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The Most Holy Trinity (year A)

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Dear Parishioners

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

This Sunday we celebrate the **Feast of The Holy Trinity**, which comes, as it were, as the culmination of the Paschal Mystery, of Jesus' death and resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, completing the work of our salvation. We offer below a meditation of Pope Francis in which he reflects on what this mystery teaches us about our lives.

He begins by speaking about God's call to us through the persons of the Trinity. *The Trinity is the communion of Divine Persons who are one with the others, one for the others, one in the others: this communion is the life of God, the mystery of the love of the Living God. Jesus revealed this mystery to us. He spoke to us of God as the Father; He spoke to us of the Spirit; and He spoke to us of Himself as the Son of God. Thus, He revealed this mystery to us. After He rose, He sent the disciples to evangelize the peoples. He told them to baptize them "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). This command is entrusted by Christ in all ages to the Church, which has inherited the missionary mandate from the Apostles. He also directs it to each one of us who, through the power of Baptism, are part of his Community.*

God in community shows us how to live, and invites each one of us to take part in the mission of the Church: *Therefore, today's liturgical solemnity, while making us contemplate the amazing mystery from which we come and toward which we are going, renews for us the mission of living in communion with God and living in communion among ourselves on the model of the divine communion. We are called to live not as one without the others, above or against the others, but one with the others, for the others, and in the others. This means to accept and witness in harmony the beauty of the Gospel; experiencing love for one another and for all, sharing joy and suffering, learning to ask and grant forgiveness, appreciating various charisms under the guidance of Pastors. In a word, we have been entrusted with the task of edifying ecclesial communities which increasingly become families, capable of reflecting the splendour of the Trinity and evangelizing not only with the words but with the power of the love of God that lives within us.*

He ends by speaking of the lofty vocation which is ours as Christian disciples: *The journey of Christian life is indeed essentially a "Trinitarian" journey: The Holy Spirit guides us to full knowledge of Christ's teachings, and also reminds us what Jesus taught us. Jesus, in turn, came into the world to make the Father known to us, to guide us to Him, to reconcile us with Him. Everything in Christian life revolves around the Mystery of the Trinity and is fulfilled according to this infinite mystery. Therefore, we seek to always hold high the "tone" of our life, remembering what goal, what glory we exist for, work for, struggle for, suffer for; and what immense reward we are called to. This mystery embraces our entire life and our entire Christian being. We remember it, for example, each time we make the sign of the Cross: in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

This reminder of the missionary vocation of the Church encourages us to remember the RCIA course – the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. You will remember how three new members of our parish took part in this course and were welcomed at the Easter Vigil by baptism and confirmation, and we will be starting a new course soon. If you would like to join this, or if you know someone who might like to take part just to discover more about the Catholic faith, do please get in touch with us.

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



### **Prayers**

Please pray for Jill Carter, who is unwell at the moment.

Please pray for Ann Shanahan recovering from recent surgery.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Peter and Antee Greene, Fred Green, Hugh Hurdman, Severina and Norbert D'Souza and Laura Rawlinson.

**We are asked to pray this week for the Synod as the Church enters the final stage of this work.**

*Father, we want to walk together and with You.*

*We have found that the Synod is the "way" of being the Church of Jesus Christ, opening up horizons of hope and fulfilling the mission that He entrusts to us.*

*We want to renew in the Church her evangelizing mission, and to keep on offering women and men*

*a way of being and living, in which everybody may feel included.*

*We commit ourselves to live in a listening attitude as a mission and proclamation.*

*Amen.*

### **A prayer for Pope Francis**

Please pray for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in thanksgiving for all he has done for our Church, and that he may have the strength and courage to complete the task which God has given him.

*Almighty God, look kindly on your servant Pope Francis.*

*You invited him to shepherd your flock. Guide and protect him in his daily work.*

*Inspire him in your ways to embrace Church unity.*

### **A prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine**

*God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.*

*Protect them in this time of peril; let them know, not death, but life, not slavery, but freedom*

*You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters*

*Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace, not war*

*Amen*

### **Anniversaries**

**Please pray for the Souls of – Lloyd Midgeley, Dennis Litchfield, Joe Brown, Aubrey David, Margaret Bishop and Hugh Pointer.**

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

## Daily Readings

Monday – Tob 1:3, 2:1b-8 Mark 12:1-12 (**St Boniface**)

Tuesday – Tob 2:9-14 Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday – Tob 3:1-11a, 16-17a Mark 12:18-27

Thursday – Tob 6:10-11, 7:1bcde 9-17, 8:4-9a Mark 12:28-34

Friday – Tob 11:5-17 Mark 12:35-37

Saturday – Tob 12:1, 5-15, 20 Mark 12:38-44

## Next Sunday's Readings: **Corpus Christi (Year A)**

1st Reading – Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

**Gospel: John 6:51-58**

**My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink**

## *Parish Events*

We are grateful to a visitor for this photograph of the mass on Pentecost Sunday.



## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – *Eucharistic Communion – sharers in Christ's divinity – for the world.* 11am in the Unity Room with Fr David.

Our sincere thanks to Fr David for his series of excellent talks. You might like to see the book which he recommended - *What happens at Mass* by Jeremy Driscoll OSB £9.99, available in the bookshop.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Parish Brunch, after mass in Compass House

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Parish Picnic, after mass.

## House groups

- The Wednesday small group will be meeting for 4 weeks in **June, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**, in St. Benedict's at 2pm. We will be taking a look at the practice of Lectio Divina, the What, Why, Who and the How. If anyone would like to join us please contact Jenny Chapman at [jenny\\_chapman@sky.com](mailto:jenny_chapman@sky.com), or Fr. Paul at the Parish office.
- Mark and Charlie Tibble will host another house group gathering on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30pm.** All welcome, cheese and biscuits and a chance to get to know your Worth parish. Text or phone Charlie on 07845956243 to confirm.

### **Altar Servers Needed**

Parishioners aged 8 – 80 are invited to join the Worth Abbey altar serving team. Please contact Michael Weston-Burt at [paul.michael.westonburt@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.michael.westonburt@btinternet.com)

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

We are hosting at Worth a visit by members of Refugee Welcome Crawley, and families who they support. We would like some volunteers to help to welcome them, and perhaps help organise games with the children, etc. The day will be very busy starting at 12 noon, and will include a picnic. If you can help, please get in touch. Thank you.

**CANCELLED**

### **Benedictine Spirituality for Daily Life**



**You are invited to an afternoon of events exploring the richness of Benedictine Spirituality on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1-4 pm at Worth Abbey.**

The afternoon starts with Midday Prayer at 1 pm followed by a talk by Abbot Mark and ends with Benediction at 3.30 pm. There will be several sessions including silent prayer (led by Father Luke), Lectio Divina (led by Father Martin) and a talk by Katie Grey on how the teachings of St Benedict have influenced her life. There is also an opportunity to go on a guided walk with Father David to the Quiet Garden.

Families are welcome – there will be activities for children. Complimentary refreshments.

There is a charge of **£5** to cover expenses, including excellent tea and cake!

To reserve your place: <https://worthconnecting.org.uk/events/stbenedict>

For more information please contact Kelly O'Hara: [pilgrims@worth.org.uk](mailto:pilgrims@worth.org.uk)

### **CALLING ALL BAKERS!**

If you enjoy baking, we would be very grateful for donations of cakes for the St Benedict afternoon on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>.

We wish to offer a warm welcome and our Benedictine hospitality.

Please contact: Christina Fitzsimons, [cfitzs3287@aol.com](mailto:cfitzs3287@aol.com), 01444 415557.

### **Worth Abbey Event**

**Time Out: Individual self-guided retreats –26<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> August.**

Cost: £90 per person, per night, minimum booking 2 nights.

Spend time at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than the monastic liturgy, to which you are warmly invited and an optional daily Lectio Divina session. There is also opportunity meet with a monk for reconciliation or a chat.

Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment.

For further information please contact T:01342 710318, E:[retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) or W: [worth.co.uk](http://worth.co.uk)

### *Non-Parish Events*

The Bishops of England and Wales encourage us to work against legislation to allow assisted suicide, and to work for the abolition of the death penalty around the world.

[opposition-to-legalisation](http://www.opposition-to-legalisation.org)

**National Board for Catholic Women May Newsletter.**  
[Parish Website](http://www.parc.org.uk)

Lourdes Pilgrimage  
Applications are now closed.

### **Mental Health First Aid Courses**

If you feel that your pastoral work would benefit from one of these courses please get in touch: ...

