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**Twenty Ninth Sunday in OT (year B)
19th / 20th October 2024 (No. 1399)**

Dear Parishioners

Sunday 20th October is World Mission Sunday. The theme chosen by The Pope for this year's World Mission Day is taken from the Gospel parable of the wedding banquet (cf. Matthew 22:1-14). He reminds us that after the guests refused his invitation, the king, the main character in the story, tells his servants: 'Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find' (v. 9).

The message here is to 'go out' and 'to invite', a message which we recognise from the synodal journey with its motto 'Communion, Participation, Mission'.

By inviting those in the thoroughfares to the marriage feast, we are reminded that everyone is invited to God's table – to experience God's love, grace, and forgiveness, and take part in a community of faith. God invites us to build communities that reflect his unconditional love for humanity, where all are welcome, and where the gifts we have received are shared and put at the service of the whole community.

World Mission Sunday reminds us that we are called by Jesus – in person – to bear witness to his words in our everyday lives. We are called to reach out to the lost, the oppressed and discouraged, and to tenderly care for those who suffer. We are invited to live out our call to mission by proclaiming the coming of God's Kingdom, serving those in need, promoting peace with justice, and inviting people to know God's goodness.

*Loving God, inspire us to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet.'
Nourished from gathering around your table,
may our communities reflect your unconditional love,
so that all are welcomed with open arms,
and the most vulnerable find refuge, care, and compassion.
May our prayers and generosity bring strength to missionaries,
enabling them to share the joy that faith brings,
so that everyone, everywhere,
may experience your hope and love, renewing and healing our world.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to share our faith in Jesus so that all may experience God's love. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. World Mission Sunday is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world via Missio.

On Wednesday, 16th October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, has written a pastoral letter calling on Catholics to play an active role in opposing assisted suicide. Cardinal Nichols offers three key points for Catholics to be aware of and calls on the faithful to be fully engaged in the debate and to write to their MP to oppose assisted suicide being rushed into law. Click here to find out more from the Bishops Conference website. [Read More](#). The Right to Life Campaign also provides details on ways in which you can contact your MP. The link is: [Ask your MP](#)

Prayers

Please pray for Fred Green who died recently. Please pray for his family. Funeral arrangements will be advised soon.

Please pray for Pat McCrory, who is in hospital.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Terry and Susan Scoble, Pamela Bagwell, Sue Pearson, John and Sue Rutherford, Demelza Waring, Liz Hicklin, Helen Sweetman, Jill Carter, Laura Rawlinson, Peter and Antee Greene.

Prayer for World Mission Sunday

*O gracious and loving God, you work everywhere reconciling, loving,
and healing your people and your creation.*

In your Son and through the power of your Holy Spirit, you invite each of us to join you in your work.

*We ask you to form us more and more in your image and likeness,
through our prayer and worship of you and through the study of your scripture,
that our eyes will be fully opened to your mission in the world.*

*God, into our communities, our nation, and the world, send us to serve with Christ,
taking risks to give life and hope to all people and all of your creation.*

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

A prayer for peace in the Middle East

*Christ, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer and lament, for our suffering sisters and brothers.
Our hearts are heavy as we witness lives torn apart, as we see the faces of frightened children
and hear the pleas of those without water or food.*

We pray for the dead and the grieving, for the injured and the afraid.

We pray for courage and perseverance, for those working for healing and to bring aid.

We pray for world leaders, that they may strive for a just and lasting peace.

God of new beginnings, in your ways are compassion and hope.

Open our hearts to dialogue and understanding.

Lead us all to answer your call to become peacemakers today, and all the days of our life.

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

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 – Jim Farmer, Elizabeth Montgomery, Cecily Evans, Miss Millet, Peter Cole, Marie Hesketh, Cecily Hallack, Alexander Duncan, Audrey Sherwin, Dora Wilkinson, Gerry McGiven and Jean Whigham.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday – Eph 2:1-10 Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday – Eph 2:12-22 Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday – Eph 3:2-12 Luke 12:39-48

Thursday – Eph 3:14-21 Luke 12:49-53

Friday – Eph 4:1-6 Luke 12:54-59

Saturday – Eph 4:7-16 Luke 13:1-9

Next Sunday's Readings: **Thirtieth Sunday in OT (Year B)**

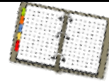
1st Reading – Jeremiah 31:7-9 2nd Reading – Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Go; your faith has saved you.

