

IN TOUCH

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9th/10th September 2017

Sunday 23 (A)

No: 1102

Pray for your enemies out of love of Christ

(Rule of St Benedict 4: 72)



Tips for the weekend - 9th/10th September

Budding gardeners: We tend to think that once the weather begins to get cooler that we can't plant out but you can plant out some vegetables for next year

You only need a small area or some big pots – you can buy black plastic buckets cheaply from DIY shops and drill holes in the bottom for drainage.

Plants to sow in September include broad beans, peas, garlic, onions and shallots, winter lettuce, lambs lettuce, spinach and spring cabbage.

Don't forget to water them as September can be dry.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME *Laudato Si'* a summary for Worth Abbey Parish (by Alan Rew)

The second encyclical of Pope Francis is called, in Italian, *Laudato Si'*. His first encyclical was *Lumen fidei* (The Light of Faith) released in 2013. *Lumen fidei* was, however, largely the work of Francis' predecessor, Benedict XVI, so it is generally agreed that *Laudato Si'* better represents Pope Francis's own outlook.

This outlook includes urging an ecological spirituality, whereby we find beauty in every moment and we are drawn towards a simpler life, in which we find joy and peace.

Indeed, the Italian title of the document *Laudato Si* means "Praise be to you" which is the first line of a canticle by St. Francis of Assisi, praising God and his creation, "our sister, Mother Earth".

Yet there is much in the encyclical beyond lyrical recognition of the beauty of Creation. One key sign that the encyclical intends an analysis of social change as well as a call to individual conversion, is that it is addressed to "all people". In this, Pope Francis follows Pope St. John XXIII, in his social encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, whereas most papal documents are addressed only to the Church's bishops and/or the faithful.

The English Language title *Care for our Common Home* perhaps better signals, than does the Italian, the wish of Pope Francis to critique and combat the formidable pressures towards environmental and social destruction in our world. He makes a passionate call to all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action". Pope Francis writes that while humanity has made incredible progress in science and technology, this has not been matched with moral, ethical and spiritual growth. This imbalance is causing our relationships with creation and with God to break down and our hearts to become hardened to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We become arrogant and neglect creation and everyone that is part of it, forgetting what God has entrusted to our care.

Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si') is located within the body of social encyclicals which began with *Rerum Novarum Of New Things* issued by Pope Leo XIII in 1891. These "new things" were the result of what was then recent rapid industrialisation. In its train came widespread poverty as a result of economic dislocation and also a growth in the power of trade unions and socialist movements. Pope Leo XIII argued that these "new things" required a renewed statement of Catholic moral teaching with emphasis on the protection of the rights of workers and of their free association by the state together with the defence, within limits, of private property.

In 1967 Pope Paul VI furthered the moral and spiritual analysis of changing economic and social conditions, sometimes known as “signs of the times”, in *Populorum Progressio (The Progress of Peoples)*. He most famously stated that ‘development is the new name for peace’ and goes on to depict the dangers of conflict if inequalities grew. The whole area of human development is examined from an integral and holistic viewpoint rather than development just being based on economic factors.

Pope Francis takes a Catholic analysis of our own “signs of the times” further when, in *Care for Our Common Home* he calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of the environmental challenge. Poor nations are ill prepared to adapt to the effects of climate change and will bear the brunt of its effects, he says. Developed nations are morally obliged to assist developing nations in combating the climate change crisis.

Laudato Si' – full text at <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/text-of-encyclical-laudato-si-by-pope-francis/>

Please remember in your prayers: former Bishop of Arundel & Brighton, Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor RIP

Anniversaries - Please pray for the souls of Anton Wasylkiw; Georgette Groombridge; Ambrose Bristow; Michael Ffinch, Zofia Tywonsa, John Ovenden, Matthew Boughton. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

New Evangelisation: 'Bringing Parishes from Maintenance to Mission' Training programme:

Earlier this year we wrote to you about the diocesan support and education programme, equipping parishes to answer Pope Francis' call to create Disciples, as outlined in *Evangelii Gaudium*. We have gathered a core team of 10 enthusiastic parishioners, who have been creating a programme for our Parish, designed to support us all to answer the call and to spread the joy of the Gospel, as we bring others to Christ and his Church.

