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The Most Holy Trinity (A)

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**Every day with tears and sighs confess your past sins to God in prayer and change from these evil ways in the future** (Rule of St Benedict 4: 57-58)

## First Holy Communion, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

9 children will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday:

**Ashley Abbott, Alec Lyle, Tamia Carter, Samuel Harper, Ruby Mitchell,  
Bertie Sheldon, Sebastian Sheldon, Elsie Tibble, Rose Watson.**

We offer our warm congratulations to them and their parents, together with our prayers.

We thank very specially the children's catechist, Rachel Davies, for her very faithful commitment and her service to the children and their parents, over the past six months.

We also thank Marian and Christopher Killick and Philippe Davies for their faithful service.

### Fr Paul writes:-

We present this article by Kir Horner, the parish CAFOD representative, about our celebration of Refugee Week, which runs from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Do please see if you can join us, and please pray for refugees both here and around the world.

A Lampedusa Cross will return to Worth Abbey from 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June to mark Refugee Week ([refugeeweek.org.uk](http://refugeeweek.org.uk)). You will have another opportunity to meditate on the Cross and write "message cards" if you missed the Cross during its Winter visit to Worth Abbey. The Cross will reside within the Lady Chapel in the church during its stay.

The Cross was made by Francesco Tuccio, a carpenter living on the island of Lampedusa, Italy. In October 2013, a boat carrying 500 Eritrean and Somalian refugees caught fire and sank off the coast of Lampedusa, leaving only 155 survivors. Mr. Tuccio met some of the survivors who were Eritrean Christians fleeing persecution in their home country. He was frustrated that he could not help them, so he collected some timber from the wreckage of their boat and crafted each survivor a cross to try to offer some small gesture of hope. Mr. Tuccio has made and donated other crosses since, including one that now sits in the British Museum's collection, as a symbol of the suffering and hope of our times.

Worth Abbey Parish is honoured to again host a Lampedusa Cross. We pray that its presence will help to focus awareness on the current refugee crisis. We are grateful to CAFOD for facilitating this loan.

A few activities will accompany the Cross' presence:

CAFOD refugee message postcards will be in the Lady Chapel near the Cross. On them you can write a few personal words of hope to a refugee. These cards will be delivered to refugees globally who are currently in camps and living in "limbo" to assure them that they are not forgotten.

On Saturday 24th June, Worth Abbey Parish will host several different activities at Refugee Week's culmination.

-There will be a meditative walk around the grounds of Worth Abbey and prayers for refugees beginning at 3.15pm in the Narthex. Doors will open at 3pm and the walk will move from the Narthex into the grounds at 3.30pm. Please feel free to join in for any part of this event.

-Directly following the walk will be mass at 5pm in the church.

-Also from 5pm, there will be tea and conversation in St. Benedict's for any guest who wishes to stay, but not attend mass.

-Lastly, from 6pm and after the mass, there will be an informal meeting with supper and speakers at St. Benedict's to finish this day of refugee prayer and awareness.

Please join us for any or all of these activities, or to simply spend a silent moment with the Cross. The format on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> will be very relaxed. Father Paul would greatly appreciate having an idea of numbers for the supper with RSVP's to [parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk). There is no charge to participate, but any funds raised at the event on 24<sup>th</sup> June will be donated to Refugee Welcome Crawley and CAFOD's refugee support initiatives.

We pray that Refugee Week in the UK and the presence of the Lampedusa Cross at Worth Abbey by, in Mr. Tuccio's words, "drawing attention to the burden symbolized by this small piece of wood," will once again engage all who visit Worth Abbey to pray for and assist refugees to carry their burden.

Kir Bennett Horner, Worth Abbey, CAFOD Representative

*Bless all those who are,  
through no fault of their own,  
forced to flee their homes  
and take, along with family,  
only that which they can carry  
and seek a safer place to live.  
Remind us of our Saviour,  
who, as a child, was also a refugee,  
finding shelter in a foreign land,  
and give us hearts and hands  
willing to reach out and help  
these, our distant relatives  
within your worldwide family.  
Amen*

**Junior Church:** No classes this Sunday as it is the First Holy Communion service at 9.30am Mass.

**Funeral: John Cooper, RIP.** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am in the Abbey Church.

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June,** Mass at 6.45 pm

**Second Collection** this weekend for The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

**Second Collection** next weekend for Day for Life.

**Please remember in your prayers** - John Cooper, RIP (and widow Jane); Yolanda Harton, RIP, and her son Laurie; Paul Hobson Frohock; those injured or killed in the London terror attack and all affected by violence across the world.

