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Thirty First Sunday in OT (year C)

29th / 30th October 2022

No: 1314

Dear Parishioners

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

I should like to start by thanking all who helped to receive the relics of St Bernadette at the weekend, and to welcome our many visitors. (Some have suggested that there may have been as many as five thousand.) There was a very warm atmosphere of hospitality over the two days, thanks to the very generous way in which you received the pilgrims. Thank you also to all the musicians who brought so much beauty to the occasion and to everyone who supported the visit with your prayerful presence. To my great surprise I myself found it a very moving moment. I had decided that relics belonged to the spirituality of the Middle Ages, and I have visited Lourdes only once in my life, just after ordination; and, while I sensed something special at the shrine, I did not feel a call to return. I remember that I felt a certain envy of my mother's evident attachment to Our Lady, and her devotion to the rosary, which had somehow passed me by; but, almost despite myself, I found the occasion of the visit intensely moving. In part I think it put me in touch with my early childhood of the 1950s, and the character, or "feel", of the Church of that time – stable, unchanging and standing on a rock-like certainty – a character which, though the essence of the Church is unchanging, has long since passed away. Perhaps it also reminded me of the intense devotion and simple faith which I encountered in Peru, expressed in what was termed there *religiosidad popular*, the expression of faith of the men and women who made up our parish in Lima, and which helped them to maintain a deep sense of God's presence in their lives which was quite independent of any activities which took place inside a church. Whatever the reason, it was for me a profound experience, the memory of which will remain with me. Thank you all. It encourages me to continue to foster, with the help of each one of you, those values about which we spoke at our meeting two weeks ago: of faith, and opportunities to share with one another and to build up one another's faith and devotion; the importance of prayer and the Eucharist; and the value of welcome and hospitality, which is essential to give people a real sense of belonging to a community. Our parish depends on the faithful commitment of each member. If anyone else would like to sign up for a ministry or activity, do please let us know.

Meanwhile, the COP27 conference begins next month. This is another international meeting following on from COP26 at which world leaders, we hope, will try to address climate change. We intend to show the film, *The Letter*, made by the Laudato Si Movement, on November 6th. Do please see below CAFOD's appeal to us all to lobby world leaders concerning this very crucial meeting.

As Pope Francis has reminded us in his great encyclical, Laudato Si, Christians have a special responsibility for the care of Our Common Home. We know the Creator, and His Creation bears His image, a thing of immense beauty which speaks to us of Him. It is His gift to us, something which we must look after and pass on to future generations in a spirit of stewardship.

I send you my very best wishes.

Yours. 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

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Margaret Mary Hull, Ruth Cross, Norman Smith, Catherine Castle, Winefrid Osborne, Derek Kirby-Turner, Kathy Maynard, Will Gardner, Mary Loftus, Patsy Willson, Andrew Smith Paterson, Francis Pollen and Walter Stanford.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Phil 2:1-4 Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday – Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 John 3:1-3 Matt 5:1-12a **(All Saints)**

Wednesday – Isa 25:6-9 Rom 5:5-11 Luke 7:7-17 **(The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Souls Day)**

Thursday – Phil 3:3-8a Luke 15:1-10

Friday – Phil 3:17 – 4:1 Luke 16:1-8 **(St Charles Borromeo)**

Saturday – **Commemoration of Deceased Relatives and Benefactors of the English Benedictine Congregation**

Next Sunday's Readings: **Thirty Second Sunday in OT**
1st Reading – 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 2nd Reading – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38
He is God, not of the dead, but of the living

Next weekend there will be a second collection for "Retired Priests Fund"

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

Please note mass time on **Tuesday, 8th November, will be at 4.30pm**, with vespers at 5.45pm.
This is to permit Abbot Christopher's book launch to start at 7pm.
Thank you.

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary

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.