As a starting point we will be offering 'Re-Lit - the Heart of Evangelisation' training (reelittraining.com) to aid our own understanding of how we can all become Spirit-filled witnesses to the lapsed, unchurched and lost. A series of pre-recorded talks by Michael Dopp, with clear questions and conversation facilitated by one of the Parish Catechists.

3 opportunities a week from October through to Easter, which will include 3 social activities that will enable the 3 groups to come together just before Advent and Lent, culminating with a Parish Reconciliation service just before Holy Week. Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, with a daytime session on Thursdays.

We are launching this important programme over the weekend of 16th/17th September and full details will be provided at each Mass. If you would like further details in advance please email Theresa on: tree@waitrose.com

Gift Aid donations were received recently in envelope number 65 but this number is un-allocated. Please could the donor contact Paddy Hall at the parish office in order that the Gift Aid may be correctly claimed. Email phall@worth.org.uk or telephone 01342 710313.

Service of Prayers for Healing: Once a month, there is a half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 930am Sunday Mass. All welcome! The next dates are 1st October, 5th November, 3rd December.

Parish Book Keeper: The parish is seeking to recruit a book keeper to handle all aspects of the Parish finances including Gift Aid. This is a paid position and the post holder would be expected to work 4-6 hours each week, day to be agreed with the Parish Priest. The Parish uses a diocesan financial package which is very easy to negotiate and full training would be given. If you are interested please contact Fr Paul or Paddy Hall: phall@worth.org.uk for more information.

Junior Church is back: THIS Sunday 10th September. Classes in the Unity Room and Choir Vestry at 9.30am

First Holy Communion 2017/18: Classes begin this month, for children who will turn 8 years old by May 2018 and older. Contact Rachel Davies on 07801 696354

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. 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 tree@waitrose.com, speak to any Catechist or Fr Paul.

OTHER EVENTS:

St Francis Ramblers invite you to join them on their walk THIS Sunday 10th September. Meet at Horley station (walkers' train due in at 10:08am). Distance 10 level miles with lunch stop (at the Plough & Furrow, Plough Road, Smallfield, RH6 9JN), finishing at Horley. Please call Paul on 07847 282626 for more details. For more information about the club, please visit: www.stfrancisramblers.ukwalkers.com/

Retrouvaille: helps couples worldwide work through challenging times. Next programme: 15th 17th September – Welwyn Garden City. Email info@retrouvaille.org.uk or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CAFOD Meeting - Saturday 16th September 10:30am to 12pm at The Friary Crawley RH10 1HR. This year's Harvest Fast day is focussing on El Salvador and the challenges facing farmers there; which is quite fitting, as it is 100 years since the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Martin: 01483 898866 or at arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Listening with the Ear of the Heart: Residential Retreat with Bishop Richard. St Cuthman's Retreat Centre 18th September 2pm to 19th September 2pm. Call 01403 741220 or email stcuthmans@dabnet.org. Cost £110.00

Reunion for Pupils who attended the original Worth Prep School (1933-1965) at Worth School on Thursday 21st September. Coffee 11:15am, followed by tours of the campus and lunch. Please contact Jo Williams, Worth School 01342 710210/jmwilliams@worth.org.uk (**BOOKING DEADLINE 13th September**)

Dialogue and Unity Day 2017: Saturday 23rd September 10am-4pm at DABCEC Crawley. The theme is 'Exploring how the Holy Spirit is opening new ways to work for unity'. Please bring a packed lunch and a friend from another church. Book online at [www.dabnet.org>Courses>DialogueandUnity](http://www.dabnet.org/Courses/DialogueandUnity) or call 01293 651164

Invitation to Crawley Interfaith Network Evening: "Why Interfaith" Rev. Canon Dr. Andrew Wingate OBE, Hon Inter Faith Adviser to the Diocese of Chichester. 27th September, 7-9pm. Longley Room, The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, RH10 6AD. Contact Iyad Daoud 01293 883372 contact@crawleyinterfaith.net

