

## **Dear Parishioners**

21st / 22nd September 2024 (No. 1395)

This year's CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day is on Friday 4th October, the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. CAFOD Fast Day collections are intended to raise funds and awareness for CAFOD's valuable development work all over the world.

We all focus on a particular area of the world when there is a tragic circumstance. This often leads to an CAFOD emergency appeal. This is important fundraising as these appeals bring critical aid to those who are suffering and desperate.

However, CAFODs Fast Day appeals are held to raise much needed funds for their excellent ongoing 'development' work. The funds raised give CAFOD the capacity to empower localities that are lagging behind, often for complex reasons. CAFOD's web of in-country local partners is extraordinary, and with these relationships and your funds they can achieve extraordinary results, and critical positive change.

This Fast Day brings our attention to the work CAFOD is doing to educate people in some of the poorest countries with skills that can allow self-sufficiency and a route out of poverty. We have seen the DRC, Democratic Republic of Congo, featured in the media recently due to the M-Pox pandemic. CAFOD is already at work in the DRC.

CAFOD has been working tirelessly to bring skills such as carpentry to people in the DRC so they can establish themselves in this livelihood and provide for themselves, their families and contribute to their community.

CAFOD, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. This is CAFOD's core remit, DEVELOPMENT. Of course, CAFOD will engage wherever its aid is needed to bring care and relief whenever they can be effective. Proactively, they will continue to strive towards helping developing countries and their peoples to achieve lasting gains.

This Fast Day please help CAFOD to help others. A donation to CAFOD is an investment in hope. CAFOD is able to amplify a single donation like a ripple in a pond to give you the power to help so many in need to improve their lives.

Please give today so that people around the world can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. £10 can teach someone to read

£60 can provide training like carpentry and sewing for those who missed out on school so they can earn a living

 $\pounds 400$  can buy all the tools, equipment and teaching materials for six months of carpentry training

Please look for a collection envelope in the Narthex or donate online via CAFOD Envelope, or by the Sumup card reader at the church door.

We will also hold a Coffee for CAFOD Fundraiser on Fast Day, Friday 4th October, 11am to 12.30pm at Cinderhill House, Cinderhill, West Hoathly RH17 7BD, thanks to the generosity of Hal and Rory Clarke. Please join us for a cup of coffee and conversation, to show your support for CAFOD and donate what you wish. You will find us in the detached building to the right of the house and the left of the barn.

Thank you, Kir Horner, Worth Parish Volunteer CAFOD Representative

"Our thanks to Kir for all the work she does to promote CAFOD in our Parish. Fr Paul"

### Prayers

Please pray for Terry and Susan Scoble, Pamela Bagwell and for Fred Green, who is approaching the end of his life.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Sue Pearson, Norbert and Severina D'Souza, John and Sue Rutherford, Demelza Waring, Liz Hicklin, Helen Sweetman, Jill Carter, Laura Rawlinson, Peter and Antee Greene.

### **CAFOD Harvest Prayer 2024**

Praise be to you, o God, source of life and goodness. You fill the earth with abundance and love all that you have made. As we join creation in singing your glory, teach us to care for our common home. Praise be to you, o God, revealed in Jesus, God with us. We hear the call of the Carpenter, to carve a path to a better future. Guide our hands to repair what's broken, to build a just and peaceful world. Praise be to you, O God, who enfolds us with the Spirit, to call us deeper into the heart of love, to comfort and disturb. Give us strength and courage to work with you to make all things new.

Amen

### **Prayer for Creation**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen

# In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis.

"Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters.

It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity." (Pope Francis)

God of peace may your kingdom come. May fear strike no longer, let pain fade away, may earthly power be challenged, when it plunders the poor, and tramples on hope.

God of peace may your kingdom come. Help us put away the weapons of war, help us destroy the tools of destruction, let earthly power be challenged, when it plunders the poor, and tramples on hope.

