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REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Marian Prayer Group - 2nd/4th Monday 7.45pm, Lady Chapel.

Lectio Divina - Tuesdays 8.20pm for half an hour, in Parlour 3 (entry from the Narthex) followed by Compline.

Christian Meditation Group - Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Next dates 9th,30th November, 14th December 7.45-8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact: Gabrielle Joyce: 01342 326118/Caterina Brown: 01243 554001.

Children's Liturgy (1st Saturday of the month) Next date Saturday 5th November.

Sunday Prayers for Healing - Half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel once a month after 9.30am Sunday Mass. Next dates 6th November, 4th December. All welcome.

Mass with Prayers for Healing (1st Wednesday) 7.15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Next date 2nd November.

Vigil for Vocations (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 4th November.

Next Sunday's Readings: 32nd in OT (C)
2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5;

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.
Some Sadducees — those who say that there is no resurrection — approached Jesus and they put a question to him. Master, we have it from Moses in writing,

that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?" Jesus replied, "The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive."

Readings for 31st Week of the Year (C)

Mon Phil 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14.

Tue All Saints Rev 7:2-4, 9-14;
John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12.

Wed The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day).
Isa 25:6-9; Rom 5:5-11; Luke 7:7-17.

Thu Phil 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10.

Fri St Charles Borromeo Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8.

Sat Commemoration of Deceased Relatives and Benefactors of the English Benedictine Congregation.

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IN TOUCH

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29th/30th October 2016

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

No. 1068

What, dear brothers (and sisters), is more delightful than the voice of the Lord calling to us? (Rule of St Benedict: Prologue, 19)

Fr Paul writes – Celebrating World Mission Sunday, we offer below an extract from the message of Pope Francis, setting the Church's mission within the context of the Year of Mercy.

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which the Church is celebrating, casts a distinct light on World Mission Sunday 2016: we are invited to go out as missionary disciples, in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family.

God the merciful Father - *From the beginning the Father has lovingly turned towards the most vulnerable. Mercy is an essential aspect of the love that God has for all his children, whom he created and whom he wants to raise and educate; in the face of their weaknesses and infidelity, his heart is overcome with compassion.*

Jesus reveals the face of the Father - *Jesus reveals the face of the Father who is rich in mercy. When we welcome and follow Jesus through the Gospel and Sacraments, we can learn to love as he loves us and make of our lives a free gift, a sign of his goodness.*

The Church, a community of mercy - *The Church is the community that lives by the mercy of Christ: she senses his gaze and feels he has chosen her with his merciful love. It is through this love that the Church discovers its mandate, lives it and makes it known to all peoples through a respectful dialogue with every culture and religious belief.*

God's maternal love: reflected through women - *Together with the evangelising and sacramental work of missionaries, women and families often more adequately understand people's problems and know how to deal with them in an appropriate and, at times, new way – by caring for life, with a strong focus on people rather than structures; by allocating human and spiritual resources towards the building of good relations; harmony, peace, solidarity, dialogue, cooperation and fraternity, both among individuals and in social and cultural life, in particular through care of the poor.*

Proclaiming God's life and his love - *In many places evangelisation begins with education, to which missionaries dedicate much time and effort. In this*

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

way they bring forth a new people able to evangelise, who will take the Gospel to those places where it otherwise would not have been thought possible. We proclaim the most beautiful and greatest gifts that he has given us: his life and his love.

The Worth-Irundu Friendship Prayer:

God our Father,
Our refuge in adversity,
Our strength in weakness,
Our comfort in sorrow,
Be merciful to your people.
Keep the churches of Worth and Irundu
in your special care.
Increase our faith,
Give us this day our daily bread,
And help us to keep learning
from each other,
Offering to each other
And receiving from each other.
We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Thursday 3rd November, Mass 5.10pm

Second Collection next weekend for the Retired Priests Fund.

All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation):

First Mass Monday 31st October at 7.30pm/Tuesday 1st November at 8.00am and 5.00pm.

