

IN TOUCH

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1st/2nd July 2017

Sunday 13 (A)

No: 1100

Do not love quarrelling, shun arrogance

(Rule of St Benedict 4: 68-69)



The Plastic Challenge – Give up single use plastics whilst raising money to fight plastic litter.

A day, a week or a month – how long can you last? Try reducing your plastic footprint.

The amount of litter on our beaches is rising annually – support a Plastic Challenger to help MCS clear our coasts and seas of litter that kills seabirds, dolphins, turtles and other wildlife, and campaign to stop litter getting there in the first place. Plastic takes forever to degrade and single use plastic cannot be recycled.

Visit www.mcsuk.org/plastic_challenge/index.php for more details and, although the Challenge has already begun why not continue it into July, August, September...

Fr Paul writes:

This coming week the G20 group of countries will be meeting to consider their response to climate change. The United States have already declared that they will not be renewing their commitment to the Paris Agreement, the last international agreement about measures to combat climate change, which was completed in December 2015, and made effective in December of last year. This is bad news for us all, as we all share the same planet and depend on everyone's cooperation to preserve the earth's future. The commitment of each of us becomes more and more important, and our choice of CAFOD's Livesimply programme takes on a particular urgency, with its threefold goal – to live simply – without waste and extravagance; to live sustainably – in such a way that we do not damage our planet by our life style; and to live in solidarity with the poor – to be willing to share our very rich resources with those who have much less. The words of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* are especially pertinent at this moment: *The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change... We require a new and universal solidarity.* (#13 & 14) He tells us that this will require *a global ecological conversion... It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God's world needs. It is liberation from fear, greed and compulsion*". (#5 & 9)

As we consider what our response must be, we might look again at the document written by the Bishops of England and Wales in 2002 – *The Call of Creation*. Right at the beginning they remind us that the abuse of the earth and the spread of poverty are intimately connected, and against the teaching of the Gospel and the Christian tradition: *A way of life that disregards and damages God's creation, forces the poor into greater poverty, and threatens the right of future generations to a healthy environment and to their fair share of the earth's wealth and resources, is contrary to the vision of the Gospel.* (#1) They draw our attention to a key principle of Catholic Social Teaching – the universal destination of material goods – the belief that all Creation is God's gift to all humanity, and therefore to be shared by all.

They quote from St Ambrose: *The fruits of the earth were given to feed all without distinction and nobody can claim any particular rights. Instead, we have lost the sense of the communion of goods, rushing to turn these goods into private property.* They conclude: *The environment is a prime example of a good that is essentially shared.*

Please pray that the world's leaders may be inspired by such a vision, and that each of us may find the part which we can play.

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all creatures of this earth. For not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess money and power that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak and care for this world in which we live...

(Laudato Si, p116)

Speak Up week begins July 1st. 130 organisations, including the W.I., National Trust and our own CAFOD are joined in the Climate Coalition. During this week they are focusing on renewable energy in undeveloped countries. 1 in 6 people worldwide have no electricity supply. It is impractical to extend grid systems to remote areas, but the decreasing cost of renewable energy, especially solar panels in these mostly hot countries such as Bangladesh, Africa and S. America, makes it feasible to supply electricity to hospitals, schools, even private dwellings. CAFOD's contribution to the campaign has the title Power to Be, because they are concentrating on the benefit to schoolchildren of having electric light to study by at the end of the school day. But it still needs capital.

At present the World Bank, which supports energy development in poor countries, devotes only 3% of that budget to renewable energy. The UK has a major voice at the Bank, being one of only 5 countries that has its own representative, and next Sunday we shall be giving you cards to sign which CAFOD will then deliver as a petition to this representative, Melanie Robinson, encouraging her to pursue a major change of emphasis in the Bank's energy budget.

If you are minded to spread the word in other ways, e.g. by writing to your MP, or even by installing solar panels on your own property, so much the better. This would fit very well with our own parish campaign, Live Simply.

(Martin Powys-Lybbe)

Message from Mandy:

Dear Parishioners,

A heartfelt thank you for your most generous gift and for your kind supportive words.

I have decided to put the collection towards a coffee table, some restaurant vouchers and also some John Lewis vouchers.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing summer.

*With my love and thanks,
Mandy*

Thursday, 6th July, Mass 5.30pm

Second Collection next weekend for Apostleship of the Sea.

Prayers for Healing – half hour service this Sunday, 2nd July in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 9.30am Mass.

