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Thirty Second Sunday in OT (year C)
4th / 5th November 2022
No: 1315

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families remain well. As always, I send you all my prayers.

I would like to begin by thanking all those who have generously offered your Time, Treasure and Talent to our parish. We depend on your generosity for the life of our community, and trust that each of us will be inspired by the Holy Spirit. I hope that you will all have had acknowledgement of your offers, as we work through your responses. If anyone has not had communication yet from the parish, please do get in touch straight away.

This Sunday sees the opening of **COP27**, the annual UN Climate Summit, which meets in Sharm-el-Sheikh, in Egypt, until November 18th. CAFOD write: *COP27 attendees will include governments and negotiators from across the world who will travel to the meeting to discuss how to keep temperature rises below dangerous levels. This is crucial in order to prevent the climate crisis from causing even worse catastrophes for people living in the world's most vulnerable communities. The COP is a summit of all the countries that are part of the UN's climate change treaty, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, or 'UNFCCC'. There are 198 members of this process and they are known as 'parties' to the treaty - the most recent member being the Holy See, which became a party in 2022.*

Scientists have been warning us that the world may become unable to sustain human life in the foreseeable future. Writing in The Tablet this week, Carmody Grey reports on one prominent scientist at COP26 last year saying that his one-year old granddaughter would grow up to live in an uninhabitable world. She concludes, however: *It is never too late to do the right thing, even in a situation that seems hopeless. The right thing is to fight for a liveable future, to reduce suffering, to save what we can.*

Please see the CAFOD website for suggestions about how we can take action:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/COP27/What-is-COP27>

And the Jesuit website: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/cop27-africas-cop/>

To mark the opening of the conference we will be showing the film, **The Letter**, on Sunday morning after mass, at 11 am, in the Unity Room. It has been described thus: ***The Letter is a clarion cry to people everywhere: we have to act together, we have to do it now.*** (Cardinal Michael Czerny) *It is a film made by the Laudato Si Movement with the help of Vatican*

Dicasteries of Communications and of Integral Human Development. It involves characters who represent those who live in the poorest countries and those most vulnerable to climate change. Please see our website : <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/the-letter-a-message-for-our-earth-unity-room-11-00am-6th-november-2022/>

Do come and watch the film and help us to consider what our response as a parish should be.

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

Keep warm this winter and plan for Christmas - [Sussex Green Living](#)



Prayers

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

Prayer for the COP27 Climate Summit

*God of blessings, the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made and awaken in us a renewed
commitment to care for the earth and each other.
Inspire world leaders at COP27, with openness to listen to those most affected
by climate change and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored and all people,
and generations to come, may delight in it.
Amen.*

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Bronka Bogacz, Charles Bethune, Abbot John Chapman, Ernest Paskett, Kathleen Brockley, Bob Perry, Dom Eric Booker, Judith Wright, Noreen Short, Bridie Ricketts, John Hicklin, Michael Keating, Christine Genders and Raymond Huckstep.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday – Titus 1:1-9 Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday – Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday – Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 or 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22 (**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**)

Thursday – Phlm 7-20 Luke 17:20-25 (**St Leo the Great**)

Friday – Isa 61:1-3 Matt 25:31-49 (**St Martin of Tours**)

Saturday – 3 John 5-8 Luke 18:1-8

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

1st Reading – Malachi 3:19-20 2nd Reading – 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

The destruction of the Temple foretold

This 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.**

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 26th November at 5pm - First Sunday of Advent, mass with special invitation to young people

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.

Saturday 24th December at 3pm - Christmas Eve Crib Mass with carols, especially for younger children and families.

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.

As we approach the season of Advent I'd like to make you aware of two CAFOD resources; one pertains to Christmas shopping and the other to Christmas prayer:
Please have a look through CAFOD's World Gifts online catalogue when doing your Christmas shopping this year. The link is here: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>
Please consider signing up to receive CAFOD's online Advent calendar. It will offer you a pathway of prayer throughout Advent.
You can use this link to sign up from 11th November: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar>

I wish you a fulfilling Advent, Kir Bennett Horner, Worth Parish CAFOD Volunteer Rep

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

People and parishes across our Diocese have contributed to [CAFOD's Harvest World Food Crisis Appeal](#)

A representative from CAFOD said:

"Thank you for standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Your support for our [World Food Crisis Appeal](#) has been amazing. To everyone that donated, volunteered, held a soup lunch, or fundraised in another way, thank you! Your gifts could be delivering drinking water, providing meals to people who may have gone days without food. Or they could give a child the chance to stay in school and follow their dreams."

Thanks to the generosity of our Parish, we can send them **£500**.

To find out how your donations are helping the people of East Africa, click on the short film above.

From GDWG

"Please may you help us source clothes, or to sort clothes? We'd appreciate help very much, the need is great. Thanks, if you can spare an afternoon to pack clothes for us to take in or if you can help collecting good quality men's clothes from your friends or from a local business, church, organisation, school or college."

Non-Parish Events

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa.

We know that coping with the cost of living crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

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.

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.

Anchoring your Faith

Light of Truth are offering an online course in 6 sessions for adults and catechists to renew and deepen their understanding of the Mass in the light of the Catholic faith.

The sessions take place online 15th November – 20th December, 7.30pm-9pm and follow the progression of the Mass using activities based on Scripture, the Liturgical Rite, and artworks

[Find out more and register here](#)

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](#)

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. **From 7pm-8pm.**

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 session is 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: 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.