

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

### First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

*I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by.*

The Lord appeared to him at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction. They replied 'Do as you say'. Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. Where is your wife Sarah? they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son'.

### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 14(15):1-2. 3-4b. 4c-5 R.v.1

*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

**Readings for 15th Week of the Year (C) – Mon** Prov 2:1-9; Matt 19:27-29 **St Benedict.** **Tue** Isa 7:1-9; Matt 11:20-24. **Wed** Isa 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matt 11:25-27 - Dedication of the Church. **Thu** Isa 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matt 11:28-30. **Fri** Isa 38:1-6, 21-22. 7-8; Matt 12:1-8. **Sat** Mic 2:1-5; Matt 12:14-21.

(East Grinstead and Worth Abbey)  
2nd/4th Wednesday at Worth: 7.45-8.45pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Contact Gabrielle Joyce: 01342 326118. Next dates at the Abbey 13th & 27th July. East Grinstead 11th & 18th July (Our Lady & St Peter's Church Hall). **Mass with Prayers for Healing** (1st Wednesday) 7.15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel Next date 7th September. **Vigil for Vocations**

### Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

*The message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries has now been revealed to God's saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

### Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

*Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. It is Mary who has chosen the better part.*

In the course of their journey he came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

(1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next dates 5th August, 2nd September. **Prayers for Healing** - Half hour service of Prayers for Healing once a month in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 9.30am Sunday Mass. Next dates 7th August and 4th September. All welcome. **Rosary** - Saturday 9.30am. **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Sunday before 9.30 Mass.



# IN TOUCH

Parish Website: <http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk>

9th/10th July 2016

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

No. 1059

*All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Rule of St Benedict 53:1)*

### Excerpt from Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People Sea Sunday Message 2016

Seated comfortably on the sofa in our living room, we find it difficult to understand how much our daily life is depending on the maritime industry and the sea. If we look around in the places where we live and work, we realize that most of the furniture and IT equipment we are using have been transported by ships, our clothes were shipped in containers from the other side of the world and the fruits we eat were delivered by refrigerated ships from another country while tankers are transporting oil and petrol for our cars. Without seaborne trade the import and export of goods and finished products would not be possible.

Even when we decide to enjoy and relax by going in a cruise we do not think that thousands of seafarers are working hard to make sure that everything will run smoothly and we will have a comfortable vacation.

Furthermore in the recent humanitarian emergency in the Mediterranean Sea the

crews of merchant vessels have been in the front line to intervene and rescuing thousands of people trying to sail to Europe on board of overcrowded and unseaworthy vessels, inflatable rafts.

Almost 1,200,000 seafarers of every nationality (many of them from developing countries) on board of 50,000 merchant ships are transporting almost 90% of every kind of cargo. The unforgiving forces of the open sea and of the oceans expose ships to significant risk, and the seafarers are "risking their life" more than one way.

The physical life of the seafarers is at risk because aside from the hazards of the forces of the nature, piracy and armed robbery, shifting from one area to another and constantly evolving and adapting to new situations, continue to be a major threat to the security of the crew. Their psychological well-being is at risk when after having been at sea for days or weeks they are denied shore leave and prevented to leave the vessel.

<b>Weekend Masses:</b>	Worth Abbey: Saturday 17:00; Sunday 09:30 West Hoathly: Sunday 11.30
<b>Holy Days:</b>	Worth Abbey: 08:00, 17:30 [Vigil 19.30]
<b>Weekday Masses:</b>	Mon - Fri: 08:00, 17:30 (see above for Thurs); Sat 09.00

The family life of the seafarers is in danger because their contracts force them to stay away from their families and loved ones for many months and often for several years on a row. Children are growing up without a fatherly figure while all the family's responsibilities are on the shoulders of the mother.

