

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families continue well. As ever I send you all my prayers and very best wishes.

Those of you who were at mass at the weekend will have heard the good news that we can safely leave the abbey church open during the day and that we can once more welcome you to our daily conventual mass and our monastic prayers. The church is also available for private prayer as before. Do please take advantage of this.

The church will be opened immediately before the first office of the day, and will remain open until after the last office. (Please see the timetable on the parish website to check times and details.) Because we can now offer mass with the monastic community at 5.30 pm (or at 9 am on Saturdays), there will no longer be a mass on Tuesdays at 10 am. However, we will continue the practice of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays, from 2 pm till 3 pm, and also on Fridays from after vespers (about 7.05pm) until Compline, at about 8.10.

For all monastic services and weekday masses please enter by the East door (on the lower level), where you will find any books which you will need. (For the two parish masses, the narthex doors will also be open.)

Following the Bishops' request, please continue to use track and trace and hand sanitiser as you enter, and wear a mask and observe social distancing. The two blocks by the side doors (A and F) still have tape marking the two metre distance, for those who wish for a strict demarcation. But the other blocks are now free of tape – many thanks to everyone who helped to remove it after Sunday mass. (I am sure that you took great delight in doing so, to the strains of the Alleluia chorus from the organ.) But please continue to respect one another's distance. If you wish to pray in a side chapel, please observe a "rule of ten" as a maximum number at any one time.

Please note that we have begun to take a plate collection once more, but without asking you to hand the basket to one another. Thank you for your generous response.

The excellent bookshop will also be open. Our thanks to the excellent manager. (We hope to be able to offer very soon copies of *Let Us Dream*, in which Austen Ivereigh collaborates

with Pope Francis to set out his vision for a post pandemic world, and his hopes for the Synod of the universal Church, which begins in October. Also coming soon is the new volume of *Refugee Tales*, which is edited by the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group, and others.)

Do please see the website for any other details about the use of the church.

<https://worthabbey.net/post-lockdown-at-worth/>

Meanwhile I send my very best wishes to you all, and look forward to seeing you here at Worth. Fr Paul

The next copy of In Touch will be on 14th / 15th August.

Church Opening Times

Mass at on **Saturdays at 5pm**

Click here for live streaming: [5pm live video streaming](#),

Mass on **Sundays at 9.30am**

Private prayer on **Thursdays at 2 pm**, with the opportunity for confession.
(Please note only the East door of the church (on the lower level) will be open.

Confession will be available in the Unity Room from 9am on Sundays before mass.

A date for your diary

Sunday, 26th September we are pleased to announce that the "Welcome Back" mass has now been arranged. Do please set this date aside and come to celebrate our parish community.

Saturday, 23rd October, at 10 am. To help us all prepare for the **Synod** we are pleased to host a talk by Austen Ivereigh, author of two well know biographies of Pope Francis, and collaborator with him on his book, *Let Us Dream*. Austen will speak about the Synod which begins in October and explain why this is so important to Pope Francis and the Church, and what we can all contribute to the process.

Monastic Engagements

Please note that the monastic community will be on retreat from Wednesday to Friday of this week. We will look out for messages, and especially any emergencies; but please be understanding if it takes a little longer than usual for us to respond to your emails. We will be praying for you, and please remember us in your prayers.

Next week, **2nd to 6th August**, we will be engaged in a round of discussions, and so a little busier than usual.

The period **11th to 19th August** is a Quiet Week at Worth Abbey.

Mass will be celebrated for Worth Abbey Parish at the usual times of 5.00pm on Saturday 14th and 9.30am on Sunday 15th. There will be no other public liturgy during this period.

The Abbey Church will be closed, and the usual live streaming of our Liturgy of the Hours and of daily Mass will be suspended, from Matins on 11th August through to Compline on 19th August.

Our normal arrangements, including the live streaming of public liturgy, will resume with the Office of Matins on 20th August.

Abbot Mark and the Community appreciate the prayerful fellowship of all those who worship with us, and we look forward to welcoming you back to our liturgy after this short break.

YOUTH SERVICE CELEBRATION 40th ANNIVERSARY

Sat 4th September 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm Arundel Cathedral Whether you have been on a Maryvale retreat, walked at a Youth gather, travelled overseas for World Youth Day/ Lourdes Redshirts, you will be welcome to join us as we remember, reminisce and rejoice! Join us for a Mass of thanksgiving followed by drinks and nibbles with friends old and new.

E: ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk or click [Youth Service 40th Anniversary Celebration \(04-Sep-2021\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) to register.

