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24th/25th June 2017

Sunday 12 (A)

No: 1099

Harbour neither hatred nor jealousy of anyone, and do nothing out of envy

(Rule of St Benedict 4: 65-67)

Confirmation Mass this Sunday, 25th June

10 young people will be confirmed at Worth at 3 pm, by Bishop Richard:

**Evelyn Champain, Max Fitzgerald, Jessie Gallagher, Abigail Horton, Rosa McKeachie,
Poppy Owers, Jason Holton, Chloe Roberts, Harriet Record, Marco Fernandes**

They have been preparing for this sacrament over the past nine months.

We offer them our sincere congratulations on making this step to reaffirm their commitment to their Christian faith and practice.

Please pray for them and for their families.

We offer our very grateful thanks to Theresa Hobson- Frohock, their catechist, for so faithfully accompanying the young people in their journey of faith; and we also thank Mary Killick, Will and Bex Desmond, and Anna McDougall for their part in helping them in their preparation.

Fr Paul writes:-

As we come to the close of our celebration of Refugee Week, we offer for your prayerful reflection some words of Pope Francis, who asks us to respond with generosity to create a culture of welcome, in place of the fear and aggression which is sometimes observed. He writes :

"It is necessary to respond to the globalization of migration with the globalization of charity and cooperation, in such a way as to make the conditions of migrants more humane. At the same time, greater efforts are needed to guarantee the easing of conditions, often brought about by war or famine, which compel whole peoples to leave their native countries.

Solidarity with migrants and refugees must be accompanied by the courage and creativity necessary to develop, on a world-wide level, a more just and equitable financial and economic order, as well as an increasing commitment to peace, the indispensable condition for all authentic progress.

The Church without frontiers, Mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable. When living out this motherhood effectively, the Christian community nourishes, guides and indicates the way, accompanying all with patience and drawing close to them through prayer and works of mercy."

During this week we have had one of the Lampedusa Crosses in the Abbey church to make refugees present in our prayer and conscience. (The crosses were made by an Italian carpenter from the wood of a boat which was wrecked off the coast of the island of Lampedusa while bringing refugees to Europe.)

In 2013 Pope Francis visited the island to meet some of the victims and to celebrate mass there. He said :

"These brothers and sisters of ours were trying to escape difficult situations to find some serenity and peace; they were looking for a better place for themselves and their families, but instead they found death. How often do such people fail to find understanding, fail to find acceptance, fail to find solidarity. And their cry rises up to God! Once again I thank you, the people of Lampedusa, for your solidarity. I recently listened to one of these brothers of ours.

Before arriving here, he and the others were at the mercy of traffickers, people who exploit the poverty of others, people who live off the misery of others. How much these people have suffered! Some of them never made it here..."

In his greetings, Pope Francis added : *"I also think with affection of those Muslim immigrants who this evening begin the fast of Ramadan, which I trust will bear abundant spiritual fruit. The Church is at your side as you seek a more dignified life for yourselves and your families."*

May the Lord inspire us to work to create the culture of welcome for which Pope Francis calls, and may we always remember refugees in our prayer.

Thursday, 29th June, SS Peter & Paul (Holy Day of Obligation): Vigil Mass 7.30 pm in the Abbey church, Wed 28th. Thursday 29th – 8 am Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and 5.30 pm in the Abbey church.

Second Collection this weekend for Peter's Pence. This annual collection gives financial support to the Holy Father as a sign of our sharing in the concern for the many different needs of the Universal church and for the relief of those most in need. Your contribution, however small, is important.

Anniversaries - Please pray for the souls of Valerie Maitland; Bert White; John Bolton (former monk of Worth); Rudi Weisweiller OG; Lesley Sayward; Dom Edward Cruise; Jim Higgins; Setna McQuillan; Anthony Holland. 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 – John Cooper, RIP (& widow Jane); Yolanda Harton, RIP, and her son Laurie; Paul Hobson Frohock; all those killed or injured in terror attacks at the Grenfell tower block fire; Muslims around the world celebrating Eid this weekend. Eid is the most important day in the Muslim calendar, a day when people thank Allah for the willpower and strength given to them during Ramadan. The day is special because it is when Muslims gather to celebrate the 'happiness' one feels after completing an important task. Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam, marking the holy month when Allah gave the Koran to the Prophet Muhammed, and when Muslims across the world fast between sunrise and sunset to learn about discipline and self-restraint.

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols issued the following statement in the aftermath of the Finsbury Park attack: "Together with people all over this country I am appalled at the deliberate attack on people leaving their late night prayers, as the end of their day of fasting, at the mosque in Finsbury Park. I have assured the leadership of the mosque and the Muslim Welfare Centre of our prayers and support. Violence breeds violence. Hatred breeds hatred. Every one of us must repudiate hatred and violence from our words and actions. We must all be builders of understanding, compassion and peace, day by day, in our homes, our work and our communities. That is the only way."

