

Next Week's Readings: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Look, your son is alive.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R.v.2

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Galatians 1:11-19

God revealed his Son in me, that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Young man, I tell you to get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with him. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her 'Do not cry' he said Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young

Annual Justice & Peace Conference - 15th-17th July on "Justice, Power and Responsibility: How Can Democracy Work for the Common Good?" Tel: 020 7901 4864 or E-mail: admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk. **The Mercy Pilgrimage** - 16th/17th of July. From Arundel Cathedral to join the service at West Grinstead on 17th July. The Parish has been allocated 5 tickets. If you would like to go, please contact the Parish Office. **Crawley Interfaith Network Speaker Evening** - 'Defining the Divine in Hinduism' Friday 22nd July 7.00-9.00pm with Dhruv Chhartralia, International Corporate lawyer, author and public speaker. Longley Room, The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD Tel:

man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to walk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

Readings for (9th Week of the Year (C))

Mon 2 Pet 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12

Bl Maurus Scott.

Tue Zeph 3:14b-18 or Rom 12:9-16;

Luke 1:39-56 Visitation of Our Lady.

Wed 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27

St Justin.

Thu 2 Tim 2:8-15; Mark 28b-34.

Fri Ezek 34:11-16; Rom 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus .

Sat 2 Tim 4:1-8; Luke 3 2:41-51

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH **Marian Prayer Group** - 2nd/4th Monday 7.45pm, Lady Chapel. **Lectio Divina** 8.20pm Tuesdays, Parlour 3. **Children's Liturgy** (1st Saturday) Next dates 4th June and 2nd July. **Christian Meditation Group** (East Grinstead and Worth Abbey) 2nd/4th Wednesday at Worth: 7.45-8.45pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Contact Gabrielle Joyce: 01342 326118. **Mass with Prayers for Healing** (1st Wednesday) 7.15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel Next dates 1st June and 6th July. **Vigil for Vocations** (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next dates 3rd June and 1st July. **Sunday Prayers for Healing** Once a month, there is a half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 9.30am Sunday Mass. Next dates: 5th June and 3rd July. **Rosary** - Saturday 9.30am. **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Sunday before 9.30 Mass.



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28th/29th May 2016

Corpus Christi (C)

No. 1053

The eleventh step of humility is that a monk speaks gently and without laughter, seriously and with becoming modesty, briefly and reasonably, but without raising his voice (Rule of St Benedict 7:60)

MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL:

Feast of Corpus Christi

This weekend we have the joy of celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi, when we give thanks for the immense privilege of being invited to share sacramentally in the presence of Jesus among us, and to belong to the Body of Christ, the community of believers. Augustine said to his Christian community, Become what you receive. As we receive the sacrament of Jesus' body and blood we enter more deeply into the community of his disciples. The feast brings back to me some lovely childhood memories of processions and altars outside in the school grounds, of incense and rose petals. The sun was always shining and we all were given a big ice cream afterwards – a special treat in those days!

At the heart of the mystery is the virtue of hospitality – of God's hospitality to us and of ours to one another. Thinking of last week's feast of the Holy Trinity, you will remember Rublev's famous icon of the Trinity. It shows the three

persons of the Trinity seated round a table, in communion with one another, sharing a meal. The fourth side of the table is left open for us disciples who are invited to share in the communion of Father and Son and Spirit. The painter took his inspiration from the Christian interpretation of the story in Genesis cp 18, when Abraham welcomes the three strangers to his tent in the desert and offers them the best he has, an illustration of "desert spirituality", where hospitality offered or denied means the difference of life or death, and is, for this reason, a most important value in Biblical spirituality. (In the Greek tradition the icon is known as philoxenia, or love of the stranger, hospitality.) The mysterious strangers are subsequently revealed to be God Himself, and, in Christian tradition, identified as the three persons of the Holy Trinity.

The gospel which we read today tells of Jesus feeding the five thousand – men and women who were poor and who were hungry. Luke tells the story in words which encourage us to recall the

Weekend Masses: Worth Abbey: Saturday 17:00; Sunday 09:30

West Hoathly: Sunday 11.30

Holy Days: Worth Abbey: 08:00, 17:30 [Vigil 19.30]

Weekday Masses: Mon - Fri: 08:00, 17:30 (see above for Thurs); Sat 09.00

Eucharist – Jesus takes the bread, blesses and breaks it, and gives it to the disciples. It is an eloquent witness to God’s Kingdom, a promise that then everyone will be fed, that no one will go hungry, that all will be included. It is also a challenge for all Christians now. The food – all wealth, indeed – is God’s gift. The disciples’ task is to distribute it. Our celebration of the Eucharist is an invitation to accept this challenge and to work for justice in our world and for the inclusion of all those who are excluded by poverty of any sort. We might reflect on the activities through which we might try to do this, working with refugees, with the homeless, our friends in Irundu and Peru, or visiting those who live alone, and the sick.

