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Twenty Ninth Sunday in OT (year C)

15th / 16th October 2022

No: 1312

Dear Parishioners

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

Last weekend we completed our appeal, **A Call to Stewardship**, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank very sincerely all those who generously offered your time, treasure and talents in the service of our parish community. I know that the Lord will reward you all for all you give and do. In case anyone missed the opportunity, the forms and information to sign up for some ministry are still on the table in the narthex, with the box for your kind offer of service, together with standing order and Gift Aid forms. If you prefer, do please just send an email to the parish instead.

We will be working through your replies in time for our meeting this Sunday after mass. We will have coffee in the Unity Room and then begin our meeting at 11 am. It will last only one hour. Please see your invitation below. I do hope that you will be able to accept this opportunity to help to reflect on **The Way Ahead** and, in the spirit of Synodality, share in responsibility for decisions about our future.

This week we are asked to pray especially about slavery. One especially harsh aspect of slavery today is trafficking. Speaking at a conference, Pope Francis said: *Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity. The very fact of our being here to combine our efforts means that we want our strategies and areas of expertise to be accompanied and reinforced by the mercy of the Gospel, by closeness to the men and women who are victims of this crime.*

Wednesday, 18th October marks **Anti-Slavery day**. The organisers write: *Today, an estimated 40 million children and adults are trapped in slavery in every country in the world, including the UK. They're the people making our clothes, serving our food, picking our crops, working in factories, or working in houses as cooks, cleaners or nannies. From the outside, such work can look like a regular job. But instead, people are being controlled or forced into inescapable debt, facing violence or threats, or having their passport taken away while being threatened with deportation. Many have fallen into this oppressive trap simply because they were trying to escape poverty or insecurity, aiming to improve their lives and support their families. Now, they can't leave.*

Tessa Ricketts, Coordinator of Social Action in our diocese, writes: *A growing number of Anti-Slavery Ambassadors have been appointed as part of this project with the aim of raising awareness in their local area - particularly during Anti-Slavery Week. If you are interested in becoming an*

Ambassador please contact our Social Action Adviser [Tessa Ricketts](#). Learning how to spot the signs of modern slavery can help in the fight against this modern-day scourge. There are three Abolition Initiative events taking place during Anti-Slavery Week. The group are holding a 'kick off' event at the [Ropetackle Centre in Shoreham](#) on Monday 17 October 11am - 12.30pm, with two 'Slavery on our Doorstep' awareness evenings on Monday 17 October, 7.45pm at [St Dunstan's in Woking](#), and Tuesday 18 October, 7.30pm at [St Peter's in Shoreham](#). To find out more please [click here](#). Together we can make a difference.

Do please pray for all involved in this initiative, and for the victims of slavery. I send you all my very best wishes. Fr Paul

Prayers



Please pray for Pat MacDonald, who died this week.
Pat, widow of Angus, was, with him, a very faithful parishioner in Crawley Down.
May they both rest in peace.
We will advertise the details of the funeral as soon as they are arranged.

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

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*

A Prayer for the end of modern-day slavery

*Lord, you are a God who sets the captives free.
Your Spirit searches restlessly for those in despair, that they may find the life you are calling them to.
We pray for those who are being trafficked and callously put to work in our region.
On the cross, you were powerless and subject to the cruelty of others.
Look with mercy on those who suffer this way.
May we, who are blinded by the shallow distractions of daily life, feel the fear of the cornered
and be roused into action.
Amen.*

Traditionally October is a special month for praying the rosary.

CAFOD offer us prayers to accompany the "Mysteries of Light" to intercede for the end of hunger in the world. They write: *Each year, more and more people around the world are going hungry, despite there being enough food in the world to feed everyone. We offer these luminous mysteries, uplifted by our faith in Jesus, Light of the World. In this way we nourish our commitment to dispel the darkness of poverty and tackle the causes of hunger in our world. Guided by Mary, mother of Jesus and mother of all, may we be open to let these mysteries penetrate deep within us and respond with compassion to the scandal of hunger and poverty in our world. We invite you to use these luminous mysteries to reflect and pray on your own or in your parish or community.*



[Luminous mysteries of the rosary for an end to hunger \(pdf, 205kb\)](#)

Please see all their suggestions of prayer to intercede and to act for our world.
CAFOD news@email.cafod.org.uk

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Timothy Robin Martin, Mary Hume, Tom Wheeler, Maria Beardsall, Sister Law SRN, Beryl Green, Elizabeth Leksinska, Patricia Stanford, Audrey Mary Davies, Jim Farmer and Elizabeth Montgomery.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Eph 2:1-10 Luke 12:13-21 (**St Ignatius of Antioch**)

Tuesday – 2 Tim 4:10-17b Luke 10:1-9 (**St Luke**)

Wednesday – Eph 3:2-12 Luke 12:39-48

Thursday – Eph 3:14-21 Luke 12:49-53

Friday – Eph 4:1-6 Luke 12:54-59

Saturday – Eph 4:7-16 Luke 13:1-9

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

1st Reading – Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19 2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified.