Parish Events

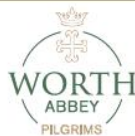
Dates for your Diary



Sunday 20th October – Family Formation groups continue.

Friday 1st November – Feast of All Saints – Monastic mass at 5.30pm with Parish mass at 7.30pm

Saturday 2nd November – 9am. Mass for All Souls. Don't forget to add your petitions for your deceased friends and relatives into the box in the Narthex.



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

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Big Sing

26th October, 2pm, Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB.

People across our faith family are invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage by raising their voices to sing some 'Lourdes favourites'. Entry is free with donations to the Pilgrimage welcome on the day. [Click Here](#) to let the team know you are coming.

This weekend there is a Second Collection for World Mission Sunday

Donations are collected to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

Fr Paul's absence

While Fr Paul is now away until the end of October.
Please leave phone messages on 01342 710313 only.

Maria's absence

Maria will be out of the office from Wednesday 16th October until Wednesday 23rd October. (3rd time lucky with her daughter's postponed surgery).

Please email any queries to parish@worth.org.uk which will be monitored.

Gatwick Detainee Welfare Group Request

"Due to the cold weather, and as our clothing store has run out of many warm clothes, I would be grateful if you can kindly help us. Your generosity towards people who are in detention is highly appreciated".

Any donations can be left at the Parish Office.

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 c.tibble@stwilfrids.com. Next Date: **Friday, 25th October at 7.30pm.**



Come and celebrate...
All Saints
And All Souls

Victory Hall, Balcombe
2-4pm

Saturday 2nd November

CRAFT
GAMES
OPTIONAL FANCY DRESS
PRIZES TO BE WON!

RSVP essential, limited spaces
Suggested donation £5/family
(those with children over 2)

Contact: Emily 07854482461
Or register via QR code



Scan to Pay

All Saints And All Souls

Greetings ISLAND

Worth Pro Earth

As the Season of Creation has now come to a close the students at Worth School invite you to continue your reflection on the theme of Creation and Stewardship by participating in their initiative with wider Worth Community as part of their CAFOD LiveSimply for school's award.

The students invite you now to take a practical response. In the narthex you will find a card with three environmental pledges that you can sign, keep and commit to.

The three pledges are as follows:

Pledge 1: I pledge to live sustainably, simply and in solidarity with others by switching off appliances and devices, such as chargers or unnecessary lighting, when I am not using them.

Pledge 2: I pledge to reflect on the words of Pope Francis from Laudato Si regularly.
The extract from Laudato Si is printed on the reverse side of the pledge card.

Pledge 3: I pledge to reduce my food and plastic waste, by taking manageable food portions in my meals, as well as using a reusable drink bottle.

In order to evidence this initiative to CAFOD you are kindly asked when committing to the Pledge(s), to sign your first name only on the large sheet provided in the narthex during the month of October. These pledges will also be signed by the Worth students and staff this month. This is a wonderful practical step towards fulfilling our role as a steward of creation.

This initiative is part of Worth Pro Earth's work with the school's Worth Environment Society.

Get Ready to Walk for Wildlife

The Wildlife Trusts Big Wild Walk sign up is officially open. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or someone who just loves a good walk in the park, then this is your chance to lace up your boots and step up for nature this autumn. From 21st October – 3rd November you can join us in exploring the wonders of autumn.

Check out the link to their website [Big Wild Walk](#)

International Repair Day – 19th October

This will be promoted from 19th October in local libraries, there will be a bigger repair cafe display in Horsham Library, so pop along to your nearest library and learn about sharing and repairing.

Find your nearest repair cafe here [Sussex green living](#)

Fight for Our Right to Repair!