God of peace may your kingdom come. Teach us to follow the ways of justice, teach us to walk the paths of truth, let integrity challenge the power that plunders, when it tramples the poor and pours scorn on our hope. God of peace may your kingdom come. Bring peace sweet as honey, bring peace like a shield, and may we be the challenge to earthly power that plunders and tramples on hope.

God of peace may your kingdom come.

Amen.

(Linda Jones/CAFOD)

Please pray for the people of Israel and Palestine and of Russia and Ukraine

God of peace, who are peace itself. and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good. and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Through Christ our Lord. Amen (Prayer: Roman Missal, p.1361)

### **Anniversaries**

**Please pray for the Souls of –** Dorothy Neve, Nellie Bond, Joan Edey, John McCall, Dom Thomas Symons, Revd Francis Hunter, Bob Jackson, David Leslie, Zofia Tywon'ska and Barry Pierce. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.** 

### **Daily Readings**

Monday – Prov 3:27-34 Luke 8:16-18 **(St Pius of Pietrelcina)** Tuesday – Prov 21:1-6, 10-13 Luke 8:19-21 Wednesday – Prov 30:5-9 Luke 9:1-6 Thursday – Eccl/Qoh 1:2-11 Luke 9:7-9 Friday – Eccl/Qoh 3:1-11 Luke 9:18-22 **(St Vincent de Paul)** Saturday – Eccl/Qoh 11:9 – 12:8 Luke 9:43b-45

> Next Sunday's Readings: **Twenty Sixth Sunday in OT (Year B)** 1st Reading – Numbers 11:25-29 2nd Reading – James 5:1-6 **Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 **Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name.**

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### Dates for your Diary

**This Saturday, 21st September** – 11am – 4pm. This year the Catechists' Day will be held again at Worth Abbey & School. We are inviting Catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy and all forms of adult formation. The theme will be in response to the Pastoral Plan: Call to Mission - are we Equipped for Mission? For more information and to sign up please see <a href="https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/2worn7dx">https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/2worn7dx</a>

**Friday 4**<sup>th</sup> **October** – CAFOD coffee morning at Cinderhill, RH17 7BD at 11am. (details to follow) for Harvest Fast Day. There will be a second collection at mass on that weekend.

Sunday 13th October – Parish Brunch after mass in Compass House.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Family Formation groups continue.

### Mark and Charlie's House Group Gathering

A very informal house group gathering in Balcombe on the last Friday of each month. All Worth parishioners are very welcome to come, socialise, relax, have a drink and some snacks and get to know your community better. Please contact Charlie Tibble <u>c.tibble@stwilfrids.com</u>. Next Date: **Friday, 27th September at 7.30pm**.

### <u>Fr Paul's absence</u>

While Fr Paul is away, from September 23<sup>rd</sup> till the end of October. Please leave phone messages on 01342 710313 only.

### Altar Servers

Altar servers (aged 8 – 80) always welcome to join our serving team.

Please contact Paul.Michael.Westonburt@btinternet.com

#### **Request for phone donations - GDWG**

Does anyone have an old smartphone that is still in good working condition? We are getting a lot of requests for smartphones and are unable to keep up with the demand. If you are upgrading your phone or have an unwanted phone, we'd so appreciate your donations. Thank you. Please let Karris know if you can help at <u>karris@gdwg.org.uk</u>

### <u>RCIA</u>

Dear Friends, we are delighted to invite you to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program at Worth Abbey Parish, beginning this September. The RCIA is a journey of faith, providing an opportunity for those who are considering joining the Catholic Church to learn about our beliefs, traditions, and community life.

Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, the RCIA program offers a supportive environment to explore your faith and grow spiritually. This invitation is also extended to Sponsors and those who wish to explore the foundations of their faith more deeply.

Please feel free to reach out to me, Geoff Chapman, via email at <u>gchapman@worth.org.uk</u> or call me at 01342 710273 for further information or to express your interest.

We look forward to welcoming you and walking together on this path of faith and discovery.

