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Twenty Ninth Sunday in OT (year A)
21st / 22nd October 2023
No. 1356

Dear Parishioners

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

This Sunday we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, when we are asked to pray for all those working in the field of foreign missions. Traditionally, when we speak of mission, we think of the Church in faraway places; but we know of course that mission is the essence of Church in every place, and it is the work of every Christian. Each one of us is a missionary. Pope Francis reminded us of this in the first document of his papacy, *Evangelii Gaudium*, The Joy of The Gospel. His message for today is entitled **Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move**, taking his inspiration from the episode in Luke's gospel when Jesus meets the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. He writes: *Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen.* He continues: *Today, as then, the Risen Lord remains close to his missionary disciples and walks beside them, particularly when they feel disoriented, discouraged, fearful of the mystery of iniquity that surrounds them and seeks to overwhelm them. So, "let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!"* (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 86). *The Lord is greater than all our problems, above all if we encounter them in our mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the world. For in the end, this mission is his and we are nothing more than his humble co-workers.* Please pray for the mission of the Church, and for the part which our own parish can play in this work. For the full message, and for information about the day, please see

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/world-mission-sunday-22nd-october-2023/>

Meanwhile, please pray also for the success of the **Synod** meeting in Rome. One speaker, Prof Anna Rowlands, emphasised the gift of communion as the gift of the Church to the world, and the essence of synodality.

"To participate in the life of communion is the honour and dignity of our lives. Communion is how we understand God's ultimate purpose for all humanity: to draw the creation he loved into being ever more completely into His own life, in embrace, and through so doing, to send us out to renew the face of the earth. The call to be the Church that serves this kingdom is described in Lumen Gentium § 9: "that it may be for one and all the visible sacrament of this saving unity". The Church both shows and gives communion with God, who is communion for all creation. Communion is then our being and our doing... Communion is a language of beauty, a harmony of unity and plurality.

Please see our website for more materials on the Synod :

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/parish-life/synodal-church/>

Earlier this week we marked **Anti-Slavery Day**. The organisers calculate that there are over 122,000 slaves in the UK. Please pray for them and for all who work to overthrow the sinful commerce in human beings. Please see our website: <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/anti-slavery-day-october-18th-2023/>

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

Prayers

Please pray for Helen Sweetman who is in care.

Please pray for Anne Albert who died recently. Please pray for her family.
Anne's funeral will be celebrated, here, at Worth Abbey on **Saturday 4th November** at 2pm.

Please pray for Marie Hesketh, who is still seriously ill in hospital.

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

Please pray for the people of Israel and Palestine.

*God of peace, who are peace itself
and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive,
grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good
and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed.
Through Christ our Lord.*

Amen

(Prayer: Roman Missal, p.1361)

Prayer of the Synod

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal
life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion
of the Father and the Son, for ever and ever. 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 – Cecily Evans, Miss Millet, Peter Cole, Cecily Hallack, Alexander Duncan,
Audrey Sherwin, Dora Wilkinson, Gerry McGiven, Jean Whigham, Kathleen Rogers, Moy Steel,
Albert Marchant, Hdmayoun Djavadezadeh, Ivor Francis, John Elton, Deidre Sweetman,
Caterina Brenninkmeyer, William Toomey, John Bonner, Mabel Grant-Collie and Peter Seamons.
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in
peace. Amen.**

Daily Readings

Monday – Rom 4:20-25 Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday – Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday – Rom 6:12-18 Luke 12:39-48

Thursday – Rom 6:19-23 Luke 12:49-53

Friday – Rom 7:18-25a Luke 12:54-59

Saturday – Eph 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-19 (**SS Simon and Jude**)

Next Sunday's Readings: **Thirtieth Sunday in OT (Year A)**

1st Reading – Exodus 22:20-26 2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

The commandments of Love

Parish Events

This weekend there is a Second Collection for World Mission Sunday (MISSIO)

House Group Gathering

All welcome! We have a very informal house group gathering in Balcombe on the last Friday of each month. All Worth parishioners are very welcome to come, socialise, relax, have a drink and some snacks and get to know your community better.

Upcoming dates are: **27th October**, 24th November and 29th December.

We gather from 7.30pm.

Please let Charlie Tibble know on 07845956243 if you intend to come the week before and she will send you directions



Brunch

Many of you have attended and enjoyed these, as have I!
They take place on the second Sunday of each month, from about 11am, till about 12.30, in Compass House.

They were started by Abby Chapman, who has most generously prepared and served these for over a year.

