

# IN TOUCH

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## **You are not to act in anger or nurse a grudge. Rid your heart of all deceit (Rule of St Benedict 4: 22-24)**

### **Fr Paul writes:**

We are grateful to Kir Horner for the following article. Do please pray for the work of CAFOD and for all who receive their support:

Thank you to those who supported, via prayer, fasting or tithing, CAFOD's Lent Fast Day on Friday, March 10th. CAFOD's focus for this Lent Fast Day is an initiative in Zambia, Southern Africa, where CAFOD is empowering farmers to switch from inefficient farming of land crops to productive fish farming. CAFOD Lent Fast Day envelopes are still available in the Narthex. Alternatively you can donate for Lent Fast Day, or give to CAFOD regularly, online via [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent). If you prefer spontaneity, please text FAST17 £5 to 70070 to donate £5 to the Lent initiative.

Concurrent to this CAFOD Lent Fast Day initiative, Hal and Rory Clarke have once again generously opened their home on Monday lunchtimes throughout Lent to benefit CAFOD. We enjoyed a delicious leek soup at the first of the Clarkes' Lenten Lunches this past Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. Father Paul gave us a pleasant surprise by arriving on his bicycle! As Hal and Rory Clarke reside near Sharpthorne, they typically celebrate Sunday Mass at St. Dunstan's, and often many of their Lenten Lunch guests are St. Dunstan's congregants. Clearly St. Dunstan's is a pleasant place to worship as conversation at these Lunches always proves to be lively and interesting. Along with supporting a good cause, those attending the Lunches often benefit by meeting new people. I wholeheartedly encourage all Worth Abbey congregants and community members to include a Monday Soup Lunch at the Clarkes' in their Lenten diary. (Note: There is no Lenten requirement that all members of the community arrive by bicycle!)

The Lenten Lunches begin at 12.30pm on every Monday during Lent. The format of the Lunches is relaxed and everyone is welcome. You do not need to book in advance, you simply arrive, sample the delicious soup of the week, meet and enjoy conversation with other parishioners, be amazed that in "loaves and fishes" fashion Hal and Rory are always able to feed the masses, and then put whatever donation you wish in the "can." Additionally, CAFOD postcards upon which you can write a message of hope and support to a refugee will be available at the Lunches if you missed doing this when the Lampedusa Cross visited the Abbey. Children are most welcome during the Easter school holidays, as Hal and Rory are seasoned grandparents with creative suggestions on how to amuse younger guests! \*\*12.30pm on Mondays during Lent, concluding 10th April at Cinderhill House, Cinderhill, Sharpthorne, RH17 7BD.\*\*

This year all funds raised by the Clarke's soup lunches will be directed to CAFOD's refugee support initiative. Inside of Syria 13.5 million people are in need of urgent humanitarian aid, 6.1 million people are homeless and over 300,000 people have been killed. As of December 2016, after five years of war, almost 5 million Syrians are registered as refugees in neighbouring countries. This situation has been deemed the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time.

The bulk of the refugee population is hosted by Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt. Turkey hosts 3 million refugees, Lebanon hosts 1 million refugees or 20% of Lebanon's current population, Jordan hosts 650,000 refugees or 10% of its population, and Iraq and Egypt host about 340,000 refugees combined. CAFOD works within Syria and these host countries, via Caritas and other partnerships, to get food, medical aid, housing, household items, blankets, cash grants and relief supplies to refugees. CAFOD is also providing medical treatment, psycho-social counselling and legal advice to refugees. Details of CAFOD's work in Syria must remain covert, as those delivering relief are themselves at risk. CAFOD needs your donations to continue to carry their torch of humanitarianism into this desperate crisis.

Please consider making a Lenten commitment to attend one of our parishes Monday soup lunches. Please help Hal and Rory help CAFOD to comfort refugees who are struggling in the wake of the Syrian conflict. It is said that at Lent, sometimes DOING something is more important than giving something up.

Kir Bennett Horner, Worth Parish CAFOD Representative

## Prayer for peace in Syria

God of mercy,

Pour out your peace upon us all.

Watch over our brothers and sisters in Syria,  
especially those who have fled their homes.

Lead them to a place of safety

and bring comfort to those who mourn.

Inspire us all to share the light of your hope,

and to reach out in a spirit of compassion.

Make us channels of your peace,

so all your children may live

free from fear, conflict and pain.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Prince of Peace, Amen.