With blessings, Geoff Chapman, RCIA Coordinator, Worth Abbey Parish

### <u>Talk by Nicola Peel</u>

Friday, 4th October at 7pm - 8pm in The Performing Arts Centre Worth School

To mark the feast of St Francis and the end of the season of creation, Worth Pro Earth, with the kind support of Worth School and the Friends of Worth, has invited the award-winning environmentalist and solutionist, Nicola Peel to speak on her work in the Amazon and Nature as Teacher on Friday October 4th from 7-8pm.



Please register at <u>Nicola Peel</u> by Thursday September 26th.

Nicola is passionate about learning from the natural world and will speak about biomimicry and how Nature is the ultimate teacher and inventor. She has spent over 20 years working in the Ecuadorean Amazon. As well as navigating the Amazon River for her documentary, she has initiated numerous projects such as cleaning oil spills with fungi, building water systems for indigenous families and preventing deforestation through teaching agroforestry.

For more info see <u>https://www.nicolapeel.com/</u>

Nicola will bring handmade crafts from the Amazon for sale in the evening. Please contact <u>parish@worth.org.uk</u> with any queries.



## MASS FOR ALL SOULS

The Abbey Church, Saturday 2nd November, 9.00am





### Join us at Worth, to commemorate the faithful departed. An opportunity to remember and pray for loved ones who have gone before us

If you would like the names of your loved ones added to those remembered in prayer by the monks of Worth Abbey, throughout the month of November, please complete their details on the back or visit our website, worthabbey.net to add their names.

A Place of Beauty and Joy

At this Sunday's 9:30 Mass, we will be singing the Gloria from Mass XV (Mass 15).

Please do take a moment this week to listen to this beautiful version of the Gloria so that you are familiar with it on Sunday. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g927o-nQa-U</u>

## <u>Worth Pro Earth</u>

Fair Trade Fortnight

With Fair Trade Fortnight coming to an end on Sunday, continue to choose Fairtrade now and help save our favourite foods. Cocoa, bananas and coffee could soon be much more difficult to find on our shelves, as climate change is making crops like these harder and harder to grow. Did you know the average banana travels over 4,500 miles to get to the UK? Don't make it a wasted trip. Here are some tips to make the most of your bananas:

Speed up ripening by placing with other ripe fruit or wrapping in a paper bag Slow down ripening by separating from the bunch or keeping in the fridge Peel and freeze till you need them Brown bananas are sweeter, perfect for blending into smoothies or making banana bread Use the peel to make plant fertiliser

Preparing for Spring: Flowering Food for our Hungry Pollinators!

As Autumn approaches it's the perfect time to prepare our gardens and Pollination Education Stations (PES) for the coming year. Ensuring our pollinators - vital for pollinating one-third of our food - have safe places to overwinter and access to nutritious food in the spring, is crucial.

This year with help from councils, churches, schools, local businesses and housebuilders, Pollination Education Systems have been installed across Sussex. Install a PES: provide a safe haven for pollinators during winter, find out more at the link below:

### Pollination Education

Spring Flowering plants you can plant ahead of time, like now:

Wallflowers: Nectar-rich: Blooming from February through summer. Primroses: Flowering March to May, loved by bees and butterflies. Spring Flowering Crocuses: Essential for bees emerging from hibernation. Bugle: Ground cover loved by bees and butterflies. Hellebores: Blooming December to May. Rosemary: Aromatic, flowering from late spring to early summer. Chives: Easy to grow, flowering from late spring. Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths: Spring favourites (although bees tend to avoid daffodils). Snakeshead Fritillary: Exotic-looking, low maintenance. Lungwort: Shade-loving, blooms in blue, pink or white. Grape Hyacinth: April flowers, attracting a variety of pollinators. Comfrey: Flowers from April to August, a bee favourite.

WPE welcome new members. We meet once a month on a Wednesday at 2pm in St Benedict's. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at 2pm. Please get in touch if you would like to attend.

