



In Touch

Journeying Together:

Collaboration

Co-operation

Co-Responsibility

Christ The King (year C)
19th / 20th November 2022
No: 1317

Dear Parishioners

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

Last week I drew your attention to the film, **The Letter**, which I hope you will have found as inspiring as I did. The **COP27** conference about climate change continues this week in Egypt, and we offer below some links from the Laudato Si Movement which may help to guide you through some of the issues. Do please take some time to see the display in the narthex.

Last Sunday marked **World Day of The Poor**. Pope Francis offers us his reflection on this. I commend it to you. (Please see <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/world-day-of-the-poor-13th-november-2022/>) It communicates his passion for the poor very clearly, and the kind of Church he longs for us to become, and is clearly marked by his own pastoral experience while a priest, and then Bishop, of Buenos Aires. He begins by reminding us that the option for the poor must be ours because it was, and is, that of Jesus and his Father. He opens: *“Jesus Christ... for your sakes became poor”* (cf. 2 Cor 8:9). *With these words, the Apostle Paul addresses the first Christians of Corinth in order to encourage their efforts to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need. The World Day of the Poor comes this year as a healthy challenge, helping us to reflect on our style of life and on the many forms of poverty all around us.* Reflecting on the tragic war in Ukraine, he insists that poverty offers us all the opportunity to deepen our place in the Body of Christ. *How can we respond adequately to this situation, and bring relief and peace to all these people in the grip of uncertainty and instability?* Reflecting on the solidarity shown to refugees he writes: *That, in effect, is precisely what solidarity is: sharing the little we have with those who have nothing, so that no one will go without. The sense of community and of communion as a style of life increases and a sense of solidarity matures. ...Where the poor are concerned, it is not talk that matters; what matters is rolling up our sleeves and putting our faith into practice through a direct involvement, one that cannot be delegated...* He goes on to speak of *sincere and generous concern that makes us approach a poor person as a brother or sister who lends a hand to help me shake off the lethargy into which I have fallen... Encountering the poor enables us to put an end to many of our anxieties and empty fears, and to arrive at what*

truly matters in life, the treasure that no one can steal from us: true and gratuitous love. The poor, before being the object of our almsgiving, are people, who can help set us free from the snares of anxiety and superficiality...if we want life to triumph over death, and dignity to be redeemed from injustice, we need to follow Christ's path of poverty, sharing our lives out of love.

Do please look for practical ways in which you can be involved. Do look at our website - <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/> and go to Social Action, where you will find information about many wonderful local groups. I would mention especially the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group, which cares for those in immigration detention at the airport, and Refugees Welcome Crawley, which helps local refugee families; and Life, which offers accommodation for single mothers and their children. Please also see below *Homes for Ukraine Matching Service* - <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> - to offer accommodation to refugees.

As Pope Francis concludes: *May this 2022 World Day of the Poor be for us a moment of grace. May it enable us to make a personal and communal examination of conscience and to ask ourselves whether the poverty of Jesus Christ is our faithful companion in life.*

I send my very best wishes. Fr Paul

The Laudato Si Movement write about COP27, with some suggestions about its significance and progress:

COP 27, the United Nations Climate Change Conference, has started and this year it will be held in the city of Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, between November 6 and 18. If you are not very familiar with these conferences, [you can read here "What is COP 27?"](#)

A [Laudato Si' Movement](#) delegation is present there and we want to present your requests and wishes for this COP. [Why should Catholics care about COP 27?](#) Because our faith demands it. The ecological crisis and climate emergency are destroying God's creation and our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters are suffering the most.

The film [The Letter](#) helps us raise awareness of the encyclical Laudato Si' and Catholics' efforts to care for our common home. For this reason, we are taking it to Egypt in a series of community screenings.

Stay tuned to our social media to follow our news coverage!

THE LSM DELEGATION AT SHARM EL-SHEIKH



Prayers

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

Prayer for Christ The King

*Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
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 – Joe Morice, D F Rigby, Revd Alex MacClean, Clarice Lloyd and Maud Enscoe.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in
peace. Amen.**

Daily Readings

Monday – Rev 14:1-3, 4b-5 Luke 21:1-4 **(The Presentation of Our Lady)**

Tuesday – Rev 14:14-19 Luke 21:5-11 **(St Cecilia)**

Wednesday – Rev 15:1-4 Luke 21:12-19

Thursday – Rev 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Luke 21:20-28 **(St Andrew Dung-Lac)**

Friday – Rev 20:1-4, 11 – 21:2 Luke 21:29-33

Saturday – Rev 22:1-7 Luke 21:34-36

Next Sunday's Readings: **First Sunday of Advent (Year A)**

1st Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5 2nd Reading – Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

Parish Events

This weekend there is a second collection for "Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund"

Dates for your Diary

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

Sunday 4th December after mass - In the Unity Room: A discussion about the latest Synod Documents.

Sunday 11th December 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.

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

A big thank you to all those who generously increased your standing orders to our parish.

We now expect our deficit at the end of the year to be approximately half of the previous estimate of £5,000.

If anyone else would like to increase your giving, there is still an opportunity to do so!

