



# In Touch

Journeying Together:

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in OT (year C)

1st / 2nd October 2022

No: 1310

Dear Parishioners

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

This weekend we continue our parish appeal, **A Call to Stewardship**, and this time the theme is Sharing Your Treasure. George Fitzsimons will speak to us at mass about our parish finances and how we can help. You will find included in this copy of In Touch an analysis to guide you through the figures, and copies will also be available before mass. I take this opportunity to thank George for his help with this, and all our parish finance team, especially our chair, Giles Horner; and I would like to thank you all for your generosity which helps to keep the parish running.

Meanwhile we are approaching the end of **Creation Time**, with the feast of St Francis on October 4<sup>th</sup>. We celebrate this here at Worth with a special mass on Saturday, beginning with a blessing of pets on the piazza at 4.45. Young people are especially welcome. It is a theme which has very serious implications for the next generation.

As always, Pope Francis has written us a message, asking us to practise an “ecological conversion”. *“Listen to the voice of creation” is the theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home... This Season is an opportunity to cultivate our “ecological conversion”, a conversion encouraged by Saint John Paul II as a response to the “ecological catastrophe” predicted by Saint Paul VI back in 1970. He continues: If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home... Listening to these anguished cries, we must repent and modify our lifestyles and destructive systems. From its very first pages, the Gospel calls us to “repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Mt 3:2); it summons us to a new relationship with God, and also entails a different relationship with others and with creation. The present state of decay of our common home merits the same attention as other global challenges such as grave health crises and wars. “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (Laudato si’, 217). He goes on to reflect our hopes for COP27, to continue the work of the previous conference: The COP27 conference on climate change, to be held in Egypt in November 2022 represents the next opportunity for all to join in promoting the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement. Again, he stresses the need for conversion: Limiting temperature increase to 1.5°C is*

*demanding...This means “converting” models of consumption and production, as well as lifestyles, in a way more respectful of creation and the integral human development of all peoples, present and future, a development grounded in responsibility and concern for the poor and for future generations. Underlying all this, there is need for a covenant between human beings and the environment, which, for us believers, is a mirror reflecting “the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying”. The transition brought about by this conversion cannot neglect the demands of justice, especially for those workers who are most affected by the impact of climate change.*

Please do see the full message of Pope Francis on the parish website homepage  
<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october-2022-listen-to-the-voice-of-creation/>

Please see also other resources on the website, and also Greenpeace  
<https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/climate-anxiety-resources-to-energise-action/>  
And the Laudato Si Movement: [hello@laudatosimovement.org](mailto:hello@laudatosimovement.org)



### **Prayers**

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Peter and Antee Greene, Pat MacDonald, Fred Green and Laura Rawlinson.

Please pray for Rosemary Albert who died recently. Please pray for her family.  
The funeral will be held here, at Worth Abbey, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm.

The Season of Creation began on 1<sup>st</sup> September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

*Living God, have mercy on us, for the times we forget that we belong to each other.  
You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind, to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun, and to be  
nourished by our Mother Earth.  
Renew us in your healing love.  
Inspire us to water the earth, and nurture one another, so all may flourish. Together, as one family, may we  
always sing your praise. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

### **Anniversaries**

**Please pray for the Souls of –** Archbishop Peter Amigo, Dom Richard Davey, Kathleen Wheatley, James Hearn, Peter Constable, Fred Billings, Iris Higgins, Jo Dobson, Denis McCrory, Elvira Castro, Fr Robert, David Whiting, Desire Powlett, Bill Murphy, Alan Thomas and Jack Prosser.  
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**

### **Daily Readings**

Monday – Gal 1:6-12 Matt 18:1-5, 10  
Tuesday – Gal 1:13-24 Luke 10:38-42 (**St Francis of Assisi**)  
Wednesday – Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Luke 11:1-4  
Thursday – Gal 3:1-5 Luke 11:5-13 (**St Bruno**)  
Friday – Gal 3: 7-14 Luke 11:15-26 (**Our Lady of the Rosary**)  
Saturday – Gal 3:22-29 Luke 11:27-28

Next Sunday's Readings: **Twenty Eighth Sunday in OT**  
 1st Reading – 2 Kings 5:14-17      2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19  
**No-one has come back to praise God, only this foreigner**



His Majesty King Charles III has expressed the wish, that all in the Catholic community know of his gratitude for the many prayers that have been offered for the late Queen and for the Royal Family during these past weeks.



## Our Parish, Our Responsibility

**“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms”.**

**- 1 Peter 4:10**

Last week we explored Stewardship. As we continue on our stewardship journey, this week we will look at our parish's finances.

Our parish must:

- Cover normal running costs
- Pay staff
- Provide financial support to the Diocese

Our parish also supports parish programmes and activities such as sacramental preparation, adult formation and monthly brunch after Mass and, if funds permit, tries to make donations to good causes in the local community and elsewhere.

This parish family receives no money from the Vatican, Diocese, Abbey or Government. Our parish family and life rely exclusively on your donations.

