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Thirtieth Sunday in OT (year C)

22nd / 23rd October 2022

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Dear Parishioners

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

I would like to begin this week by thanking everyone who came to our meeting on Sunday morning. The meeting had such a constructive and positive feel, and it was a real pleasure to be able to think and talk with you all about the future of our parish. Thank you everyone who set aside time on your Sunday morning to be present and to give us your ideas and comments. I particularly wish to thank Charles and Ann McCarthy for organising and running the meeting for us, and also the coffee and Traidcraft teams for taking on much extra work to offer us hospitality and refreshments.

I was asked to give a brief presentation of **Divine Renovation** – *From Maintenance to Mission*. I was particularly impressed by the similarity of approach which is found in this programme and the newly released Diocesan Pastoral Plan, ***The Word Who Is Life***. Both dwell on the urgency of our becoming missionary disciples, who cherish a profound relationship with Jesus which permeates our entire lives, and which we are able to share with others. 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*. This demands a deep process of conversion for each of us. Do please ask the Holy Spirit to work among us to guide all we do and to strengthen us. Do please see the Diocesan document - [The Word Who is Life: The Pastoral Plan: a look to the future in a Post-Pandemic Setting 2022](#)

We then looked at some of the qualities which we need to cultivate in our parish – welcome and hospitality, in order to give people a sense of belonging; and all the various ways in which we try to nourish our faith through parish activities – prayer and liturgy, prayer groups and exposition, social groups – the brunch, and the planned activities for our formation in faith. We were especially blessed to have Lizzie Wakeling with us, who told us of the plan for a new approach to catechetics – no longer focused on particular age groups for preparation for sacraments, but from cradle to grave. (See the Diocesan plan, #7 – n.4 *Formation as a lifelong journey*). I am very grateful to all those who offered to help with this very important initiative.

If anyone would like more information about the meeting and our proposals, do please get in touch.

Meanwhile, we await the arrival of the relics of St Bernadette on Sunday at 3 pm. The veneration of relics is probably quite foreign to most of us in England today, although it was clearly very significant for people in earlier ages and of different cultures. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI writes:

“By inviting us to venerate the mortal remains of the martyrs and saints, the Church does not forget that, in the end, these are indeed just human bones, but they are bones that belonged to individuals

touched by the transcendent power of God. The relics of the saints are traces of that invisible but real presence which sheds light upon the shadows of the world and reveals the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst."

Please see <https://stbernadette.org.uk/continuing-the-journey/> for more information.

The monastic community look forward to welcoming you. Because we are expecting very many visitors, **may we ask you not to use the East door of the church (where the building works are) but to enter only by the narthex and follow directions.** Thank you very much. I send my very best wishes. Fr Paul

Prayers



Please pray for Pat MacDonald who died recently.
Her funeral will be held, here at Worth, on Thursday 3rd November at 10.45am

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

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

Novena to St Bernadette

A Novena is nine days of prayer and is often undertaken in preparation for an important event in the life of a person or a community of faith.

Dear Saint Bernadette, chosen by Almighty God as a channel of his graces and blessings, and through your humble obedience to the requests of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, you gained for us the miraculous waters of spiritual and physical healing.

We implore you to listen to our pleading prayers that we may be healed of our spiritual and physical imperfections.

Place our petitions in the hands of our Holy Mother, Mary, so that she may place them at the feet of her beloved Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, that he may look on us with mercy and compassion

Help us, O Dear Saint Bernadette to follow your example, so that irrespective of our own pain and suffering we may always be mindful of the needs of others, especially those whose sufferings are greater than ours.

As we await the Mercy of God, remind us to offer up our pain and suffering for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins and blasphemies of mankind.

Pray for us, that like you, we may always be obedient to the will of Our Heavenly Father, and that through our prayers and humility, we may bring consolation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that have been so grievously wounded by our sins.

Holy Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, pray for us.

Amen.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Cecily Evans, Miss Millet, Peter Cole, Cecily Hallack, Alexander Duncan, Audrey Sherwin, Lady Dora Wilkinson, Gerry McGiven, Jean Whigham, Kathleen Rogers, Moy Steel, Albert Marchant, Hdmayoun Djavadezadeh, Ivor Francis Davies, John Elton, Deidre Sweetman, Caterina Brenninkmeyer, William Toomey, John Bonner, Mabel Grant-Collie, Peter Seamons, Martin MacDonnell and Trevor Botting.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Eph 4:32 – 5:8 Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday – Eph 5:21-33 Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday – Eph 6:1-9 Luke 13:22-30

Thursday – Eph 6:10-20 Luke 13:31-35

Friday – Eph 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-19 **(SS Simon and Jude)**

Saturday – Phil 1:18b-26 Luke 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday's Readings: **Thirty First Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – Wisdom 11:22-12:2 2nd Reading – 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus

2 Children's coats were left in the Church on Sunday 9th October.

Please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th October at 11am– Relics Mass with anointing of the sick. (No mass at 5.30pm)

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 6th November – After coffee, in the Unity Room. We will be playing the film **The Letter**, produced by the Laudato Si Movement, reflecting on the Pope's encyclical and care for our Common Home. This coincides with the opening of COP27, the international conference about climate change.

Sunday 13th November at 11am – Parish brunch in Compass House

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 MISSIO – World Mission Sunday.
Every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

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.

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

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.

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 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84771062415>

11am - Finance - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86003381064>

12 noon - Health & Safety - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86003381064>

Our teams look forward to welcoming parish staff and volunteers who are active in these areas.

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](#)

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: Charles and Ann McCarthy 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.