunday-appeal>

Prayers



Please continue to pray for our parishioners Peter and Antee Greene, Pat MacDonald, 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.

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.

*Living God, have mercy on us, for the times we forget that we belong to each other.
You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind, to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun, and to be
nourished by our Mother Earth.
Renew us in your healing love.
Inspire us to water the earth, and nurture one another, so all may flourish. Together, as one family, may we
always sing your praise. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Prison Week Prayer

*Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison.
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.
Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime.
Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in his strength
and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen*

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Glen Robertson, Mary Mason, Jack Harwood-Davis, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Arthur Maynard and Jenny Frost.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1 Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday – Gal 5:1-6 Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday – Gal 5:18-25 Luke 11:42-46

Thursday – Eph 1:1-10 Luke 11:47-54

Friday – Eph 1:11-14 Luke 12:1-7

Saturday – Eph 1:15-23 Luke 12:8-12 (**St Teresa of Jesus**)

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

1st Reading – Exodus 17:8-13 2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

The parable of the unjust judge

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary

This Friday 7th October – Please remember the CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Sunday, 9th October – Parish Brunch, after mass in Compass House.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal

Dear Worth Congregants, please participate in the CAFOD Family Fast Day to be held this autumn on Friday 7th October by forgoing a meal and donating the money saved to CAFOD's World Food Crisis Appeal. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Environmental changes and war in Europe are creating an existential strain that is reverberating and stressing the weakest points around the world to breaking.

Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Please give this Fast Day or use it as a springboard start a monthly gift to CAFOD. You can collect a paper envelope in The Narthex or donate online by going to www.cafod.org.uk/fastday

With gratitude, Kir Bennett Horner, Worth Parish CAFOD Volunteer Representative

An invitation to all

Divine Renovation and Worth Abbey Parish: The Way Forward

- Worth Abbey Parish is a Divine Renovation Parish.
- Parishioners have shared their views through synodal discussion and feedback.
- Worth Abbey Pilgrims Initiative has begun.
- Everyone has been invited to Get Involved.
- Everyone has heard the call to stewardship.
- People have offered their Time, Treasure, and Talent.
- Catechesis for family formation is developing.
- RCIA is starting soon
- Alpha and Alpha Connect fellowship groups are in place

This is an invitation to enable us all to come together to hear more about what is happening in the parish now and what we hope to achieve in the future. Father Paul will give you more information on Divine Renovation and the importance of moving parishes from maintenance to mission. Charles McCarthy (chair of the parish leadership team) will talk about the recent appeals and some of the new opportunities which are planned, which reflect our commitment to Divine Renovation. You will have an opportunity to offer suggestions of other things we might want to consider for the future. We want to celebrate with you the great community here at Worth. With your help and ideas, we hope to make this an even better place where everyone feels welcome and can continue their faith journey in fellowship with others.

Please join us in the Unity Room between 11.00 am & 12.00 noon on Sunday 16th October.

Agenda

- Presentation on Divine Renovation from Fr Paul
- Information on the appeals and planned activities from Charles McCarthy
- Time for prayer and reflection
- Opportunity for parishioners to offer suggestions or ask questions about ways to get involved, offer hospitality, pray together, worship, find fellowship, develop faith and discipleship.
- Time for prayer and reflection

Tea and Coffee will be available from the end of mass.

Compass House has been booked to provide childcare during the meeting.

Altar serving

New altar servers welcome. Boys and girls, aged 8 – 80.
Contact: Paul.Michael.Westonburt@btinternet.com

This weekend there will be a 2nd collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.
Help tackle the causes of the global food crisis, so that families can put food on the table.

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.

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/>

Please note that all members of the parish should register their intended visit.

Anyone who does not have access to the internet is welcome to telephone the office.

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

Would any parishioners like to be anointed by Bishop Richard at the mass on Monday 24th, during the visit of the relics?

Please get in touch with Kelly O'Hara: kohara@worth.org.uk or Telephone 01342 710370.

Volunteers for the Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette.

**We urgently need volunteers to welcome the many visitors who will come for the relics of St Bernadette on 24 and 25th. (We expect over one thousand.) Can you help, please?
Please see below.**

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.

Non-Parish Events

Formation Social

Do join us for the next Formation Social which will take place on Monday 17th October at 7pm in the Parish Hall of St John the Evangelist, Horsham. We resume after a break of 2 months. At these sessions, we get together and share and discuss a quality video resource from a trustworthy and reliable Catholic source, so we can deepen our understanding of the riches of our faith. It is also an opportunity to meet other parishioners and form friendships, with refreshments. New parishioners particularly welcome. Please contact Paul Knytl pknytl@gmail.com or Rahul Chacko rahulchurch@outlook.com for further details.

Crawley Campaign against Racism

Exhibition 2022 at Crawley Museum (The Tree, 103 High Street, RH10 1DD, at traffic lights)

Until 26th November. Thursdays – Saturdays 10.30am – 4pm

To counter racism in all its forms, please join Crawley Campaign Against Racism

CCAR@mail.com Facebook – crawleycar

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.

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](#)

[Greener Living](#)

Please see The Call of Creation, by the Bishops of England and Wales, for our Christian response to the ecological crisis.

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Call-of-Creation-October-2022.pdf>

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 - We regret that we can no longer offer Adoration on Friday evening for the tin any minister of Communion be happy to offer this service for us? Please get in touch.

Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation) - Sundays 08.45am – 09.15am (NEW) We will be using the confessionals in the church again. If anyone cannot come at this time, please make a special appointment with Fr Paul

(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 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.