## CAFOD's Lent Fast Day envelopes

Please return your envelope with your donation to CAFOD; donate online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) or text FAST17 £5 to 70070 to donate £5.

## Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March we have our Parish AGM straight after the 9.30 mass.

It takes place in the Unity Room, where coffee will be served. It will end by about 12 noon. We will have a talk by two people closely involved with the reception of refugees in the diocese, and there will also be a short talk about CAFOD's Livesimply programme, which we hope to adopt soon in our parish. (You might like to check details beforehand through the parish website - [worthabbeyparish.co.uk](http://worthabbeyparish.co.uk)). There won't be Mass at St Dunstan's.

**This weekend, in preparation for the AGM, we vote for the new PPC.** Please take these opportunities to play an active role in your parish community and help us to strengthen our local Church. If you can stay for lunch after the AGM, please let us know by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** ([parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk)) I look forward to seeing you there.

Fr Paul

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Mass at 6.45pm

**Terry Smith** sadly passed away on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please keep his wife, Peggy and the family in your prayers.

**Please remember in your prayers** – Barry Devlin, and Mary, RIP, his wife, whose anniversary is on 15<sup>th</sup>; Angus MacDonald RIP, his wife Pat and family; Wilfred Ng RIP and his family; Emily Martin;

Tim Wheeler; Queenie Hopcroft; John Surtees; Jo and Terry Fallon; Paul Frohock; Nick Hely-Hutchinson; our friendship parish in Irundu, suffering from drought; Pope Francis, whose anniversary of election falls on March 13<sup>th</sup> (2013)

**Anniversaries** – Please pray for the souls of Kitty Cahill, John Burge, Bishop David Cashman, Julie Vincent, Mary Jarvis, Mary Devlin, Ann Wallace, Margaret Trueman. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

**Haydn's Missa Sancti Nicolai Concert:** The collection raised at the concert last Sunday, in aid of Outreach Peru, came to £1,115.00 (including Gift Aid). Thank you to everyone, especially Michael Oakley, for making the concert a great success.

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

**Circle Club/Day Centre:** need volunteer drivers to join the rota. If you can help occasionally or regularly, please get in touch with Madelaine Nash ([madelainenash@btinternet.com](mailto:madelainenash@btinternet.com)). Drivers undergo DBS checks and need to confirm with their insurers that they will be volunteer driving. Allowance available of 20p per mile.

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

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

**OUTREACH PERU:** Sr Charo, a result of Fr Paul's youth group ministry in Parroquia San Benito, Lima, visits Worth Abbey from 9<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> May. First time in Europe, first time in England, English rudimentary: if anyone would like to accompany/host/take her out, please contact Fr Alex ([dalex@worth.org.uk](mailto:dalex@worth.org.uk) 01342 710 328)

## EVENTS FOR LENT

### Concert of Organ Music by D'Arcy Trinkwon, THIS Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

in the Abbey Church, 7.30pm

A programme based on the spiritual struggle of Life and Death, Good and Evil and the ultimate transcendence of Faith and Belief ([www.darcytrinkwon.com](http://www.darcytrinkwon.com))

### Sequence of Music for Lent, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March in the Abbey Church, 7.30pm.

An ideal opportunity for reflection as move through Lent towards Holy Week

**Silent Adoration on Fridays** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

1-5pm; 7-9pm. ('Holy Hour' 7-8pm)

**'Holy Hour' followed by Stations of the Cross** at 8pm, every Friday in Lent in the Abbey Church. The service ends before Compline at 9pm

**Discussion Group in St Benedict's on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.**

We will study the Passion narratives together as a preparation for Holy Week.

**CAFOD Lenten Soup Lunches** from 12.30pm on Mondays during Lent, Cinderhill House, Cinderhill, Sharpthorne, RH17 7BD.

**Palm Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Palm Sunday Procession and Mass 9.30am, starting in the Piazza.

*"We..cannot discover life by being sad, bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord so that he may enter and grant us life." Pope Francis*

### PARISH DIARY DATES

**PPC elections.** Parishioners will be asked to choose from the following candidates to fill the 8 elected PPC positions: Rachel Davies, Paddy Hall, Christina Fitzsimons, Ana Griffiths, Martin Harewood, Theresa Hobson-Frohock, Christopher Killick, Marian Killick, D'Arcy Trinkwon, Sophia Vaughan and Michael Weston-Burt. Voting THIS weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> March before/after Mass.