Anniversaries - Please pray for the souls of Mary Carling; Mitch Rozum; Charles Thompson; Roy Robinson; Stephen Ray; Jeannine Hall; William Gittins; John Mayne. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH DIARY DATES

Fr Paul will be away from 10th to 14th July, and from 26th August to 9th September. Maria will be away from 31st July till 6th August.

No Children's Liturgy in August/September

First Holy Communion 2017/18: Classes begin September 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****

Welcoming and hospitality volunteers needed to support our First Holy Communion candidates and their families. We would also love to hear from you if you are interested in joining the catechists. Please contact Fr Paul.

Confirmation 2018 Our next programme will run over 2 years, with a youth Alpha programme for those aged 13 to 14, during 2017-18. We aim to meet monthly on a Sunday afternoon with food starting at 3pm and finishing with prayer at 5.30 in the Unity room by the East door of the Abbey Church.

The full Confirmation preparation will begin in Sept 2018 with Confirmation in the Spring of 2019. For details, visit uk.alpha.org/youth; email Theresa Hobson-Frohock, tree@waitrose.com or speak to any Catechist or Fr Paul.

1967 and all that... Fr Stephen's 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:

Fatima Centenary: Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco. Holy Mass at Arundel Cathedral, Sunday 2nd July 11.15am - 12.30pm by Bishop Richard Moth. Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco. Visit www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

"Laudato Si" Encyclical/The Global Catholic Climate Movement. The release of 'Laudato Si' in 2015 was a historic event, as Pope Francis issued a powerful message on our moral responsibility to care for creation. For resources and to read the full text, visit www.catholicclimatemovement.global/laudatosi/

Power to Be: 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

Green Christian - Ordinary Christians, Extraordinary Times. We are responsible for our impact on God's creation as a whole. Green Christian helps members to understand and relate these responsibilities to their faith. www.greenchristian.org.uk. Email: info@greenchristian.org.uk. www.facebook.com/ChristianEcologyLink; www.facebook.com/groups/greenchristian. Information also available on the parish website

Methodist Modern Art Collection exhibition entitled 'Walking on Water', taking place in Haywards Heath Methodist Church & Haywards Heath URC from 22nd June to 16th July. Admission is free.

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

Day for Youth Leaders & Confirmation Catechists: 8th July at DABCEC, 10am-3.30pm. Email Rosie.Read@dabnet.org

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly. Open to catechists, people involved in liturgical work and other interested adults. Visit www.brs-ccrs.org.uk or call 0207 901 1900

Brighton Celebrate Weekend: Non-residential weekend for all ages, 15th/16th July, Cardinal Newman School, 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, 10.45am-12.30pm after the 10am Mass: Christ, Prince of Peace Church Hall, Weybridge KT13 8JD. Simple lunch afterwards. Please confirm if you can come: jlewry@cafod.org.uk

Annual Conference 2017 National Justice and Peace Network in partnership with Church Action on Poverty, CAFOD, Caritas Social Action Network, Vincentians in Partnership, Operation Noah, Columbans JPIC. *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

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is the new name for the well-known and popular Apostleship of Prayer. No cost to join, but lots of resources, online and printed – visit 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

Advance Notice: Austin Ivereigh – well known biographer of Pope Francis – will be speaking about his spirituality and Evangelii Gaudium and Laudato Si, Saturday, October 7th (am), ending with lunch. And Susy Brouard, who leads the CAFOD Livesimply team, will be speaking about this programme, on Saturday, November 18th (am) ending with lunch.

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. Please note that there **will not be** a Wednesday evening service in July of August. The next 1st Wednesday healing service, will take place on 6th September at 7.15pm in the Unity Room. All welcome. **Christian Meditation Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** 7.45pm (for prompt start at 8pm) to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Next dates 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) **No Children's Liturgy in August/September.** **Sunday Prayers for Healing** Monthly half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 9.30am Sunday Mass. Next date 6th August. **Bereavement Support:** Marian & Clare are available to meet you either at St Benedict's or to visit you at home. Please telephone the team 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 14

First reading – Zech 9: 9-10

Second reading - Rom 8: 9, 11-13

Gospel – Matt 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' (NRSV)

Mon 3rd: Eph 2: 19-22; John 20: 24-29

Thurs 6th: Gen 22: 1-19; Matt 9: 1-8

Tues 4th: Gen 19: 2, 15-29; Matt : 23-27

Fri 7th: Gen 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Matt 9: 9-13

Weds 5th: Gen 21: 5, 8-20; Matt 8: 28-34

Sat 8th: Gen 27: 1-5, 15-29; Matt 9: 14-17

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