Here are the forecast Parish results for 2022 (numbers rounded to nearest £1,000):

Money coming in		Money going out	
Offertory collections	86	Worth Abbey costs (mainly rent and priest costs)	44
Gift-Aid received	18	Contribution to the Diocese (Catholic primary and secondary schools, priest training, sick and retired priest care, cathedral maintenance)	30
Donations/ other income	3	Staff costs	22
		Utilities, telecoms, IT and repairs	4
		Liturgy, office and other costs	12
Total coming in	107	Total going out	112
		<b>Total deficit</b>	<b>5</b>

The parish also has general reserves of some £60,000 (which would cover 6 months' costs), for use in emergencies.

Costs are increasing (including contribution to the diocese, utilities and other costs) and the 2022 forecast is for a **deficit of £5,000**. Previous years' results have gone up and down but on average have tended to be roughly break-even.

**Weekly Mass attendance at Worth has halved** over the past 10 years, to 246 people in 2021.

**Income has decreased by 10%** compared to pre-Covid levels.

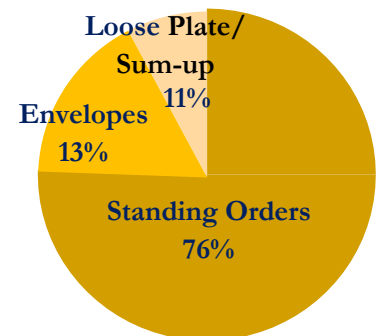
**There are just 126 regular givers by Standing Order and the top 10 of those represent 22% of the total.**

### **Standing Order is one of the best ways to support our parish.**

A standing order is an instruction to your bank to make regular fixed payments to the parish. This provides a more secure and more efficient income that can be easily Gift Aided.

To avoid getting cash each week for Mass, you can set up your Standing Order with us after Mass.

### **GIVING METHODS**



### **Gift Aid helps our parish to thrive.**

It's easy to do and there's no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider signing up to Gift Aid – the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate.

#### **Please reflect upon the following:**

- **Do I have an attitude of gratitude for all my blessings?**
- **How am I using my Time, Talent and Treasure to glorify God and benefit my parish community?**
- **Does my financial contribution to the parish match my means with its needs?**
- **When did I last review or increase my giving to the parish?**
- **Do I give efficiently, using Gift Aid if I pay UK tax, to ensure that the parish gets the most out of my contributions?**
- **Do I give regularly, using a Standing Order or Weekly Envelopes?**
- **How can I share my Time and Talents with the parish community?**

After Mass, you will be able to:

- Sign up to share your Time and Talents with the parish.
- Review and Renew the amount you currently give.
- Sign up to Gift Aid your donations if you pay UK tax.
- Make your offering by Standing Order – please bring your bank details (Account number and Sort code).

For more information about giving, see:

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/about-us/parish-giving/>

However you decide to help, we are extremely grateful

### *Parish Events*

#### **Dates for your Diary**

**This Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Mass for Creation, with a blessing of pets. Meet at 4.45pm on the piazza.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm** – Our Lady of Worth, Mass with the school.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – There will be a Parish meeting after mass in the Unity Room, to consider the results of the appeal and any other matters arising.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 4.30pm** – All Saints, Mass with the school.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm** – All Saints Parish Mass.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3:00pm** - Join us to celebrate the joy of Advent at the Worth Abbey Advent Carol Service. Come and sing your favourite carols, listen to the choir and hear inspiring readings. Everyone is welcome and the service will be followed by refreshments.

#### **Altar serving**

New altar servers welcome. Boys and girls, aged 8 – 80.

Contact: Paul.Michael.Westonburt@btinternet.com

Next weekend there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

Help tackle the causes of the global food crisis, so that families can put food on the table.

#### **CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal**

Dear Worth Congregants, please participate in the CAFOD Family Fast Day to be held this autumn on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October by forgoing a meal and donating the money saved to CAFOD's World Food Crisis Appeal. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Environmental changes and war in Europe are creating an existential strain that is reverberating and stressing the weakest points around the world to breaking.

Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Please give this Fast Day or use it as a springboard start a monthly gift to CAFOD. You can collect a paper envelope in The Narthex or donate online by going to [www.cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://www.cafod.org.uk/fastday)

*With gratitude, Kir Bennett Horner, Worth Parish CAFOD Volunteer Representative*

### **St Bernadette retreat**

21st-24th October Cost: £240 per person, single occupancy

The visit of the relics is a very special once in a lifetime event that will provide an opportunity for people, of all ages and backgrounds, to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. You can also book to stay at Worth during this time and learn more about St Bernadette.

Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available.

For more information and to book and pay for your place/s visit W: [www.worth.co.uk](http://www.worth.co.uk) or email E: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) or call T: 01342 710318.

### **Relics of St Bernadette**

The Relic Tour will visit Worth from Sunday 23rd October until the Monday 24th October.