The human and working dignity of the seafarers is at risk when they are exploited with long working hours and their wages are delayed for months or in cases of abandonments not paid at all. Criminalization of seafarers is a serious concern especially considering that in recent years a number of previously considered lawful seafaring activities have

#### **Thursday Mass 5.10pm.**

**Anniversaries** – Please pray for the souls of Monica Perkins, Roger Nangle Vaughan, Daniel Heggerty, Alan Hook, Beatrice Blackaller, Tony Howes, John Fawls, Eddie Dolman, Eileen O'Dwyer, Jennie Manktelow, Lilian Baker and Bob Mabey. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

**Second Collection** this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea. There are still CAFOD Emergency Collection Gift Aid envelopes for the Ethiopia Food Crisis available on the Welcome Desk.

**Please remember in your prayers** Seafarers, their families, those who support them and Michael Grech.

**Junior Church** – Sundays 9.30am in the Unity Room and Robing Room (Choir Vestry). Term ends Sunday 17th of July.

**Food Bank** – Please leave your donations

been criminalized particularly in relation to incidents such as shipwrecks, pollution, etc.

Encouraged by Pope Francis who called the chaplains and volunteers of the Apostleship of the Sea to *“be the voice of those workers who live far from their loved ones and face dangerous and difficult situations”*, as Apostleship of the Sea we stand at the side of seafarers to reiterate that their human and labour rights must be respected and protected.

While expressing our gratitude to the seafarers for their work, we entrust them and their families to the maternal protection of Mary, Stella Maris.

of non-perishable food at the collection point outside St Benedict's.

**Parish Traidcraft Stall** – Open each week after Sunday Mass, supporting the work of Traidcraft.

**The Abbey Bookshop** – A wide range of books and other prayer materials.

**Volunteer Opportunities** – 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.

**Parish Garden** – Please contact Jane Surtees on janeanssurtees@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

#### **PARISH DIARY DATES**

**Holiday dates** – Fr Paul will be away from 3rd-8th July, 29th July-11th August and from 22nd-26th August. Mandy will be

away from 2nd-31st July. Both will have access to e-mails whilst they are away.

**The Monastic Community** will be on retreat 12th -14th July.

**Junior Church and In Touch on Holiday** – The last session/copy will be the week-end of 16th/17th of July, returning the week-end of 10th/11th September.

**Parish Walk** – The next walk is on 24th July. Further details to follow.

**Parish Events Group Outing to Half a Sixpence** – Chichester Festival Theatre, Wednesday 17th August. Tickets £30 including coach travel and picnic tea with Bubbly. Please talk to Christina Fitzsimons or Martin Harewood after Sunday Mass.

**RCIA** – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process to introduce new members to the Catholic Church. If you have a friend or neighbour who might be interested, please contact Fr Paul.

**Parish Confirmation Classes** start in October for Year 10 children who wish to be confirmed. Please contact the Parish Office.

#### **OTHER EVENTS**

**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 July Arundel Cathedral to the Holy Door,

Shrine of our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to go.

**Kairos Evening** – 2 short videos/and to discuss more action. Tuesday 19th July 7.30pm, at the United Reformed Church, Pound Hill, Crawley. Please contact Dawn Powell 01293 551709/01293 526279. Kairos works to tackle injustice & hopes for peace in the Holy Land.

**Crawley Interfaith Network Speaker Evening** – ‘Defining the Divine in Hinduism’ Friday 22nd July 7-9pm, Longley Room, The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD Tel: Iyad Daoud 01293 883372; contact@crawleyinterfaith.net.

**Crawley Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** – November 8th-17th. 4 spare places. Worth Abbey parishioners welcome to join. Please contact Fr Chris Dobson at the Friary if interested. Fr Aidan will be going with the pilgrimage. There are three meetings for pilgrims beforehand: Saturday 23rd July 10.00am-12.00 noon; Saturday 24th September 10.00am-12.00 noon & Tuesday 25th October 7.30pm for the final pre-pilgrimage meeting.

#### **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 date 3rd September. **Christian Meditation Group**

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*If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Mandy*

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