> Creator God, we thank you for the wondrous gifts of creation. Inspire us to take only what we need, so that your people may benefit equally from the gifts you give us all. Amen



### 'Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults Bill'

This bill seeks to legalise assisted suicide. The Bishops write:

The Catholic Church has always been <u>opposed to assisted suicide in every circumstance</u> The legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. There is also now ample evidence across the world that the legalisation of assisted suicide puts the most vulnerable members of society at risk.

"The Catholic Church accompanies those suffering and nearing the end of their lives with hope and affection, but also reminds them that their life is precious until the very last breath. This is the work that <u>hospices</u> and other healthcare institutions and hundreds of thousands of individual carers undertake every day, helping the terminally ill and dying to leave this world whilst preserving their dignity.

They truly provide assistance, to those who are dying.

"In preparation for these challenging debates, let us offer our prayers for those facing the end of their lives, that they may receive the care and support they need to live their final days with respect for their dignity. Let us also pray for our politicians and our country that wisdom and compassion may guide their decisions.

"I urge all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide [which] can be found on the <u>Life issues pages</u> of the Bishops' Conference website. It is also possible to contact your Member of Parliament to ask their views on a number of life issues by following this <u>Link</u>."

### Non-Parish Events

### Catechists' Day

**Saturday 21st September 11am - 4pm** at Worth School. For all catechists and those involved in adult formation across our parishes: a day of formation, reflection and networking. Sign up at <u>Catechists' Day (21-Sep-2024) · ChurchSuite Events</u> or book through the Diocesan website events calendar. Any queries please email E: <u>jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk</u>



A residential weekend programme led by trained volunteers for widowed, separated and divorced people, aimed at helping participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. For further details please visit the Beginning Experience Website Cathedral & Assembly Rooms, PO19 1AF. Join Bishop Richard and Bishop& Alastair Redfern at an <u>Ecumenical Anti-Slavery event</u> with speakers from Sussex Police, West Sussex County Council and our diocesan Modern Slavery Ambassador volunteers. All are welcome

### Marriage Anniversaries Mass

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am** at Arundel Cathedral. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drink's reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring.

Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place please use the attached link. https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/70tzo4jq or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

### <u>"Interfaith Journey in Crawley"</u>

Open Forum: Reflections on Past Events & Looking Forward into the Future.

Date: Thursday 26th September at 7.30 – 9.00pm

Venue: Longley Room, The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD

Refreshments (Coffee & Chai (Masala Tea) & Samosas will be served to celebrate World Samosa Day.

Website: <u>https://www.crawleyinter-faith.com/</u> Face Book: www.facebook.com/Crawley-Interfaith-Network-527183677396243

For Further Information Contact: Iyad Daoud : <u>iyadhdaoud@yahoo.co.uk</u>, 01293 883372

Mass for Altar Servers		The Lourdes Pilgrimage Big Sing
<ul> <li>26th October, 12pm, Arundel Cathedral.</li> <li>Altar servers across our Diocese are warmly invited to join Bishop Richard for a special Mass to celebrate their service in the Church.</li> <li><u>Click Here</u> to find out more. Everyone is welcome.</li> <li>Please contact Michael Weston Burt on paul.michael.westonburt@btinternet.com</li> </ul>	Pe cele Lour so dona	<sup>th</sup> <b>October,</b> 2pm, Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB. eople across our faith family are invited to ebrate the 50th Anniversary of our diocesan des Pilgrimage by raising their voices to sing me 'Lourdes favourites'. Entry is free with ations to the Pilgrimage welcome on the day. <u>ck Here</u> to let the team know you're coming
Grandparents' Formation Day		<u>Re-Presenting Jesus</u>
<ul> <li>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.</li> <li>Come along for a day with Becky Sedgewick, author of the inspiring 'Grandparenting for Faith' book. Refreshments from 10.15am. Please bring a packed lunch.</li> <li>To book your place please use the attached link <u>Grandparents Day</u> or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.</li> </ul>		Sharing Christ in Contemporary Culture, <b>12<sup>th</sup> November,</b> 8pm, <b>online</b> . Join Jonathan Roumie, Fr James Mallon and Nicky Gumbel to explore what it means to represent Jesus today and how the Church can share Christ with all nations. <u>Click here</u> to book.