**Parish Walk,** THIS Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Meet 11.15am at the car park on Lower Road (off Hartfield Rd), Forest Row, RH18 5HE. Join us for all/part of the walk (easy 5 miles) and lunch (1.45pm) at the Brambletye Hotel, RH18 5EZ

**DIY Skills needed!** We are setting up a small group, in association with SVP in Crawley, to do occasional decorating and DIY jobs for people that the SVP are supporting in Crawley. Contact Christina ([cfitzs3287@aol.com](mailto:cfitzs3287@aol.com)) or Theresa ([tree@waitrose.com](mailto:tree@waitrose.com)) or Paddy ([paddy901@googlemail.com](mailto:paddy901@googlemail.com)). We need you! We already have one job waiting for us. The aim is for it to be sociable as well as worthwhile. No need to be an expert - we just need people willing to help.

### OTHER EVENTS:

**Dementia Prayer Week** 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March. During this week we remember especially the often forgotten pain of those suffering with dementia, and those who care for them. Each day during Dementia Prayer Week, is linked to the Walk with Me Lent book. Walk with Me is a prayer and scripture journey for the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter. For advice about ways to support people with dementia, including dementia awareness training, please contact Margaret Fraher, Inclusion Adviser, on 01293 651196 or [Margaret.Fraher@dabnet.org](mailto:Margaret.Fraher@dabnet.org)

### Feast of St Patrick of Ireland, 17<sup>th</sup> March

St Patrick is traditionally associated with the Shamrock plant, which he used to explain the concept of the Trinity. He is remembered less for historical detail but as the inspiration of a man who returned to the country where he had been a child slave, in order to bring the message of Christ. The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

*"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."*

**Chilworth Abbey Study Day** with Fr John Seddon OSB, Sat, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 9am-4pm [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com)

**Beginning Experience:** Single again through separation, divorce or the death of a partner? Weekend programme to help you move forward have a future with renewed hope. 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March, Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. Contact Freda 01322 838415 Sandra 01293 783965 or John 01992 642443 [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

**Crawley InterFaith Network Speaker Evening** "Spirituality & Religion" with Dr Roger Prentice. Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7-9pm. Civic Hall, Crawley, RH10 1UZ. Contact Iyad Daoud 01293 883372 [contact@crawleyinterfaith.net](mailto:contact@crawleyinterfaith.net)

**Renewal of Promises by the Wellspring Community:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March (Feast of the Annunciation) at the 9am Mass, in the presence of Bishop Richard and the Worth Monastic Community

**Interested in Social Action?** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10am-1pm 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).

**Easter Triduum Retreat for Young Adults** 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> April. Worth Abbey and The Wellspring Community invite young adults (ages 18-35) to celebrate the Easter Triduum in prayer, community and reflection with a retreat at Worth. You are also invited to take part in a "Cross Walk" from Arundel on the 9th April, walking across the South Downs and arriving at Worth for the beginning of the retreat. Contact [fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk](mailto:fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk)

**SAVE THE DATE: National Justice & Peace AGM & Open Networking Day:** 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am-4.00pm at CAFOD 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Email: [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk); Tel: 0207 901 4864

#### REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**Adoration:** Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Reflection, music and silence. **Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** Sundays 9.10-9.30am before Mass. **Marian Prayer Group** - 2nd/4th Monday NEW TIME 7.30pm, Lady Chapel. **Lectio Divina** - Tuesdays 8.20pm, for 30 mins, Parlour 3 (entry from the Narthex). Followed by Compline. **Mass with Prayers for Healing** (1st Wednesday) 7.15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Next date 5<sup>th</sup> April **Christian Meditation Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** 7.45-8.45pm followed by Compline. Next date 29<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> April. **Children's Liturgy** (1st Saturday) Next date 1<sup>st</sup> April. **Sunday Prayers for Healing** - Half hour Service in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel once a month after 9.30am Sunday Mass. Next date 7<sup>th</sup> May. **Next Bereavement Session** 28<sup>th</sup> March, St Benedict's from 10am.

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

#### Next Sunday's readings:

**First reading – Exodus 17:3-7**

**Second reading – Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

**Gospel – John 4:5-42**

#### Next week's readings:

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>: Dan 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>: Isa 1:10, 16-20; Matt 23:1-12

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>: Jer 18:18-20; Matt 20:17-28

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>: Jer 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>: Jer 1: 4-9 or Acts 13:46-49; Luke 19:1-12, 17-20 or 1 Pet 4:7-11; Luke 5:1-11

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>: Mic 7: 14-15, 18-20; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

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