A recent interview with Abbot Mark for The Tablet can be found via the link
<https://worthabbey.net/wp-content/uploads/Pages-from-22.10.22.pdf>

Mental Health Awareness Course

On 29th October at The St Philip Howard Centre, RH10 6RP or 5th November at St Martha's Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 4SL (10-3pm). Cost: £35.

Aimed at anyone involved in ministry in their parish Inc. catechists, ministers of bereavement, those involved with the ministry of welcome - in fact any role that requires you to work with people. To register for 29th October [click here](#), or 5th November [here](#)

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.

CAFOD

Food crisis in East Africa. Floods in Pakistan. Heatwaves in the UK. The Prime Minister might be changing, but the need for climate action hasn't.

Progress was made at COP26, but too many cans were kicked down the road to the next climate summit, COP27, which starts next month. Well, this year has shown the can-kicking has to end. We need to stop the COP-out at COP27. Urgent action on the climate crisis must be above any party politics.

With so much else on the agenda, it's crucial we raise our voices with those of people being hardest hit by the climate crisis. We're not going to put up with a world where those who have contributed least to the crisis pay the heaviest price, while those who have contributed the most fail to honour what Pope Francis describes as their "ecological debt". So we need to call for the countries that have polluted the most over the last two centuries to set up and contribute to a fund demanded by communities whose homes and livelihoods are being lost to or damaged by the climate crisis. We need to insist the government doesn't backtrack from its pledges to stop support for fossil fuels overseas and that it supports renewable energy at home and in low-income countries. And we need leaders at the COP to pledge to reduce the impact our broken food system has on our common home – as well as making our food system more resilient to the impacts of the climate crisis. Let's pray that leaders take the action we need – and let's make sure we urge them to do so. [Call for Action at COP27](#)

Thank you for your support, as always. The CAFOD Campaigns Team

Non-Parish Events

Invitation to our Weekly Masses at St Wilfrid's Catholic School, Crawley

Our 9am Friday mass continues to run with the support of the Priests of the Friary. All parishioners are always warmly welcome to share in this weekly celebration with us.
On Friday 4th November we would like to extend the invitation and invite any Deanery parishioner to stay for refreshments after Mass and if they so wish they may also have a tour of the school. We hope to see many faces, old and new at this celebration of our Catholic Community.

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.

Befriended Afternoon Tea

This month our regular afternoon tea is going to be extra special as it is our 5th Anniversary party. As well as all the usual activities and of course copious amounts of cake, we will hear updates about befriended and also, we have the pleasure of hosting Choir and Ko, to sing show tunes, old favourites and more!

6th November 3pm – 5pm on the First Sunday of every month.
Gateway Baptist Church, Station Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9EQ

For more information, contact office@befriended.org
www.befriended.org Tel: 0300 772 703

Fairer World Lindfield – Energy Helpdesk Fairer world Lindfield is hosting a free event

Saving £££ energy and our planet

We will have a team of volunteers there to talk over your own energy situation, and energy-saving steps that might be practical for you. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions about what you can recycle in West Sussex, information on food waste, what our local Lindfield Terracycle Hub collects as well as:

Draught proofing and insulation Reducing water usage

Everyday energy-saving tips Solar panels

Heat source pumps Household grey water systems

Hot composting Starting a wormery Grants available

There will also be an opportunity for kids and you to try out small solar gadgets in the home.
So, come and join us for a cuppa and cake or a glass of mulled wine.

NO BOOKING REQUIRED - FREE EVENT

Stand Up Inn, Lindfield High Street on **Saturday 12th November** 9.30am to 11.30am

If you require any further information please contact fairerworldlindfield@gmail.com

A Call to Holiness

A series of online talks for young adults (18-35)

The series continues with a session on 'Everyday Discernment' where we will discover ways that we might be able to live according to God's will in our day to day decisions and actions. Don't worry if you missed the first talk, you can still join us on 14th November at 7.30pm on Zoom.

E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

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](#)

<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 are pleased to announce that this will begin again on **Friday, 25th November**, to provide this opportunity for prayer during the season of Advent.

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 voluntar

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>



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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.