You may also wish to listen to Bishop Paul Hendricks on Vatican Radio, and why it's more important than ever for people of all faiths and none to stand together in the face of these terror attacks. The bishop is auxiliary of the south London diocese of Southwark and co-chair of the UK's Christian-Muslim Forum www.christianmuslimforum.org:en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/06/19/interfaith_solidarity_in_uk_crucial_in_wake_of_terror_attack/1320058

PARISH DIARY DATES

☺ **livesimplifying** to become a Fairtrade parish and at St Benedict's we use Fairtrade coffee, tea and biscuits. We also use Fairtrade wines for our events. By buying Fairtrade products you are helping farmers get a better deal and that means they can make their own decisions, control their futures and lead the dignified life everyone deserves. Please choose to buy Fairtrade products when you do your shopping; they are widely available in most supermarkets and, of course, we are fortunate to have a regular Fairtrade outlet at Worth. For more information visit www.fairtrade.org.uk/What-is-Fairtrade

Invitation to new parishioners to meet other members of the parish, Tuesday 27th June at 7.30 pm in St Benedict's, the parish office. All new parishioners are warmly invited to meet other members of the parish & the parish priest...

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.

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

1967 and all that...Golden Jubilee Invitation: On Saturday, 19th August, Fr Stephen will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of priestly ordination. The true date is 16th December but our custom is to celebrate Jubilees, whatever the actual date, in the summer. There will be a Mass at 11am, followed by drinks and nibbles. Fr Stephen advises that the weather will, of course, be fabulous!

OTHER EVENTS:

Part Time Secretary to Bishop Richard – 21 hours (3 days) a week – Pease Pottage. Please contact Sarah Kilmartin 01273 859705 or email: finance@dabnet.org for an application form and job description. Closing date: 6th July .

Power to Be: Every child has the power to achieve great things, But one in six people live without electricity. This holds children back from reaching their full potential. Join CAFOD's Campaign and speak up for local renewable energy to help families around the world lift themselves out of poverty www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Power-to-be

Understanding CAFOD: Just One World Afternoon Saturday 1st July, English Martyrs' Church Hall, Horley RH6 8AR, 2:30- 4:30pm. Contact Martin or Jo: 01483 898866/ 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

Come on down.!! Skydive Challenge: On 2nd July, Erica Ballard will be taking in part in a tandem skydive for children's charity Barnardo's. Barnardo's work with some of the UK's most vulnerable children and believe a child's future should never be defined by their past – no matter who they are, what they have done or what they have been through. To sponsor Erica, please visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ericab. Thank you

Day for Youth Leaders & Confirmation Catechists: 8th July at DABCEC in Crawley, 10am-3.30pm. Tickets £10 (large group discounts available) Contact Rosie.Read@dabnet.org

Brighton Celebrate Weekend: Non-residential weekend for all ages. 15/16th July, Cardinal Newman School, Hove, BN3 6ND. Details from Nick and Helen Wells at brightoncelebrate@gmail.com; www.celebrateconference.org/brighton

Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor - The response of the Church in Latin America to Pope Francis' Call: Talk by Fr Peter Hughes, an Irish Columban missionary priest who has spent most of his life working with the poor in Lima, Peru. Saturday, 15th July, 1045am-1230pm after the 10am Mass: Christ, Prince of Peace Church Hall, Weybridge KT13 8JD. Simple lunch afterwards. Please confirm attendance for catering purposes: jlewy@cafod.org.uk

Annual National Justice & Peace Conference: A Sabbath for the Earth and the Poor: The Challenge of Pope Francis. 21st-23rd July, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Contact admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

Interreligious Newsletter from the Catholic Bishops' Conference is aimed at Catholics who are interested in interreligious matters, and their friends. You can subscribe at <http://eepurl.com/cavnJ9>

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is the new name for the well-known and popular Apostleship of Prayer, a Pontifical service that's been entrusted to the Jesuits for over a century. In Britain, in various innovative ways, all the faithful are being invited to be Apostles of Prayer. This can be done by sharing the Monthly Intention of the Holy Father www.thepopevideo.org and his new, "Urgent Action" intentions announced each month. No cost to join, but lots of resources, online and printed – see www.popesglobalprayer.net

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration, Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, Park Lane, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT led by Fr David Goddard. 22nd July 12-4.15pm. Contact Jayne.lock1@gmail.com/ 07816 422851

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, 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 5th July.

Christian Meditation Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm (prompt start at 8pm) to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Next dates 28th June; 12th, 26th 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 7th July. **Children's Liturgy**

(1st Saturday) Next date 1st 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 2nd 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; 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: Sunday 13

First reading – 2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16

One day Elisha was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to have a meal. So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way is a holy man of God. Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us.'

One day when he came there, he went up to the chamber and lay down there. He said, 'What then may be done for her?' Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.' He said, 'Call her.' When he had called her, she stood at the door. He said, 'At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son.' She replied, 'No, my lord, O man of God; do not deceive your servant.'^(NRSV)

Second reading - Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.^(NRSV)

Gospel – Matt 10: 37-42

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.^(NRSV)

Mon 26th: Gen 12: 1-9; Matt 7: 1-5

Thurs 29th: Acts 1-11; 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18; Matt 16: 13-19

Tues 27th: Gen 13: 2, 5-18; Matt 7: 6, 12-14

Fri 30th: Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matt 8: 1-4

Weds 28th: Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Matt 7:15-20

Sat 1st: Gen 18:1-15; Matt 8: 5-17

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