



# In Touch

Journeying Together:

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Co-Responsibility

Seventh Sunday of Easter (year C)

28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

No: 1302

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are well. I send you my prayers.

This Sunday we have the pleasure of baptising four children during our Sunday mass: Luke White, Hudson William Hayes, James Densham Waters and Rufus Taylor Waters.

We celebrate baptisms during our Sunday Eucharist because baptism represents our entry into the Christian Community. It is the moment when we become members of the Body of Christ, adopted sons and daughters of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus and of one another. So, it is good that we all have the opportunity to pray for these children and for their families, as we gather together as the community into which they are welcomed, and where they receive the new life of the Holy Spirit. In our gospel on Sunday we hear what we know as the “high priestly prayer” of Jesus, which he prays to his Father on behalf of the Church during his Last Supper, before suffering his Passion and death. He prays: *May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.* This unity for which Jesus prays is a mark of the presence of God’s Spirit of love. Please welcome these three families and their guests on Sunday. The quality of our hospitality and welcome for one another is a good test of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our community; and it is good to remember that in some degree we are all responsible for the wellbeing of each other. While the formation of their children falls directly to the parents and godparents, it is a part of community life that we are all responsible for one another, since we belong to one another. Please pray for these children and for their families.

Meanwhile we look forward to the feast of Pentecost which we celebrate on the following Sunday. As you know we celebrate our Eucharist that day at 11 am, so that we can enjoy a shared picnic together after mass. To mark this most important festival, there will be only one celebration of mass that weekend, as is our practice also at Christmas and Easter, so bringing all of us to pray together and to celebrate; so there will not be a 5 pm mass on Saturday.

I send my very best wishes to you all.

Yours. Fr Paul

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*Speech Day is this Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, therefore there will be no 9am mass.*

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### Dates for the Diary

**4<sup>th</sup> June** – Celebratory mass for the Queen’s Jubilee, and social gathering in the Unity Room at 9am (RSVP)  
(There will be no 5pm mass)

**5<sup>th</sup> June** – Pentecost **Parish Mass at 11am** (please note change of time),  
followed by Parish Picnic.

**6<sup>th</sup> June** – Alpha Start date at 7pm.

**12<sup>th</sup> June** – Parish Brunch in Compass House at 11am.

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – Next Parish Walk. Depart from Worth after mass and return to Worth for a shared picnic.

**22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Joint mass with the school at 4.30pm.

**24<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Fr Paul on Holiday

**24<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Approximate date for church closure for roof repairs.

*Please see the photos of the children of our parish who made their  
First Holy Communion two weeks ago.*

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/sacraments-faith/sacraments/first-communion/>

### Choir

Would anyone like to join a choir  
to sing at the Sunday 9.30  
mass? Please get in touch.

During Fr Paul’s absence, there will be no Saturday evening mass on  
**25<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Sunday only)**

Due to the possible closure of the Abbey Church, mass will be  
celebrated on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** in the school theatre

### Junior Church

Do you enjoy working with children? We urgently need more helpers to run the Junior Church on Sunday mornings during the first part of mass for children of school age. This lasts less than half an hour, and there is a rota. You will be able to accompany those who have experience of doing, this for training. The children love it, and I am sure that you will enjoy it! Do please get in touch. Thank you. Fr Paul

This weekend  
there is a 2<sup>nd</sup>  
collection for  
“World  
Communications  
Sunday”

Abbot Mark and the Monastic Community invite members of the parish to a special  
mass on **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am**, to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee. We will  
follow this with a social gathering in the Unity Room.



We look forward to welcoming you then.

### **Mother's Prayers**

Worth Abbey Mothers' Prayers Day, Unity Room, **Saturday 11th June**, 1.45pm -5pm.

You are warmly invited to join us at Worth Abbey for an afternoon of prayer, spiritual refreshment and fellowship. Registration for our gathering will start at 1.45pm for a 2pm start in the Unity Room which is inside the Abbey. There will be a short talk followed by a break for tea and coffee before we have a guided Mothers' Prayers meeting. Our hope is that this will be a good opportunity to reset and reflect after so many months of being unable to fully meet during the pandemic. Women who are new to Mothers' Prayers or who would like to find out more about how we pray will be very welcome. We will finish at 4.45 in time for the 5pm Vigil Mass for those who wish to attend. No need to register in advance. No charge but donations on the day would be appreciated if you are able. Any queries please contact Janet Desmond on 07985989533.

The address for Worth Abbey is: Paddockhurst Rd, Turners Hill, Crawley, W.Sussex, RH104SB.

### **Worth Retreat**

**Finding Stillness: 6th-9th June – Cost: £330 per person**

**Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB**

Come away to a quiet place to find stillness and God's presence. Discover in the Benedictine tradition; how stillness and stability can be ways of opening up to God and living life at a deeper level.

To book and pay for your place go to W: [www.worth.co.uk](http://www.worth.co.uk)

For further information contact us: T: 01342 710318 E: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk)

### **Prayers**



Please pray for Tony Wright, who is currently in hospital.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Fred Green, Michael Grech and Laura Rawlinson.

### **Prayer for Peace in Ukraine**

*God of peace, your prophet Isaiah promised swords would be turned into ploughshares, and your Son's mother, Mary, proclaimed the mighty would be put down and the humble exalted: visit the people of Ukraine; deliver them from fear, violence, attack, injury, destruction, death; and give them courage, solidarity and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.*

*Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.*

*Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict, restore order, and pursue justice.*

*And make this moment of peril an occasion for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict and our dependence on one another.*

*In Christ our Lord, who went to his death because of our hatred, and rose again because our hatred is never stronger than your indomitable love.*

*Amen.*

*(Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Church)*

We continue our Holy Hour of prayer each Sunday at 6pm

Please continue to pray for the peoples of Palestine and Israel, that they may achieve peace with justice. Please see this statement by the local Justice and Peace Commission on our homepage.