Abby would like some help with this, and wonders if anyone would offer to take a turn occasionally. Training will be given on the job! Do please get in touch if you can help. Email - abby@abbychapman.com
Abby will be delighted to hear from you, as will I. Thank you for your generous response.

Changes for week commencing 23rd October

There will be no Adoration this coming Wednesday (25th)

The Bible Study Group will be held in St Benedicts at 11am on Monday mornings from 30th October

(there is no session this coming Monday (23rd))

Dates for your Diary

1st November – 4.30pm - Mass with the School. (there will be no 5.30pm mass)

1st November – 7.30pm – Parish Mass.

12th November – Parish Brunch after mass in Compass House

19th November – Family Catechism sessions. (All Saints and Inspired)

Worth Pro Earth – Recycling Week

Did you know that a third of us, here in West Sussex, miss opportunities to recycle at home? Often people talk a lot of rubbish about recycling, but we want to bust some myths and help our residents to waste less, and recycle and reuse more! So, as it's national [Recycling Week](#) this week, we've compiled this special edition eNewsletter to answer some of your questions raised in a recent recycling survey.

What can and can't be recycled?

Can you recycle black plastic pots tubs and trays, clean plastic and paper coffee cups, plastic bottles with tops on and trigger sprays? Yes, you can!

Check out our A to Z of Recycling to see a complete list of all the items that can be recycled in West Sussex.

[a-to-z-of-recycling](#)

Where does my recycling go?

If you're curious about what happens to your recycling once it's been picked up at the kerbside, and why it needs to be clean, dry and loose, book a free tour of our Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Ford, near Arundel.

It's here where all your recycling is processed and it's fascinating to see how the gigantic mix of all your plastic bottles and containers, foil, metal cans and aerosols, glass bottles and jars, paper, card and cartons is sorted and separated.

[book-a-visit-to-ford-mrf](#)

How can I find out more from the experts?

Our volunteer waste prevention advisors are experts in the field of recycling and offer free talks to all ages.

They also attend events spreading the message about what, where and how we recycle in West Sussex.

Look out for them at events around the county, or if you run a club or group then contact them to arrange a talk.

Find more information on the link below or email waste.prevention@westsussex.gov.uk.

[recycling-and-waste-prevention](#)

How can I reduce the amount of waste I generate?

Sometimes we are focused so closely on recycling, we forget that reusing and reducing play a more important part in cutting down the amount we use in the first place.

Find helpful info on how you can reduce your food waste, repair or use reuse items, plus how to compost (with a special offer on compost bins), via the link below.

[reduce-your-waste](#)

Can I watch videos about recycling in West Sussex?

Yes, you can!

According to our recent survey 60% of West Sussex residents want to know more about what can and can't be recycled in their household recycling. So, we've made a series of videos called 'Think Before You Throw', where you can find out what you can recycle, and what happens to the items once you've popped them in your recycling bin.

[think-before-you-throw](#)



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ALL SOULS DAY

5.30pm, Thursday November 2nd



Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Just as Jesus died and has risen again,
so through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep;
and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life

(Cf. 1 Thes 4: 14; 1 Cor 15: 22)

You are warmly invited to join the monks of Worth Abbey in the Abbey Church
at 5.30pm, Thursday 2nd November, to pray for loved ones,
family and friends, who have now departed this life.

Monks in the City

Pray with us

Join the monks for prayers in ***St John the Baptist's Church, 2 Bristol Road, Kempton, BN2 1AP***

Lauds (Morning Prayer): Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat – 9am

Vespers (Evening Prayer): Mon, Tue, Wed – 6pm

Midday Stillness

Every Friday, 12noon to 1pm, an hour of music, prayer and reflection in St John the Baptist's Church.

Saturday Sanctuary

28th Oct, 25th Nov: 10.15am – 12.15pm

Join for a morning of fellowship, input, prayer and silence. Starts in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

Monk Talks

A series of talks from the monks of Worth Abbey introducing monastic prayer and contemplation for today.

7.30pm – 9pm in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

14th November – The joy of praying together (Br Anthony OSB)

12th December – Discipleship and humility – Becoming real (Abbot Stephen OSB)



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Advent Introductions to Benedictine Spirituality

Saturday 25th Nov and Saturday 2nd Dec 10.30am

Worth Abbey Church

25th November:

The Other Side of Silence –

An exploration of the Benedictine tradition of silent,
personal prayer. What is it, and what does it mean for my life?

An opportunity to deepen our relationship with God in Advent through
encountering the age-old monastic practice of prayerful attentiveness.

2nd December:

Spiritual Reading and the Path of Prayer –

An Advent introduction to the Benedictine practice of Spiritual Reading;
a quiet, meditative encounter with the lives and witness of great

Christian writers of the Church's past and present. How can reading
the Christian classics deepen our encounter with God?