Friends of The Holy Land National Gathering - Saturday 30th September, 10.30am - 4.00pm, at the Parish Centre, St Francis of Assisi Church Kenilworth CV8 1HL. Visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/national-gathering

Eco Church Conference (South) Saturday 7th October, 9:50am – 16:30pm. St James's Church, Piccadilly W1J 9L
An opportunity for representatives from churches of all denominations to come together to share and learn about protecting nature and caring for God's earth as an expression of discipleship and mission through the Eco Church award scheme. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eco-church-conference-south-tickets-36275965389

Join CAFOD's Campaign and speak up for local renewable energy to help families around the world lift themselves out of poverty. Visit www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Power-to-be

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

Diocesan Wedding Anniversaries Mass: If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year then join Bishop Richard to give thanks for the gift of marriage at 12 noon on Saturday, 7th October at Arundel Cathedral followed by a drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. All family members welcome. For a booking form please contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Secretary, Rosie Read: 01293 651161 or rosie.read@dabnet.org

Ecumenical Harvest Songs of Praise, 8th October at St Leonards Church in Turners Hill at 3pm. There is a list on the noticeboard in the Narthex for anyone who will be attending. Please put your name, contact details and a note of what item of food you would like to bring, eg. cakes/scones/sandwiches. Anyone who would like to help form a choir would be very welcome. Please contact Fr Paul.

South East England Faiths Forum (SEEFF) Annual Conference & AGM at Worth Abbey: *Chaplaincy in a Plural Society*. Tuesday 17th October, 9:30 am—5:00 pm in the Performance Arts Centre (Building Opposite the Church). Speakers and workshops will cover chaplaincy work: in hospitals (General, Mental Health, Hospices); in crisis (Prisons, Detention Centres, Police, Airports); in Education & the workplace. Conference Registration Fee: £12 (lunch included) www.se-faithforum.net. Email: contact@se-faithforum.net

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

SAVE THE DATE:

Music Events at Worth

5th November, 7.30pm - Faure Requiem, in aid of The Sisters of Grace and Compassion

12th November, 7.30pm - Worth Choral Society Concert, in aid of the Worth Irundu Friendship

3rd December, 7.30pm Handel's Messiah, in aid of the Worth Irundu Friendship

12th December, 11.30am Choirs of Worth School and Ardingly College, in aid of Carols for the Community incl. Worth

8th March 2018, 7.30pm Worth Choral Society Concert, in aid of the Worth Irundu Friendship

11th March, 7.30pm D'Arcy Trinkwon Organ Recital
18th March, 7.30pm Sequence of Music for Lent

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) then Compline.
Mass with Prayers for Healing (1st Wednesday) 7.15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel. **Christian Meditation Group**, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Next dates 13th, 27th September. Contact Gabrielle 01342 326118/Caterina 01243 554001. **Vigil for Vocations** (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 6th October. **Children's Liturgy** (1st Saturday) Next date 7th October (Our Lady of the Rosary). **Sunday Prayers for Healing** - monthly half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 9.30 am Sunday Mass. Next date 1st October. **Bereavement Support:** Marian & Clare are available to meet you either at St Benedict's or to visit you at home. Contact the team via the Parish Office or email clare_harper@hotmail.com; marian.imhasly@gmail.com. **Mothers Prayer Group** at St Dunstan's every Tuesday 12 – 2pm. All faiths and none are most welcome.

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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 24

First reading – Sir 27:30 -28:7

Second reading - Rom 14: 7-9

Gospel – Matt 18: 21-35

Forgiveness: Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant: 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.' (NRSV)

Mon 11th: Col 1: 24 – 2:3; Luke 6: 6 - 11

Thurs 14th: Num 21: 4- 9 or Phil 2: 6 - 11; John 3: 13 - 17

Tues 12th: Col 2: 6 - 15; Luke 6 : 12 - 19

Fri 15th: 1 Tim 1: 1 - 2, 12 – 14; John 19: 25 -27 or Luke 2: 33 - 35

Weds 13th: Col 3: 1 – 11; Luke 6: 20 - 26

Sat 16th: 1 Tim 1: 15 - 17; Luke 6: 43 - 49

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