On another note, we might think of parish social events. This may seem a strange comment for the Feast of Corpus Christi, but, having enjoyed such a wonderful occasion last Saturday, I reflect that moments like this are an excellent way in which we can build up our own parish community, and I’d like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely Sara Barclay Hudson and her team of helpers for organising this event for us. I look forward to the next one!

Second Collection this weekend – For the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese.

Thursday Mass 5.30pm.

Please remember in your prayers – James Hargety.

Anniversaries – Please pray for the souls of Gareth Belcher, Liz Axbey, Patrick Wilson, Mary Payne, Ethne Atkins, Jacques Van Heusen, Philip Hughes, Margaret Calloway, Paddy Tritton, Mabel Pronger, Dom Bernard Moss, Lloyd Midgely and

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

Junior Church - Sundays 9.30am in the Unity Room & Robing Room (Choir Vestry).

Food Bank – Please leave your donations of non-perishable food in the collection bin outside St Benedict’s.

The Abbey Bookshop – A wide range of inspirational books, gifts and prayer cards. Why not stop for a browse after Mass.

Calling all Volunteers – Opportunities to get involved in our Friendship parish in Irundu, Traidcraft stall after Mass; Meals for the Homeless with the Interfaith Forum, Refugees-Welcome Crawley, or Gatwick Visitors’ Group (dedicated to visiting and helping immigration detainees). Contact the Parish Office for details.

The Circle Club – Volunteers and Drivers in particular needed on Tuesdays. The organisers will arrange DBS checks and the rota. Please contact Heather Eves on heather.eves@virgin.net or Madelaine Nash on madelainenash@btinternet.com.

Parish Librarian – We are looking for someone to catalogue our extensive library (mainly Theology books). Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

PARISH DIARY DATES

Parish Walk - Sunday 5th June starting at The Fox at West Hoathly (approximately five miles). Contact trishiasol@aol.com 01892 700942.

Parish Retreat at Compass House – Led by Fr Stephen Ortiger on Saturday 18th June 10.00am-2.00pm, beginning with coffee and ending with lunch. Theme: Lectio Divina, the prayerful reading of Scripture. Practising lectio can deepen our spirituality and help us to find the presence of God in

our daily lives. Contact the Parish Office: Tel: 01342 710313 E-mail: parish@worth.org.uk if you can come. Newcomers to this form of prayer especially welcome. Please see the Diocesan leaflet and other material in the bookshop.

Refugee Week Supper and Presentation Evening - Saturday 25th June, 7.30pm in St Benedict’s. The meal will be cooked by two refugees who are currently living locally. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to come.

Vigil - Feast of Ss Peter & Paul - First Mass on Tuesday 28th June at 7.30pm.

Parish Events Group - Matinee Performance of “Half a Sixpence” at the Chichester Festival Theatre on Wednesday, 17th August. Picnic tea with bubbly and luxury coach travel included. Bargain price of £30! Contact Sara Barclay-Hudson at sbh0369@yahoo.com or 01444 461236.

OTHER EVENTS Inspirational Breakfast - Fr Christopher on Premier Radio www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Weekday/Inspirational-Breakfast/Interviews/Father-Christopher-Jamison-God-does-speak-to-us. **Summer Conference** - “Happiness” hosted by Crawley Interfaith Network. Saturday 4th June, 1.00-6.00pm in the Unity Room. Speakers Christian, Hindu, Muslim and secular perspectives. Followed by group discussion and question time. Refreshments provided. No charge but

voluntary contributions welcome. Please use the Abbey entrance and car share if possible. Contact: Iyad Daoud on 01293 883372 contact@crawleyinterfaith.net. **Conference on Benedictine Lay Movements and Communities** - 11th June, Tyburn Convent, London Exploring the values, mission and outreach of Benedictine movements. A number of groups will be participating in the event, including the Wellspring Community, Manquehue Movement, and Lay Community of St Benedict. Visit communityofnazareth.com. **ENCOUNTER evening (15-30s)** - Friday, 24th June 7.00-9.00pm at St Wilfrid’s School, Crawley (RH11 7PG). Guest Speaker Gillian Nixon. Newcomers welcome. Completely free and no need to book. Live music, food, adoration, an inspiring talk - a great chance to explore your faith and meet other Catholics your own age. Search ‘ENCOUNTER Crawley’ on Facebook, or E-mail: Jack.Regan@dabnet.org. **The Refugee Tales** - 4th-8th July. A walk in solidarity with Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Detainees, reflecting on the long and dangerous journeys that many refugees make fleeing war and persecution, seeking a safe place to live. From Canterbury to Westminster, following paths taken by travellers for centuries. Register to join all or any part of the walk. Day walkers £5 a day, evening events that follow are free. Visit refugeetales.org/the-walk-2016.

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