The registration system can be accessed here

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/relics-of-st-bernadette-worth-abbey-23rd-24th-october-2022/>

#### **Schedule for the Visit**

##### **SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER**

*14.00 The Abbey Church Opens to Pilgrims*

**15.00 ARRIVAL OF THE RELICS and LITURGY OF WELCOME**

**15.30 to 18.00 Period of Veneration of the Relics**

18.00 SOLEMN VESPERS (Monastic Evening Prayer)

**18.30 to 20.00 Period of Veneration of the Relics**

20:00 MARIAN CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

**20.00 to 24.00 Period of Veneration of the Relics**

*24.00 The Abbey Church Closes for the Night*

##### **MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**06:00** *The Abbey Church Opens to Pilgrims*

06:15 Matins (Monastic Vigil Office)

07:30 Lauds (Monastic Morning Prayer)

**08.00 to 11.00 Period of Veneration of the Relics**

11:00: MASS with the ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**13.00 to 15.00 Period of Veneration of the Relics**

15:00 Liturgy of the Water

**15.30 to 17.30 Period of Veneration of the Relics**

**17:30 DEPARTURE OF THE RELICS and LITURGY OF FAREWELL**

### **Volunteers for the Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette.**

We would be extremely grateful if you could give up your time to offer us your help and support at this wonderful event, the visit to Worth of the Relics of St Bernadette, 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> October.

We will soon be putting together teams to help with parking and initial welcomers, to help with welcoming and stewarding within the narthex and the church itself, to usher at the Services, to provide refreshments, to provide information, and to offer first aid, if required.

We will be needing volunteers between 12noon and midnight on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and between 8am and 7pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Please could you get in touch if you would like to volunteer and indicate when you could be available during these times. As we hear from our volunteers we will create a schedule. We will share this with you closer to the time, in advance so you have an opportunity to check the times and role allocated to you.

You can volunteer by emailing [kohara@worth.org.uk](mailto:kohara@worth.org.uk) or by calling on 01342 710370 or by completing the volunteer request form on our website at:

**[www.worthabbey.net/visiting/whats-on/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/](http://www.worthabbey.net/visiting/whats-on/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/)**

We will be providing you with a briefing update, either in person or via email prior to the visit. There will be refreshments for volunteers while you are on site.

We will stay in touch and keep you updated but if you have any further questions or would like to discuss the event further please don't hesitate to get in touch. Email us at: [kohara@worth.org.uk](mailto:kohara@worth.org.uk) or Telephone 01342 710370.

Thank you to all those, who have already volunteered. We are extremely grateful and will be in touch very soon.

*Warmest wishes, Worth Abbey Relics of St Bernadette Committee*



## Non-Parish Events

### **World Youth Day 2023**

Booking now open! Join the Diocesan Group attending World Youth Day in 2023 for an experience of fellowship, faith and jolly good fun!

31<sup>st</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023, Lisbon, Portugal

Lisbon2023 is expected to follow the standard schedule of WYD events beginning with an Opening Ceremony and Mass on Tuesday 1 August and concluding with a Papal Mass on Sunday 6 August.

Throughout the week, pilgrims will have opportunities to attend Catechesis, Masses, and Youth

Festival events from concerts and film festivals to Adoration and prayer nights.

The pilgrimage is for anyone aged 18-35, who has a desire to celebrate their faith with like-minded people.

We guarantee there is no other pilgrimage quite like it!

To book your place click here >>>

Email E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for more info.

### **Crawley Campaign against Racism**

Exhibition 2022

Crawley Museum

(The Tree, 103 High Street, RH10 1DD, at traffic lights)

29<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> November

Thursdays – Saturdays 10.30am – 4pm

To counter racism in all its forms, please join

Crawley Campaign Against Racism

[CCAR@mail.com](mailto:CCAR@mail.com)

Facebook – [crawleycar](https://www.facebook.com/crawleycar)

### **Marriage Anniversaries Mass**

**Saturday 8th October 11.30am.**

There are still places available for those who wish to join us for our annual Mass celebrating marriage. The event this year is going to be held at Arundel Cathedral and Bishop Richard will be presiding.

If this year's anniversary is of particular significance for you please do book on the events section of the website or contact Katherine, our Marriage and Family Life Adviser

E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) for further information.

### **Links for Our Common Home**

[Help Reduce Food Waste](#)

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

[Help Reduce Plastic Waste](#)

[Laudato Si' Movement](#)

Please see the link for WSCC for updates on "Put a lid on it", Great Big Green Week events and information on reuse and recycling of walking aids

[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](#)

[Greener Living](#)

## 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** - We regret that we can no longer offer Adoration on Friday evening for the time being. Would any minister of Communion be happy to offer this service for us? Please get in touch.

**Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** - Sundays 08.45am – 09.15am **NEW**  
(Thursday with Exposition has been suspended at the moment due to the building works).

**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 sessions are 28<sup>th</sup> September, 26<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November.

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

**Bible Study Group** – 11.15am on Mondays in Compass House. Please double check with the Parish Office.

### **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](#)

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

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

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



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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.