### Marriage Catechists' Day

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Please join us for our Annual Day of Formation.

Bishop Richard looks forward to welcoming you to celebrate all that you offer in your Ministry and to share how marriage preparation will continue to develop under the revised Pastoral Plan. If you are part of a team, it would be wonderful if the whole team could attend. To book your place please use the attached link <u>Marriage Catechists</u> or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

### News on the Synod, to be completed in Rome during the month of October.

The "working document" for the Synod has been released. Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "This is a welcome document which has clarity of purpose, firmness of foundations, refreshing perspectives and concrete pathways for development. Its purpose is clear: to rekindle hope, to spark renewal in discipleship, to restore a missionary outreach in the Church on the basis of our common baptism and to do so through working and walking together." The document is structured in five sections with three central parts:

- Relationships with God, among brothers and sisters, and among the Churches.
  - Formative paths and community discernment.
    - Places of ecumenical and interreligious dialogue.

The document concludes with an invitation to continue the journey as "Pilgrims of Hope" in next year's Jubilee. <u>Click Here</u> to download the document, or <u>here</u> to read more about it on the A & B website. *Source:* <u>CBCEW</u>; <u>Vatican News</u>

### For other regular items, please see the website:

For readings, see Universalis: <u>Universalis</u>

Parish Leadership Team: Parish Leadership Team Children's Junior Church liturgy: Junior Church

Our Facebook page: Parish Facebook

Parish Giving: My Dona Parish Giving

Diocesan Family Materials: <u>Family Materials</u>

or use our OR code.



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Nighttime emergencies only: 01342 710331

Any cheques to be made payable to – Worth Abbey Parish

In Touch: If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch,' please contact Maria Stribbling at parish@worth.org.uk

<u>(by Wednesday 10am)</u>

Safe Spaces: 0300 303 1056 Web: <u>www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/</u> Email: <u>safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk</u>

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you have any prayer intentions, please let Fr Paul know.

## **REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**Mass Times** - Saturday: 9.00 am (Concelebrated) and 5.00 pm (First Mass of Sunday), Sunday: 9.30 am. Daily Mass: 5.30 pm (Concelebrated), Holy Days of Obligation: 7.30 pm. Feast Day: 5.30 pm.

**Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation) –** In the Church, Sundays 08.45am – 09.15am (If anyone cannot come at this time, please make a special appointment with Fr Paul)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** – Every Sunday at 6.30pm in the Church, after vespers and on Wednesdays from 2.30pm-3.30pm in the main Church.

**Rosary Group –** Mondays in the Abbey Church after Vespers – 7:10pm until 8:00pm. Please contact Rachel Davies: 07801 696354.

**Lectio Divina –** Tuesday evenings at 8pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman <u>jenny chapman@sky.com</u> If you would like to join us, please contact Jenny Chapman by email or speak to her after Mass any weekend.

**Christian Meditation Group** – 7.00pm in the Unity Room, please contact Richard by email <u>rbrownd1@gmail.com</u>. Forthcoming dates **25<sup>th</sup> September**, 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday). After Compline 8.30pm - 9.00pm.

Bible Study Group – 11am on Mondays in St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please contact the Parish Office.



Worth Abbey Parish is committed to safer recruitment. Arundel and Brighton Diocese and Worth Abbey Parish are committed to safeguarding all children and vulnerable groups at risk within its community. The Diocese aims to embed a culture of safeguarding to prevent abuse and to provide support to individuals who have been hurt by abuse, taking the necessary actions to reduce the likelihood of further harm.

Our Worth Abbey Parish Safeguarding Reps are Charles and Ann McCarthy Email: <u>sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk</u>