The sad reality is that mental health across the nation is a growing concern and reality. Only last week we saw in the national press the truly horrible indictment that suicide is the leading cause of teenage deaths in the UK.

The idea of the Mental Health first aid course is to give delegates the skills to identify the early warning signs of a problem developing, from across the wide spectrum of mental health conditions and then to provide the direction to sign post people accordingly to the right help and support.

The half day and full day course are aimed at identifying systems and exploring appropriate routes to signpost those who are experiencing the challenge and darkness of mental health.

Planned courses are as follows (all of which can be booked via Churchsuite)

[Events | Our Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk)

- Sat 10th June - Horsham - One day Champion Course
- Sat 15th July - Crawley - One Day Champion Course
- 12th/13th/19th/20th September - Online - Two Day Youth MHFA (4 evenings)
  - Wed 25th October - Crawley - One day bespoke Clergy Training
  - Sat 4th November - St. Michael's Worthing - Half Day MH Aware

*If you feel you need to take part in one of these courses to help you continue with your pastoral work, the Parish will consider making a financial contribution.*

#### **The course costs are (per delegate)-**

- Half day course £35
- Full day course £60
- 2 Day certified course £125 (Certified by Mental Health UK)

### **Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers**

At Arundel Cathedral **6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June**. View the famous Carpet of Flowers and witness the extraordinary procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral to Arundel Castle.

6<sup>th</sup> June: watch the Carpet of Flowers being laid. 7<sup>th</sup> June: view the completed Carpet (9.30am-7pm).

8<sup>th</sup> June, 5.30pm: Mass with Bishop Richard followed by the procession & Benediction.

Find out more [here](#).

### **Write a Prayer for tomorrow with CAFOD**

*"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"*

Pope Francis is challenging us to reflect on the ways we're treating our common home and recognise that what we do today will affect the lives of our sisters and brothers tomorrow.

In the run-up to **Great Big Green Week**, 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June, a UK-wide the celebration of action to tackle the climate crisis, we're inviting you to answer the Pope's call. Join us and write a *Prayer for Tomorrow*, asking God to guide us in our efforts to care for our common home and leave a better world for future generations.

[Write a Prayer](#)

### **Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**, 11.30am-1pm at St Gabriel's Church hall, Billingshurst

You are invited to join Bishop Richard for an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis. The morning includes a short talk on the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme.

Please sign up here [Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning](#)

Any questions please contact Tessa Ricketts, Caritas Social Action Network Adviser E:

[Tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim & St Anne**

**Mass & Afternoon Tea - Saturday 22 July 2023  
2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral**

Pope Francis calls us to this annual celebration for Grandparents and the more senior members of our community.

Please sign up here: [The Feast of St Joachim and St Anne](#)

Any questions please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E:

[Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Arundel Cathedral 150th Anniversary

Concert Series, **8<sup>th</sup> July** at 1pm. Enjoy a wonderful Saturday lunch time concert in a beautiful cathedral setting. Enjoy music for Strings and Voices featuring pieces by Bach, Elgar, and Mendelssohn. Everyone is very welcome - booking is not required.

### Arundel Cathedral Discovery Day

**30<sup>th</sup> September**, 12.30pm-5pm (free). With its stunning architecture, beautiful stained glass, mighty organ and renowned choir, Arundel Cathedral has much to offer. Discover how it was built, make prayer doves, and experience chorister life. Children 6+ can take part in a short concert at the end of the day.

[Click here](#) to register.

### 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](#)

[CAFOD climate crisis campaign](#)      Grow Wild Newsletter – [grow wild uk news](#)

### 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

## 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

**Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** – In the Church, Sundays 08.45am – 09.15am  
(If anyone cannot come at this time, please make a special appointment with Fr Paul)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** – Every Sunday at 6.30pm in the Church

**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](mailto:jenny_chapman@sky.com)

**Christian Meditation Group** – 7.00pm in the Unity Room, please contact Richard by email  
[rbrownd1@gmail.com](mailto:rbrownd1@gmail.com)      **Next Dates** – **28<sup>th</sup> June** and **26<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Vigil for Vocations** - (1st Friday). After Compline 8.30pm - 9.00pm.

**Bible Study Group** – 11.15am on Mondays in Compass House. Please contact Jenny Chapman.



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**Secretary:** Maria Stribbling, available 9.15am-1.15pm Mon-Fri

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**In Touch:** If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at [parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk)  
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**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.**