CAFOD/MISSIO/IRUNDU – Please remember to hand in your envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

Julian Lee RIP – There will be a service of celebration of his life on Saturday 12th November at 11.00am in the Abbey Church. All are welcome.

Anniversaries – Please pray for the souls of Margaret Mary Hull, Ruth Cross, Norman Smith, Catherine Castle, Derek Kirby-

Turner, Winefrid Osborne, Kathy Maynard, Will Gardner, Mary Loftus, Patsy Willson, Andrew Smith Paterson, Francis Pollen and Walter Stanford. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers – Helen Sweetman; Myriam Vinycomb, Pat & Angus MacDonald and Nick Hely-Hutchinson.

Holy Communion – Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any housebound parishioners who might like Holy Communion bringing to them.

Donations of clothes and shoes – Urgently needed for Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group and Crawley Open House. Please kindly leave in the Parish Office porch. Men's clothes, especially anything in a size M, shoes, blankets, woolly hats and gloves.

Outreach Peru – Many thanks for the donations of baby/children's clothing and shoes for the Ayacucho Children's Home.

Food Bank – Please leave your donations of non perishable food at the collection point outside the Parish Office.

House Groups – If you would like to be part of a house group, please contact Fr Paul. New material is available for Advent. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Discussion Group – St Benedict's, Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm. The group will discuss Advent and the prophet Isaiah. Please contact Fr Paul if you can come.

Red Boxes holders – Please send your cheque to APF, Mill Hill, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU. Thank you for your support.

PARISH DIARY DATES

Performance of Fauré's Requiem with the Octave of All Souls, Sunday, 6th November. Further details to follow.

Worth Choral Society will be performing Vierne's Requiem Mass on Sunday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Abbey Church. In aid of Irundu.

Johann Strauss Gala, Royal Festival Hall, London. 8th January 2017, 3.00pm. Tickets £35 including luxury coach travel. Depart 12 noon, return approx 8.00pm. Please contact Sara Barclay-Hudson on 01444 461236/ sbh0369@yahoo.com.

On Saturday, 12th November the 5.00pm Mass will be focused on the bereaved, and in memory of loved ones who have died. Refreshments in the Narthex to follow and an opportunity to meet the Parish Bereavement Support Team Marian Killick and Clare Harper. Grateful thanks to Marian and Clare for offering us this service.

Crawley Mosque Visit – Crawley Islamic Cultural Centre & Mosque, 157 London Road, Crawley, RH11 7SQ. Saturday 10th December at 2.15pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to come.

RCIA – (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process to introduce new members to the Catholic Church. If you know anyone who might be interested, please contact Fr Paul.

OTHER EVENTS

Day of Reflection for A & B Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Saturday 5th November at Worth Abbey: 10.00am-4.00pm, beginning with a Welcome from Bishop Richard. Come early for Community Mass at 9.00am.

Closing of the Holy Doors in the Diocese – Sunday 13th November at all the different venues across the Diocese in Arundel, Mayfield, West Grinstead and Weybridge. Bishop Richard will lead the liturgy for the closing of the Holy Doors at 5.00pm in Arundel Cathedral with Mass.

Next ENCOUNTER evening (18-30s). Friday 18th November, 7.30-9.30pm, St Wilfrid's School, Crawley RH11 8PG. Guest speaker, Fr Stephen Ortiger. Search 'ENCOUNTER-Crawley' on Facebook.

Lay Community of St Benedict Teenage Retreat at Worth Abbey – 2nd-4th December. For years 7-9. Explore what Christmas is really all about. Booking closes 4th November. Email toc@worthabbey.net.

CRAWLEY INTERFAITH GROUP SPEAKER EVENINGS – Friday 18th November 7.00-9.00pm - AGM plus Landscape of Inter Faith in Europe by Bharti Taylor. Civic Hall, Crawley RH10 1UZ.

Saturday 3rd December, 6.00-9.00pm – Christmas Carol singing, food and networking. United Reform Church, Worth

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