

# IN TOUCH

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## Go to help the troubled and console the sorrowing (Rule of St Benedict 4: 18-19)

### Fr Paul writes:

On Monday we begin Fairtrade Fortnight – two weeks when we try to raise the profile of fair trade and the reasons for supporting it. Many of you already purchase goods from the stall in the narthex after mass, and this is a good reminder that the call to justice – in this case trade justice – is an integral part of our celebration of the Eucharist. We recall the words of Jesus, *Do this in memory of me*, as he instituted the Eucharist, asking us to follow his call to work for justice for the poorest. Pope Francis has frequently reflected on this theme, especially in his encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium*, (2013). In cp 2 he reflects on the current economic climate. He rejects what he calls *an economy of exclusion*, and the *idolatry of money* and the *absolute autonomy of the marketplace*. These, he says, are responsible for poverty and inequality. He warns us of the *globalization of indifference*, a *lack of compassion at the outcry of the poor*. Instead, he reminds us, human beings must be at the centre of the economy: *Money must serve, not rule! We must practice generous solidarity and an ethical approach which favours human beings.*

This is the aim of fair trade. With your copy of In Touch this week we offer you a post card, part of a campaign sponsored by CAFOD and Traidcraft, and other Christian organisations. They are asking us to write to our MPs concerning possible changes when the UK leaves the European Union. They write: *For millions of people who trade with us from poor countries, (our leaving the EU) could be make or break. Unless the UK government puts in place new measures, products from the poorest countries could face around £1 billion in extra taxes. And producers from the poorest countries could find themselves facing unfair competition if the UK signs free trade agreements with wealthy competitors. However, this could be the moment the UK starts trading in a way that really benefits poor communities, for example by putting in place rules which make it easier for them to export more valuable products. So please take this opportunity to encourage our government to put in place arrangements which will give producers from the poorest countries a chance to benefit from trade with us.* Please pray for the success of this initiative, and please look for more information on the Traidcraft website. (Please see the link on our parish website (<http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/traidcraft>.)

I am grateful to Beryl McNulty, who heads the Traidcraft team at Worth, for the following article:

### Fair Trade Fortnight: 27<sup>th</sup> February – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

This is the time when we all show our support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries. We hope that you will all visit the Traidcraft stall during this period. There will be free tasting after Mass on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March and again on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March. There will also be a raffle, which will be drawn after Mass on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. They support small scale farmers and workers who are marginalised from trade in a variety of ways and carefully monitor the impact of Fairtrade on these communities.

Food security is linked closely to economic growth, stable incomes and reduced risk and vulnerability. A better income means more money to buy food and the ability to invest in generating other food sources, such as growing new crops. This means farmers and workers can have more control over their lives when times are hard, worry less about how they feed their families and be able to provide enough food for the people they care about, all year round. It is so important that we support the producers of Fairtrade goods and make a point choosing their products when doing our weekly shop.

**On behalf of Worth Irundu Friendship Committee, the Parish Events Group is delighted to announce another great evening in the Java & Jazz Restaurant, Forest Row on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. The price per head of £30 includes a 3 course menu with wine/soft drinks. It also includes a 20% donation to the Irundu project. A special menu has been designed for us and with the added bonus of some great raffle prizes, the evening promises to be a most convivial and much-needed 'pick me up' to chase away the February chills! Please contact Sara Barclay-Hudson for tickets and more details [sbh0369@yahoo.com](mailto:sbh0369@yahoo.com)/01444 461236**

**Please pray for the people of Irundu, who are suffering from severe drought and famine. Please support them in any way you can.**

**Ash Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** : Mass with imposition of Ashes at the Abbey at 8 am and 5.30 pm, and a non-Eucharistic service in St Dunstan's, West Hoathly, at 7.30 pm.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Mass at 6.45pm**

**Please pray for Wilfred Ng RIP**, the brother of Mandy Horton and for his family.

**Please pray for the young people of our parish** who are preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation in June, and for their families : Evelyn Champain; Max Fitzgerald; Jessie Gallagher; Abigail Horton; Rosa McKeckie; Poppy Owers; Harriet Record; Jason Horton; Chloe Roberts; Marco Fernandes. Please also remember in your prayers the team who are accompanying them.

**Please remember in your prayers** – Emily Martin, Tim Wheeler, Queenie Hopcroft, John Surtees, Jo and Terry Fallon, Paul Frohock, and Nick Hely-Hutchinson

**Thank you to all who generously use Gift Aid envelopes.** May we ask you also to fill them in, as this is necessary for us to be able to make a claim.

**Anniversaries** – Please pray for the souls of Josephine Burridge; Audrey Lane; Kitty Adams; Karen Rozum; Roy Hemming; Anthony Francis Rowland; Albert Mason; Peter Reeve; Bert Rayson; Lina Talbot; Mary Renouf; Maurice Geal; Aaron Martin; David Rutherford; Alex Leaney; Barry Penn. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

**Adoration at Worth Abbey - Invitation and Opportunity:** Starting this Lent, you are invited to take part in silent adoration each Friday in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Please contact Fr Rod for more details.

**Used stamps and rinsed plastic milk container tops** collected for charity via Rachel Davies.

**Volunteer Opportunities** Friendship Parish in Irundu; Gatwick Visitors' Group, Refugees Welcome-Crawley, Parish TRAI DCRAFT stall, Meals for the Homeless with the Interfaith Forum. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Worth Irundu Friendship Committee** are looking for new volunteer members. Please contact Fr Paul.