Parish Events

2 Children's coats were left in
the Church on Sunday 9th.
Please contact the Parish Office.
Thank you.

I regret that again someone has sent an email purporting to come from me. I am advised that the best way to deal with this is to delete the email and block the address. Fr Paul

Parish Walk

There will be a parish walk followed by a picnic here at Worth on Sunday, 30th October, after mass.
Please bring food to share.

Altar serving

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

Dates for your Diary

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.

Monday 24th October at 11am– Relics Mass with anointing of the sick.

Sunday 30th October – Parish walk and picnic, after mass. Please bring food to share.

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 3:30pm – 4.30pm. 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.

This weekend there will be a 2nd collection for PACT – Prisoners Sunday.
Help support their important work with prisoners and their families, for the year ahead.

Next weekend there will be a 2nd collection for MISSIO – World Mission Sunday.
Every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

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.

Study day for Catechists

"A Catechist must not look like someone going to a Funeral" – Pope Francis

Saturday, 19th November from 11am – 4pm, Worth school

This day is open for all current, aspiring and inquisitive catechists. We will be looking at the joy that spreading the Gospel brings both to others and to ourselves, and exploring the skills we need to do this most effectively. There will be input from Bishop Richard on the vital necessity of the Catechist in the new Pastoral plan and other guest speakers; but there will also be opportunity for break out groups which will include sacramental catechists: Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage, and R.C.I.A., alongside Children's liturgy and would be catechists. We would hope that parishioners will return inspired with some good ideas, more confident having met others from other parishes doing the same, full of fire with the Holy Spirit.

This day is especially important for everyone who will be helping in any way with catechesis at whatever level, and will offer inspiration to those of you who have signed up to help with catechesis in our parish, and those who are considering offering us this service. Please take part and be inspired! Thank you. Fr Paul

Please email Jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk for any further information.

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 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

An evening with Abbot Christopher Jamison OSB

Dear Friends, **Worth Abbey Pilgrims** and **Worth School** extend a warm invitation to you to join us at Worth Abbey on Tuesday 8th November at 7pm, for an evening of conversation with Abbot Christopher Jamison OSB, who will be speaking about his latest book, 'Finding the Language of Grace' (Bloomsbury Continuum, 2022).

Well known for his appearances on TV and radio, as well as for his books 'Finding Sanctuary' and 'Finding Happiness', Abbot Christopher has served both as Abbot of Worth and as Headmaster of Worth School; he was until recently the Director of the National Office for Vocations, and currently serves as the Abbot President of the English Benedictine Congregation.

In 'Finding the Language of Grace: Rediscovering Transcendence' Abbot Christopher once again shows his ability to communicate spiritual insights in an accessible way. His latest book focuses on the transcendent experiences of grace that we struggle to talk about in today's very business-like culture. Abbot Christopher shows how the ways we listen and speak, read and write can all be channels of grace.

'This tender book is not only intellectually sound, but also deeply emotionally literate. You are in for a treat', writes Baroness Sheila Hollins, of the Lay Community of St Benedict. Worthian and Dominican, Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, writes that 'Christopher Jamison demonstrates brilliantly how poetry and literature open for us a language of grace, transforming how we listen and speak, read and write'.

Please join us on **Tuesday 8th November at 7pm in the Worth School Performing Arts Centre** for an evening of conversation with Abbot Christopher, hosted by Abbot Mark Barrett OSB and Mr Stuart McPherson;

the evening will conclude with refreshments and a book signing.

To reserve a place please go to our event page at: <https://worthconnecting.org.uk/event/an-evening-with-abbot-christopher-jamison-osb>

With kind regards, Abbot Mark Barrett and Stuart McPherson,
Worth Abbey and Worth School

Non-Parish Events

Volunteer Forum

The Diocesan Annual Volunteer Forum will take place online on **Saturday 29th October**.

This year's forum will take place via Zoom with the following programme:

- 9am - Gift Aid
- 10am - Safeguarding
- 11am - Finance
- 12 noon - Health & Safety

Our teams look forward to welcoming parish staff and volunteers who are active in these areas. Zoom links will be shared with clergy, parish secretaries and the volunteers on our contacts list.

RETROUVAILLE: A Programme for couples struggling in their marriages

Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage.

It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow the marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a virtual weekend on **13th-16th October 2022** or a face to face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **24th-26th February 2023**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

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 time being. Would 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 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 8pm 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](#)

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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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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.