We will meet in the Abbey Church from 10.15am for registration and refreshments.
We will then proceed to the Spencer Building, Worth School for a talk and further engagement
with our theme, which will be delivered by Abbot Mark Barrett. The morning will conclude in
time to attend Midday Prayer at 1pm in the Abbey Church followed by a light lunch.

To reserve your place visit www.tickettailor.com/events/worthabbey

A Place of Beauty and Joy

Non-Parish Events

Christian Leadership Formation programme

Are you currently in Lower Sixth/Year 12/S5? Are you considering a public-facing career? Do you want to help build a Christian society?

The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, personal development, inter-personal skills, team-building and socials in a tightly-knit community experience, with expert academics and professionals. Open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available as needed.

More information and applications via our new website www.christianleadershipformation.com

CRAWLEY INTER FAITH NETWORK (CIFN)

“Spotlight on: St Nicholas Church”

You are cordially invited to join us to a visit and learn about the Church and faith of St Nicholas Church:

On Thursday 26th October at 7.30 p.m. in person

Address: Church Road Worth, Crawley, RH10 7RT, parking is available on Street Lane

The event will be in person to visit the Church, to receive a presentation followed by questions, answers and light refreshment. 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.

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

We also have a WhatsApp Group. You may join this group by contacting Ashwin.

Gatwick Detainee Welfare Group (GDWG)

The GDWG clothing store is running out of warmer clothing for their residents. If you can help with any of the below items, these can be left at the Parish Office

Jumpers - size M-L Jackets - size M-L Trainer's - size 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Trousers - size 32-34-36 T-shirts - size M-L Truck suits - all sizes.

Thank you.

Creating a safer environment - sessions

Please see below upcoming dates for our 'Creating a Safer Environment' training sessions (all on Zoom).

This training is aimed at PSR's, Group Leaders, and Coordinators of activities in parishes, who also need to know the elements of our 'Creating a Safer Environment' policy. We would be grateful if you could spread the word to relevant individuals within your parishes and ask them to email

Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk to register.

☐ Thursday 26th October 2-3.30pm

☐ Tuesday 7th November 7-8.30pm

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Leaders' Training, **11th November** 10am-1pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Explore an exciting style for delivering the Liturgy of the Word with Children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands-on, tactile approach to the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or are new, come and be enthused by Lucy, and meet others who share your passion. Reserve your free place [here](#).

CAFOD

CAFOD would like to invite you to our online event on **Saturday 18th November, 10.30am - 2.30pm** to link up live with some of our overseas partners and discuss how, rooted in faith, we can fight for a better world. From climate change to the global food crisis, the world is currently facing numerous challenges that stand in the way of each person reaching their full potential. By putting our faith into action, and raising our voices together, we can bring actual change.

So, we need you! At this online event you can:

- Hear from CAFOD's partners in Bolivia on how Pope Francis' teaching inspires their work with indigenous communities
- Look ahead to the upcoming UN COP28 climate talks in the United Arab Emirates, and discuss what urgent outcomes we need
- Find out what happened when we took our Fix the Food System campaign to the World Bank meetings in Morocco
- Learn about our plans for working with the Catholic Community during next year's General Election
- Be inspired to be one of many CAFOD campaigners across the country!

We hope to see you then! It's fine to join for just some of the event if you can't make it all.

The National Board of Catholic Women

You are invited to a Webinar on **Saturday 25th November** from 11am-12.45pm.

The webinar is titled – Inspiring Women, Enabling Women to flourish in the Church.

Professor Tina Beattie will explore how we can express our creativity and share our gifts as women; encourage and support women's many different abilities and callings; celebrate our achievements and learn from our frustrations and failings.

Email: nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk to register your interest.

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](#)

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



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

Night time emergencies only: 01342 710331

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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
(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: 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, after vespers and on Wednesdays from 2pm–3pm.

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 Dates – **25th October** and 29th November.

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

Bible Study Group – 11am on Mondays in St Benedicts (Parish Office). Please contact Jenny Chapman.
Please note new time and place. (There will be no session on Monday 23rd October)

Worth Abbey Parish is committed to safer recruitment. Arundel and Brighton Diocese and Worth Abbey Parish are committed to safeguarding all children and vulnerable groups at risk within its community. The Diocese aims to embed a culture of safeguarding to prevent abuse and to provide support to individuals who have been hurt by abuse, taking the necessary actions to reduce the likelihood of further harm.

Our Worth Abbey Parish Safeguarding Reps are Charles and Ann McCarthy
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