**Refugees Welcome-Crawley**

- train to become a befriender/English teacher for refugees in Crawley. Email Anna Pincus: [rwcanna@gmail.com](mailto:rwcanna@gmail.com)
- join a community sewing project (no sewing experience needed) Email [isobel1998@live.co.uk](mailto:isobel1998@live.co.uk)
- make tea/facilitate play for Syrian children Email [Henrietta.Newell@btinternet.com](mailto:Henrietta.Newell@btinternet.com)
- aged 16 to 25? Join a group offering social opportunities to young refugees. Email David: [rwcanna@gmail.com](mailto:rwcanna@gmail.com)

**Refugees Welcome Crawley: AGM and shared meal** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm in the United Reform Church Pound Hill.

**PARISH DIARY DATES**

**Lent Discussion Group** - Please contact Fr Paul for details

**Parish Evangelisation Group** - Please contact Fr Paul for details

**H.C.P.T. THE PILGRIMAGE TRUST LOURDES APPEAL** Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy and Raffle to raise funds to send a child to Lourdes this Easter. Stonecote, Birch Grove, Horsted Keynes, the home of Angela Bellord, on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. Tel 01825 740269.

**Parish Walk, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March.** Meet 11.15am at the car park on Lower Road (off Hartfield Rd), Forest Row, RH18 5HE. An easy five-mile walk into the countryside north of Forest Row. Mixture of open countryside with good views and some delightful forest paths. Lunch 1.45 pm at Brambletye Hotel (The Square, Forest Row. RH18 5EZ). Contact Trish ([TrishiaSOL@aol.com](mailto:TrishiaSOL@aol.com)) or Christina ([cfitzs3287@aol.com](mailto:cfitzs3287@aol.com)) for more details.

**PPC elections** We are very grateful to the following people who have come forward to stand for PPC membership at the elections on 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March (parishioners will be asked to vote before or after Mass): Rachel Davies, Christina Fitzsimons, Ana Griffiths, Paddy Hall, Martin Harewood, Theresa Hobson-Frohock, Christopher Killick, Marian Killick, D'Arcy Trinkwon, Sophia Vaughan and Michael Weston-Burt. Parishioners will be invited to choose from these candidates to fill the eight elected PPC positions. We will put their photographs on the Parish website and, if you do not know them, please look out for them in the Narthex or at St Dunstan's on Sunday mornings or on Saturday evenings

**Concert in Aid of Outreach Peru, Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, Abbey Church, 7.30pm.** Worth Abbey Choral Society and the Kidbrooke Park Singers will perform Haydn's St Nicholas Mass with orchestral pieces by Bach, Hoffmeister, Susato and Coates

**Parish AGM** after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

#### OTHER EVENTS:

**Church Action on Poverty Sunday** 26<sup>th</sup> February. Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place each year on the last Sunday before Lent. Visit [www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday](http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday)

**Bible and The Sacraments Free Course:** No need to buy anything, though a course book is available to purchase if you wish. If you register, you will receive a weekly email with a video link, and you can watch online.

<https://www.bibleandthesacraments.com/streaming?mc%20cid=9e8baeea85&mc%20eid=b6b029fd84>

**Annual witness against nuclear weapons with Pax Christi.** 1<sup>st</sup> March, Ash Wednesday, in central London

**Amnesty International South East Regional Conference,** Guildford United Reformed Church GU2 4BS, Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am -4.00pm. Attendance is free. Contact [philip.strudwick@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:philip.strudwick@amnesty.org.uk)

**ENCOUNTER Evening for 15-30s** with Brother Angelo from the Franciscan Friars of The Renewal, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley RH11 8PG. ENCOUNTER has been running for over 3 years with great speakers, live music, vibrant times of prayer, friendly people and free food! Search 'ENCOUNTER Crawley' on Facebook

**Chilworth Abbey Study Day** with Fr John Seddon OSB, on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 9.00am-4.00pm. Come for part or all of the day, St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth GU4 8QR [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com)

**Interested in Social Action?** Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am-1.00pm at DABCEC. Help set up a Network for Social Action in the Diocese. For more information contact [aidan.cantwell@dabnet.org](mailto:aidan.cantwell@dabnet.org)

#### REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**Adoration:** Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. A time of reflection, music and silence.

**Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** Sundays 9.10-9.30am before Mass. **Marian Prayer Group** -2nd/4th Monday 7.45pm, Lady Chapel. **Lectio Divina** - Tuesdays 8.20pm, half an hour, in Parlour 3 (entry from the Narthex). Followed by Compline **Mass with Prayers for Healing** (1st Wednesday) 7.15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Next date 1st March **Christian Meditation Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** 7.45-8.45pm followed by Compline. Next dates 22nd February, 8th & 29th March. Contact: Gabrielle Joyce: 01342 326118/Caterina Brown: 01243 554001. **Vigil for Vocations** (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 3rd March. **Children's Liturgy** (1st Saturday) Next date 4th March. **Sunday Prayers for Healing** - Half hour Service in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel once a month after 9.30am Sunday Mass. Next dates 5th March, 2nd April. **Next Bereavement Session** 28th February. St Benedict's 10am.

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**Next Sunday's readings:**

### **First reading – Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. (NRSV)

### **Second reading – Romans 5:12-19**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. (NRSV)

### **Gospel - Matt 4: 1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. (NRSV)

Monday, 27th: Ecclesiasticus 17:20-24; Mark 10: 17-27

Tuesday, 28th: Philippians 3: 8-14; Matt 5: 13-16

Wednesday, 1st: Joel 2: 12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2

Thursday, 2nd: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Luke 9: 22-25

Friday, 3rd: Isaiah 58: 1-9; Matt 9: 14-15

Saturday 4th Isaiah 58:9-14, Luke 5: 27-32