Online Rosary Group



Would anyone like to join an on-line rosary group? They meet every Wednesday at 7 pm. Please get in touch with Rachel Davies: 07801 696354

Finding Stillness

“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10. An experimental hybrid retreat where you are invited to come to Worth or join the retreat online FINDING STILLNESS The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey on **Tuesday 24th-Thursday 26th August.**

For further information or to book your place online go to: worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats
Enquiries: toc@worth.org.uk

Day for Catechists

You may be aware that we are holding a gathering of our Catechists, at Worth Abbey on **25th September**. If you would like to join us please click on this link [Day for Catechists \(25-Sep-2021\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) to complete our booking form, and for more information. If you have already booked, thank you. Please spread the word, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Lectio Divina

Would anyone like to join a Lectio Divina group on line? Lectio is a popular way of praying with the Scriptures, and is very simple. We use the Sunday Gospel reading. You would not need to do any preparation, and the sessions will last for only half an hour. Lectio consists in simply reading the passage slowly and letting God speak to your heart. There's no obligation to share anything, but we have the support of doing the reading with one another. We can send you some hints about lectio, if you would like this, or look on the website. Please let us know if you would like to join the group – parish@worth.org.uk
This will take place on Saturday mornings, at 12 noon (**new time, permanent change**).
I look forward to hearing from you.

First Holy Communion

Please let the parish know if your son or daughter would like to make their First Holy Communion next year. The date of the celebration will be in May, by which time your child should have completed their eighth year. The course will begin in September, and we will issue more details once the inscriptions come in and the possibilities of meeting become clearer.

Confirmation

Would your son or daughter like to make their confirmation next year? We hope to form a group for preparation in September, and the sacrament will be celebrated in May next year. Candidates should be about fourteen or fifteen years old. Please get in touch with the parish office.

NEW Colour and Shape website launch! Mass resources for families.

Colour and Shape developed over the pandemic providing a weekly video liturgy for families to use at home during lockdown. This video, Connect Sunday, has now changed into a new shorter format, along with a set of accompanying resources on a brand new website. Head over to www.colourandshapeonline.com to check out the resources reflecting on the Sunday Gospel each week, plus links to Spotify playlists, ideas on how to pray together as a family, and information on how to join the online community supporting families.

Alpha



Alpha is an opportunity to ask the questions and explore Christian Beliefs in a friendly way in a social context. Each evening we share a light supper, watch a short film, and then talk with others in a small friendly group. You will be joined by like-minded people asking questions about faith and discussing their own search for faith.

Is Alpha for me?

- Are you questioning the existence of God  Have you begun a relationship with God 
 - Are you on your personal faith journey  Are you a practicing Christian 

If you answered yes to any of these questions then we would love to welcome you.
Alpha is for us all regardless of how confident we are in our beliefs.

If you are interested, and want to know more about the programme,
Email: alpha_worth@outlook.com and let us know how you would like to be contacted.

"I love it when a plan comes together"

So says Colonel John "Hannibal" Smith of The "A" Team.

There is one Plan that is so perfect, with a many plot twists and unexpected scenarios, which it is well worth searching out.

If you would like to be part of this Treasure Hunt to delve into this Perfect Plan then please join us in a 12 week Bible Study to discover its secrets. We hope to begin the search in early September, day and time to be arranged.

If interested please contact Fr. Paul Fleetwood at parish@worth.org.uk or Jenny Chapman at jennykchapman@gmail.com

Climate Justice

It is terrifying -- huge parts of the Amazon rainforest are now emitting more CO2 than they can absorb! It's not just the Amazon -- from melting ice caps, to ravaging floods and scary high temperatures, the world is screaming for help. But one thing risks poisoning climate talks with 100 days to go to the most crucial climate summit of the decade: the unfulfilled promise by rich countries to provide 100 billion dollars in support to developing countries least responsible for the crisis. Key ministers are meeting on Sunday -- let's flood their meeting with a million signatures calling for climate justice!

[Avaaz - Rich countries: don't break the 100-billion-dollar promise!](#)

Preschool Manager Required

Friary Pre-school. Salary according to qualifications and experience.

The Management Committee of this popular and purpose built preschool are looking to recruit a new manager to further develop and improve its provision. This is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic and visionary leader with outstanding practice. Further details and an application form are available via our website: <https://www.friarypreschool.co.uk/> Friary Preschool is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo Child Protection Screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and an enhanced level check with the Disclosure and Barring Service. Closing date: Friday 13th August 2021 Interviews will take place the week beginning Monday 16th August 2021

For regular items, please see the website:

For readings for the coming week, see Universalis: [Universalis](#)

For children and young people's prayer, see CAFOD's material: [Children Resources](#)

For prayers and anniversaries see our homepage: <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>

Our new Facebook page: [Parish Facebook](#)

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

Diocesan Family Materials: [Family Materials](#)

Parish Giving: [Parish Giving](#)

For D'Arcy's music, please visit our website homepage under Organ volunteers:

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>

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(Parish office is currently closed please email and we will be in touch)

Secretary: Maria Stribbling (currently working from home 9am-1pm Tuesday/Wednesday))

Night time emergencies only: 07494 484979

Any cheques to be made payable to – Worth Abbey Parish

Safeguarding: Rachel Davies (07801 696354) and Maria Stribbling (01342 710313)

In Touch: If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at parish@worth.org.uk
(by Wednesday 10am)

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.