[www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk](http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk)

### **Anniversaries**

**Please pray for the Souls of – Liz Axbey, Patrick Wilson, Yolanda Harton, Jane Allison, Mary Payne, Ethne Atkins, Jacques Van Heusen, Philip Hughes, Margaret Calloway, Paddy Tritton, Mabel Pronger, Dom Bernard Moss, Lloyd Midgeley and Dennis Litchfield.**

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

## Daily Readings

Monday – Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33

Tuesday – Zeph 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Luke 1:39-56 (**The Visitation of Our Lady**)

Wednesday – Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11b-19 (**St Justin**)

Thursday – Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 John 17:20-26

Friday – Acts 25:13b-21 John 21:15-19 (**St Charles Lwanga & Comp**)

Saturday – Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 John 21:20-25

Next Sunday's Readings: **Pentecost**

1st Reading – Acts 2:1-11 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

**As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit**

## Refugee Tales Art Auction

We're now in our final week of the online art auction, time has flown!

We don't want anyone to miss out on an artwork they like, so please remember to place your final bids by midnight on the 31st May: [Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group - Art Auction \(jumblebee.co.uk\)](http://jumblebee.co.uk).

Thanks so much to everyone who has already placed a pledge, your support is vital for people in detention at Gatwick. Looking forward to walking with you all soon.

*All good wishes from the Refugee Tales team*

## Grandparents Day

**Wednesday 8th June** at West Grinstead 11am to 3pm

Our Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead for Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. The day begins at 11am with coffee available from 10.30am. This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Further information and sign-up details can be found on the Diocesan website under events W:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

If you would like to find out more please contact E: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

## Invited

Dear Friends, I am delighted to announce that Episode 6 of Season II of Invited is now available at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

It is also available on the Diocesan YouTube channel with all the Episodes, the Deep Dive films and Season I <https://www.youtube.com/user/AandBcommunications/videos>

In this special episode, the well-known Spiritan Father, Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, talks about the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, and why He is so important for our lives. We are encouraged and inspired by Fr Eamonn to go forward and take part in the upcoming novena and Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

There will be no Conversation this Thursday as it is the The Ascension of the Lord. We are, however, offering the opportunity to sign up to the Novena from Ascension to Pentecost: These nine days of prayer, shared with members of our diocesan community, seek to nourish and restore our personal lives, our parish communities and the wider society in which we live. [Click here to sign up](#) and receive a beautiful daily prayer reflection for each day of the Novena.

If you have any questions about Invited, please contact [invited@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:invited@abdiocese.org.uk)

With best wishes,  
*The Invited Team*

**Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard**

On **Saturday 25th June, 11.30am**, Bishop Richard will be hosting an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst, RH14 9QH.

Everyone is very welcome to attend and contribute, to reserve your free place [please sign up here](#).

**5 days with the Chemin Neuf Community for the over 70s**

**22nd September-22nd November** at Storrington Priory, RH20 4LM, Suggested cost £30 (includes lunch). The Genesis account of Abraham and his lengthy walk with God is our inspiration as we spend 5 days reflecting on our journey so far, and discerning our path for the future. [Book here](#).

**Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing?**

Would you like to attend the monthly diocesan Mass signed in BSL, with specific Liturgical Mass Signs for the Mass? If you would like further information about our Signed Mass or the diocesan Deaf Group please text or email the diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher; M: 07508459315 or E: [margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Links for Our Common Home**

[Help Reduce Food Waste](#)

[Greenpeace 101 ideas to live more sustainably](#)

[Help Reduce Plastic Waste](#)

[Fairer World](#)

[Laudato Si' Movement](#)

[WSCC Environment and Climate Change Newsletter](#)

[Nature on your doorstep](#)

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

<https://www.recyclenow.com/repeatthecycle>

[Greenpeace Big Plastic Count](#)

[West Sussex Climate Action](#)

[The Joyful Environmentalist](#)

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

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

Our Facebook page: [Parish Facebook](#)

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

Diocesan Family Materials: [Family Materials](#)

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

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

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

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

Please use the QR code for donations to the Parish. Thank you



## 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: Vigil Mass: 7.30 pm;  
Feast Day: 5.30 pm



**Adoration** - Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Reflection, music and silence.

**Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** - Sundays 9.00-9.30am and Thursday 2pm with Exposition.  
(please check with Parish Office before coming)

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

**Lectio Divina** – Tuesday evenings at 7.40pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman  
[jenny\\_chapman@sky.com](mailto:jenny_chapman@sky.com)

**Christian Meditation Group** – 7.00pm in the Unity Room, please contact Richard by email  
[rbrownd1@gmail.com](mailto:rbrownd1@gmail.com) **Next Meetings** - \*29<sup>th</sup> June (\*this one session will be held in St Bruno's sitting Room) and 27<sup>th</sup> July.

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

**Bible Study Group** – 11.15am on Mondays in **Compass House. (New Location)**  
**(This Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, meeting will take place in The Parish Office).** Please double check with the Parish Office.

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

**Night time emergencies only:** 01342 710331

**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](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk)  
**(by Wednesday 10am)**

**Safe Spaces:** 0300 303 1056 **Web:** [www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/) **Email:** [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto: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.**