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Journeying Together:

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Thirty Third Sunday in OT (year C)

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Dear Parishioners

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

Last Sunday after mass a group of us watched the film, ***The Letter***, the film which was made by the Laudato Si Movement together with the Vatican, concerning climate change and the crisis which faces us. It is one of the most moving and powerful films I have ever seen. I recommend it very highly to you all. (It can be seen on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>) It shows the great beauty of the natural world – the Brazilian Amazon, the polar regions, coral reefs – and shows how they are being destroyed by human activity. Above all, it shows how all this impacts on the lives of five individuals from different continents, and how they are united by the initiative of P Francis who invites them to meet him. In this way their lives and their emotions are brought very close to us. I particularly remember scenes of the man from Senegal, learning while in Rome of the deaths of his friends while trying to reach Europe by boat, driven from their home by rising sea levels which are destroying their town, and by the drought which destroys their livelihood of farming. But, together with immense sadness, we are shown scenes of hope and joy: the guests of P Francis bond in great strength of solidarity as climate activists, and we are left with the sense of the deep compassion and understanding of the one who leads our Church, and we feel that God's strength and love are truly at work here. The image which comes to me is that from the beginning of the book of Genesis – the Holy Spirit who hovers over the waters of chaos with outspread wings, bringing the maternal love and warmth of God's care for His Creation. Those of you who attended the talk and book launch of Abbot Christopher will surely recognise here the language of grace – the power of love overcoming human greed and indifference.

Meanwhile, COP27 continues in Egypt. On the opening day the Prime Minister of Barbados stated that *the prosperity – and high carbon emissions – of the rich world had been achieved at the expense of the poor in times past, and now the poor were being forced to pay again, as victims of climate breakdown that they did not cause.* She warned of a billion climate refugees around the world by the middle of the century if governments failed to tackle the climate crisis.

A central theme of the conference has become the demand for climate justice - the fact that poor people are bearing the brunt of the damage to the climate, in the form of extreme weather, while rich countries have failed to live up to their promises to cut emissions and to provide finance to help the poor with climate breakdown.

Do please watch the film and please respond to the invitation from CAFOD to ask our government to be generous in their provision for aid to those countries which bear the greatest burden of climate breakdown : [Email the government](#)

And do please get in touch with your ideas about how we should respond as a parish.

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



Prayers

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

A prayer of commemoration for the fallen

*Father of all, remember your holy promise,
and look with love on all your people, living and departed.
On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever
all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare,
those who waited anxiously at home,
and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned;
those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.
Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion,
those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades,
and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.
And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord;
grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will
be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Novena: World Day of the Poor

This novena is offered as a way to help us to prayerfully encounter in scripture God's constant care for those who are in various forms of poverty and to prompt in us a desire for more just relations in the community.

Read more - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-world-day-of-the-poor-2022/>

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 – Brian Haynes, Philipa Edwards, Victoria Sheppard, Myrtle Buckland, Geoffrey Teal, Carolyn Pickering, Alec Ricketts, Anne Kibble, Janet McCleery, Oriel Fahey, Alicia Eborne, Ian Moore and John Belford.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday – Rev 3:1-6, 14-22 Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday – Rev 4:1-11 Luke 19:11-28 (**St Gertrude the Great**)

Thursday – Rev 5:1-10 Luke 19:41-44

Friday – Rev 10:8-11 Luke 19:45-48

Saturday – Rev 11:4-12 Luke 20:27-40

Next Sunday's Readings: **Christ The King**

1st Reading – 2 Samuel 5:1-3 2nd Reading – Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

"Today you will be with me in paradise"

Parish Events

Next weekend there will be a second collection for "Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund"

Dates for your Diary

This 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.

Traidcraft Christmas Cards

We have received a selection of Christmas cards available to order. Please visit the Traidcraft stall to pick up an order form, there are photocopies of the cards available.

There is also a selection of Advent Calendars available for sale.

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."

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/> - or see catalogues in the narthex.

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

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

Crawley Interfaith Network

In-Person Meeting - "Interfaith Journey in Crawley"

Open Forum: Sharing our memories of CIFN experiences & thoughts for going forward.

Date: Thursday **24th November** from 7.30 – 9.00pm at Longley Room, The Orchard,
1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD

Website: <https://www.crawleyinter-faith.com/>

Face Book: [www.facebook.com/Crawley-Interfaith-Network- 527183677396243](https://www.facebook.com/Crawley-Interfaith-Network-527183677396243)

For Further Information Contact: Iyad Daoud: iyadhdaoud@yahoo.co.uk, 01293 883372

CIFN: Gratefully Supported by: Crawley Borough Council and Longley Trust

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.

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

School Applications

'Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Primary School is now taking applications for children who will be beginning school in September 2023. To book a tour of our school, please email info@olqoh.com or call 01293 526057. Please remember that applications must be made by 15/1/23.'

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](#)

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



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.

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Parish Office Email: parish@worth.org.uk **Parish Office Tel:** 01342 710313 **Parish Website:** www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk

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: 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.