Have you ever tried fixing a household appliance only to find it's harder than it should be? [The right to repair](#) campaign is here to change. Repair cafes aim to reduce waste by encouraging a repair culture in the community. A repair can save time, money and waste. If you have something that needs fixing, just pop into your local repair cafe, details of your local repair cafes are below:

Forest Row repair cafe is open on Saturday 19th October at the Forest Row Community Centre, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ, visit their website [Forest Row Repair Cafe](#)

Handcross repair cafe on Saturday 19th October from 10am -12 noon, High Street, Handcross, Haywards Heath RH17 6BL [Handcross Repair Cafe](#)

Crawley Down & Turners Hill repair cafe is open on Saturday 26th October 1030-1230 Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ [Crawley Down Repair Cafe](#)

Horsham repair cafe is open on Saturday 26th October from 10am – 12.30pm at the United Reform Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 1PT, visit their website for more details [Horsham Repair Cafe](#)

Lindfield repair cafe is open on Saturday 2nd November, from 10am - 1pm at the United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2HL, visit their website for more details [Lindfield Repair Cafe](#)

WPE welcome new members. We meet once a month on a Wednesday at 2pm in St Benedict's. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13th 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*



BENEDICTINE INTRODUCTIONS TO ADVENT

SATURDAY 23RD NOV AND SATURDAY 7TH DEC 10.30AM

Worth Abbey Church and the Spencer Building, Worth School

Abbot Mark Barrett, Saturday 23rd November: ISAIAH, THE PROPHET OF ADVENT

As we enter the season of preparation, you may notice that readings in church are often drawn from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah.

Why do we hear so much from this text during the Advent and Christmas seasons? Our first Advent talk invites us to listen to the message of the Prophet and explore it more deeply:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

(St Luke, Chapter 4, quoting from Isaiah)

Fr David Jarmy, Saturday 7th December: LONGING FOR GOD

"If you are at times so weary with the struggle of living that you have no strength to even want God, yet are still dissatisfied that you don't – you are already keeping Advent in your life". (*Dame Maria Boulding OSB*). The Second Advent talk will help us deepen our awareness of the unity we already have with God in Christ – through Scripture and the writings of the Christian mystics as we move closer to the celebration of the mystery of the Incarnation – *God with us*.

We will meet in the Abbey Church from 10.30am for registration and refreshments. We will then proceed to the Spencer Building, Worth School, for a talk and further engagement with our theme. The morning will conclude in time to attend Midday Prayer at 1pm in the Abbey Church, followed by a light lunch.

To reserve your place please email Kelly O'Hara at kohara@worth.org.uk and indicate if you would like to stay for lunch. Lunch will incur a small charge of £5.

A Place of Beauty and Joy

Non-Parish Events

Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the rosary. Join CAFOD in praying the rosary, particularly for peace in our world at this time. [Pray the Rosary](#)

Middle East Response

The search for peace in the Middle East is more urgent than ever. Read more to find out how CAFOD are responding and how you can help. [Middle East Conflict](#)

Mass for Altar Servers

26th October, 12pm, Arundel Cathedral.

Altar servers across our Diocese are warmly invited to join Bishop Richard for a special Mass to celebrate their service in the Church.

[Click Here](#) to find out more. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Michael Weston Burt on paul.michael.westonburt@btinternet.com

Grandparents' Formation Day

Wednesday 6th November at 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.

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.

To book your place please use the attached link

[Grandparents Day](#)

or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

Re-Presenting Jesus

Sharing Christ in Contemporary Culture,
12th November, 8pm, **online**.

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.

[Click here](#) to book.

Marriage Catechists' Day

Saturday 16th 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 [Marriage Catechists](#) or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

For other regular items, please see the website:

For readings, see Universalis: [Universalis](#)

Parish Leadership Team: [Parish Leadership Team](#)

Our Facebook page: [Parish Facebook](#)

Children's Junior Church liturgy: [Junior Church](#)

Diocesan Family Materials: [Family Materials](#)

Parish Giving: [My Dona Parish Giving](#)

or use our QR code.



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Secretary: Maria Stribbling, available 9.15am-1.15pm Mon-Fri

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
(by Wednesday 10am)

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

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
jenny_chapman@sky.com 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
rbrownd1@gmail.com . Forthcoming dates **23rd October** and 27th 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

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