**Anniversaries** - Please pray for the souls of Lynne Hedgecock; Betty Clegg; John Paris; Bernadette Marchant; Pauline Godfrey; Beryl Paris; Daniel McNaboe; Doris Moody; Julian Millest; Jack Gould; Tony Curtis; Eileen Ortiger; Revd Richard Harvey; Gen Sir Richard O'Connor; Phyllis Gould. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

## PARISH DIARY DATES

**Meditative Walk** during Refugee Week, around the grounds of Worth Abbey, with prayer, and with the Lampedusa Cross. Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 3 pm from the Narthex, followed by Mass at 5 pm, with prayers for refugees, then supper. Everyone welcome for all or part of this. Please confirm if you can come.

**Confirmation Mass:** 25<sup>th</sup> June. Please pray for the candidates, their families and sponsors:

Evelyn Champain; Max Fitzgerald; Jessie Gallagher; Abigail Horton; Rosa McKeachie; Poppy Owers; Harriet Record; Jason Horton; Chloe Roberts and Marco Fernandes

**SS Peter and Paul:** Vigil Mass on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm

**First Holy Communion 2017/18:** Classes begin Sept 2017, for children who will turn 8 years old by May 2018 and older. For details or to register, please contact Rachel Davies on 07801-696354 before the end of July.

**Volunteers needed to support our First Holy Communion candidates and their families.** A variety of roles available, related to welcoming and hospitality. We would also love to hear from you if you are interested in joining the catechists. Please contact Fr Paul.

## OTHER EVENTS:

**LEAF Open Farm Sunday** (11<sup>th</sup> June) is the farming industry's national open day. Visit a farm, find out about the story behind our food and how farming affects our everyday lives. [www.farmsunday.org/visit-a-farm](http://www.farmsunday.org/visit-a-farm)

**Day for Life**, 18<sup>th</sup> June. *Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org)

**ENCOUNTER (for 15-30s)**, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 7.30pm. St Wilfrid's, Crawley RH11 8PG. Refreshments, inspiring talks, live music, Adoration... Come and find out why so many people find ENCOUNTER so powerful! Guest speaker this month is Ben Gray. Ben is part of the Brighton Wellspring Community. If you've not been to ENCOUNTER before, or don't have anybody to come with, don't worry - it's very friendly! Entry is free. Search 'ENCOUNTER Crawley' on Facebook

**Day of Prayer in Honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace**, Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 10.15am-4pm at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, near Guildford. Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, inspiring talks, the Rosary and more, led by

Fr John Seddon OSB. Please bring a packed lunch. Come to part or all of the day: [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com)

**Understanding CAFOD: Just One World Afternoon** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at English Martyrs' Church Hall, Horley RH6 8AR, 2:30- 4:30pm. Contact Martin or Jo: A&B CAFOD Volunteer Centre 01483 898866/ [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk)

**Faiths in Sussex Summer Conference:** "Celebrating: Sacred Poems, Music and Dance". 1st July, 1-5 pm Langley Green Community Centre, Stagelands, Langley Green, Crawley, RH11 7PG. Contact [iyadhdaoud@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:iyadhdaoud@yahoo.co.uk)

**Day for Youth Leaders and Confirmation Catechists with International Speaker, Michael Marchand:** Tickets still available for the 'Breakthrough' day on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>, at DABCEC in Crawley, 10am-3.30pm, aimed at youth group leaders, confirmation catechists, those involved in young adult ministry, and anybody interested in any of the above. Tickets £10, reductions for larger groups. To book, email [Rosie.Read@dabnet.org](mailto:Rosie.Read@dabnet.org)

**Annual National Justice & Peace Conference:** *A Sabbath for the Earth and the Poor:* The Challenge of Pope Francis. 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> July, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Contact [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk)

## 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, 7.30pm in the 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> July.

**Christian Meditation Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** 7.45pm (prompt start at 8pm) to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Next dates 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June; 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> July. 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> July. **Children's Liturgy** (1st Saturday) Next date 1<sup>st</sup> July, 5pm. **Sunday Prayers for Healing** Monthly half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 930 Sunday Mass. Next date 2<sup>nd</sup> July. **Bereavement Support:** Marian and Clare are available to meet you either at St Benedict's or to visit you at home. Please contact the team by telephone via the Parish Office or email [clare\\_harper@hotmail.com](mailto:clare_harper@hotmail.com); [marian.imhasly@gmail.com](mailto:marian.imhasly@gmail.com)

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

## Next Sunday's readings: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### First reading - Deut 8: 2-3, 14-16

Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

..then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. (NRSV)

### Second reading - 1 Cor 10: 16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. (NRSV)

### Gospel - John 6: 51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever. (NRSV)

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>: 2 Cor 1: 1-7; Matt 5: 1-12

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>: 2 Cor 3: 15-4:1; Matt 5: 20-26

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>: 2 Cor 1: 18-22; Matt 5: 13-16

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>: 2 Cor 4: 7-15; Matt 5: 27 -32

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>: 2 Cor 3: 4-11; Matt 5: 17-19

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>: 2 Cor 5: 14-21; Matt 5: 33-37

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