Please get in touch with the parish office. Thank you. Fr Paul

The Synod

Thank you very much to everyone who has been taking part in the process of the Synod. I look forward to our next meeting on **Sunday, December 4th, after mass**, when we will look at the National Synthesis of responses from the Dioceses of England and Wales, to see what we can learn about ways to promote the life of our own parish.

Pope Francis has recently announced that the Synod process will be continued into 2024, to give more time for consideration.

Bishop Richard writes: The process of the Synod has recently been adjusted, not only with an extension into 2024, but also to include an additional opportunity to review, at a local level, a document that has been written by a group reflecting on the submissions from across the world. This expansion and extension of the process is a positive sign of the overwhelming response to the call, driven by the Holy Spirit.

I would like to invite you all to read and reflect on this paper called the '[Working Document for the Continental Stage](#)' and consider the three questions that are posed towards the end of Section 4. These questions can be reflected on and answered online [here](#). The title of the document is taken from Isaiah 54, 'Enlarge the space of your tent.' This reminds us that we are all called to take part in this journey, as we consider how to be a Church that is expanding our welcome and 'proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus to all peoples.'

Thank you for continuing to contribute to this important journey in the life and mission of the Church.

Do please take time to read and reflect on this new document.

WORTH ABBEY PILGRIMS

The Abbot and Community invite you to an
ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
with beautiful seasonal hymns and readings

Admission free, families very welcome
worthabbey.net or email pilgrims@worth.org.uk

Sunday 18th December from 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Followed by Festive Refreshments



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."

A Yale Key was found on the tarmac heading to the East Side of the Church.
Please do let the parish office know if this is yours.

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.

Do you use health services in Crawley?

Sussex Health and Care would like your help to improve their services.

Creating a healthier population requires working together with communities, and health and care professionals to address the issues that are influencing poor health outcomes.

To make real changes for the people of Crawley, we want to work with them to help to craft the local solutions that create healthier and connected communities. The Crawley Programme is about building partnerships, gathering insights, engaging with the local population, and taking advantage of all opportunities help Crawley residents to stay well for longer.

After completing Phase I of the programme, we are eager to capture the views of a wider range of community members and residents across Crawley via a brief survey. This brief survey focuses on gaining ideas and solutions from Crawley residents on how to improve local health services and make them more accessible. The link to the survey is here and takes less than 10 minutes to complete: <https://yoursaysussexhealthandcare.uk.engagementhq.com/embeds/projects/14711/survey-tools/19519>

If you would like to find out more about The Crawley Programme or get involved further please visit our homepage for more information: <https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/our-vision/priorities-and-programmes/improving-health-services/crawley-programme/>

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 CAFODs 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 CAFODs online Advent calendar. It will offer you a pathway of prayer throughout Advent.

You can use this link to sign up: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar>

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

CAFOD write to their supporters

A big thank you for the gifts of prayer, money, time and action that you have given to our global family this year.

Every year our trustees **publish a report** showing you the difference that your gifts have made. I know that reports can sometimes be dry, so please join me and my team online to look back at the year on

Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm-8pm.

This will be an opportunity to report back in person, share the real difference your help has made and answer any questions you may have.

There aren't limits on numbers, so all are welcome and please invite your friends. We will be recording the session which will be available to those who register but can't make it.

I look forward to seeing you there,

Register to join us

Christine Allen, Director, CAFOD

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.'

CRAWLEY INTER FAITH NETWORK (CIFN)

You are cordially invited to join Christmas Party on **Saturday 3rd December**. (Please RSVP)
At CRAWLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, Worth Park Avenue, Pound Hill, Crawley, RH10 3DF.

From 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

6 p.m. light supper followed by Christmas carol singing.

*Please contact Ashwin if you would like to sign a carol

Also, if you would like to be involved with CIFN as a committee member, volunteer, contributor or observer then please contact Ashwin Soni, 07833252551, ashel@hotmail.co.uk.

You can follow us on our Facebook page and website <https://www.crawleyinter-faith.com>.

And we have a WhatsApp Group. You may join this group by contacting Ashwin.

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.

Resident Climate Action Hub launches to everyone

Please see this forum sponsored by West Sussex Council for ideas with which local people can engage:

<https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

And please see their Resident Climate Action Hub:

With the COP27 climate conference underway in Egypt and climate change on everyone's minds, today we've launched our **Resident Climate Action Hub** across West Sussex.

Many of you will have visited the hub already after we invited eNewsletter subscribers to try it out first, but now we're hoping even more people will get involved by adding suggestions to the **Ideas Bank** or joining the **Discussion Forum** to talk about issues such as electric vehicles, recycling, biodiversity, and food waste. With winter fast approaching and household costs and bills soaring, not surprisingly, the most current topic of conversation on the Hub is how **households can reduce their energy use**.

[Visit the Resident Climate Action Hub](#)

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 volunteers:

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



Please use the QR code for donations to the Parish. Thank you

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Fleetwood (Mobile: 07764 260216)

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.

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
(If anyone cannot come at this time, please make a special appointment with Fr Paul)

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 – **This will begin again in the New Year.** (11.15am on Mondays in Compass House).