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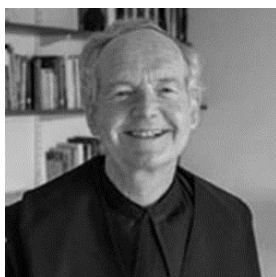
Worth Abbey Parish
A DIVINE RENOVATION PARISH

Welcome to Worth Abbey Parish. I am delighted to share with you the many opportunities we offer, to enable parishioners to live out their faith fully as members of our Worth Community. I hope you can find an activity or group where you feel you belong or can contribute. It would be wonderful if every member of the parish had a network with whom to pray and to socialise. We continue to increase the opportunities for engagement as we accompany each other in our faith journey.

I would ask you to continue to encourage others to get involved with you and to extend a welcome to other people at mass, and especially to those who visit us. After each Mass, please try to speak to someone you do not know. Invite them on Sundays to join you for coffee after Mass.

If anyone reading this is new to the parish, do please introduce yourself after Mass in the Narthex.

Fr Paul



Father Paul Fleetwood
Mobile: 07764 260216

Where are we now?

As a Parish committed to the principles of Divine Renovation we now have further guidance on our journey from both our Diocese and from the Catholic Bishops' Conference. Our plans for our Parish will respond to these key messages and to your feedback. We have regular parish synodal meetings to allow all parishioners to have a voice in parish life. Our new Diocesan Pastoral Plan, The Word Who Is Life, reminds us that all of us, equally and without exception, are called to take part in the mission of the Church in virtue of our baptism.

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Diocesan-Pastoral-Plan-September-2022.pdf>

Using the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales - National Synthesis Document we hope to look at ways in which we can strengthen our own parish in the light of the Synod report.

[https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COPY_02\)&mc_cid=5cd2943540&mc_eid=3584293b4c](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COPY_02)&mc_cid=5cd2943540&mc_eid=3584293b4c)

What is happening in the Parish?

Welcome and creating sense of belonging have been a focus for us since the end of Covid. Why not join the Welcome teams who greet people at the door or help with refreshments after Mass? We would also like to have volunteers who would like to befriend new parishioners and those preparing for sacraments. It is important to have someone to accompany us as we journey in our faith. By accompanying someone on their journey we ourselves build new friendships and can help others to get involved in all aspects of parish life. Look out for after mass refreshments, new parishioner meet up events, family brunch and other social activities where you can meet others and enjoy a Worth Abbey Parish welcome.

Many parishioners have asked questions about faith formation and the opportunities to develop our knowledge and understanding of faith. This is an area which we are developing within the parish. Historically we have had RCIA and sacramental preparation courses. In addition, people can participate in bible study, Lectio Divina and Alpha. We are also very fortunate to have a retreat centre here at Worth Abbey, which offers a variety of courses which include Quiet Fridays, self-directed retreats and residential stays. We understand faith formation is a continuous journey and we are in the process of recruiting catechists for family catechesis if you would like to help with this project or find out more please contact Anna Woodward. We hope to have some dedicated short courses or talks beginning after Easter, news of which will be shared when information becomes available.

Social activities and events have returned. Brunch on the second Sunday of the month and after mass refreshments on the first Saturday of the month are in our calendar with Sunday Parish walks dependent on interest and weather. The parish events group has re-established and are offering us the opportunity to meet for a Curry and Quiz Night. Worth Pilgrims have developed a series of events the next being Easter Sunday Activities for all the family.

Regular Events

Saturday	First Holy Communion Class	mornings	
Sunday	Confessions	8.45 am to 9.15 am	
Sunday	Holy Hour	6.00 pm	
Monday	Bible Study	11.15 am	Compass House
Monday	Rosary Group	7:10 pm to 8:00 pm	
Tuesday	Lectio Divina	8.00 pm	via Zoom
1 st Friday	Vigil for Vocations	8.30 pm to 9.00 pm	

Upcoming Events

15 th January	11 am	Parish Synod Meeting	Unity Room
16 th January	11 am	Bible Study Restarts Letter to the Hebrews	Compass House
17 th January	8 pm	Lectio Divina Restarts	Zoom Meeting
20-22 January		Self-Guided Retreat (£90 pn)	Retreat Centre
21 st January	11am	Day for Ministers of the Word	St Bernadette's Church, Crawley
21 st January		Evening of Reflection	St John the Evangelist, Horsham
25 th January	7pm	Christian Meditation Group	Unity Room
28 th January	9.30	Justice and Peace Assembly	St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
3 rd February	6pm	Curry and Quiz (£7.50)	Compass House
4 th February		new parishioners meet up after mass	
4 th February		refreshments after mass	
5 th February	11am	Parish Synod Meeting	Unity Room
6 th February		Parish Leadership Team Meeting	
6 th February	7.20 pm	Marriage Preparation Session 1	
10 th February	10.15am	Quiet Friday	Retreat Centre
12 th February		New parishioners meet up after mass	
12 th February	11am	Parish Brunch	Compass House
18 th February	11am	Day for Ministers of the Eucharist	Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge
22 nd February	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday mass with ashes	
23 rd February	10 am	Finding Stillness Parish half day retreat	Retreat Centre
25 th February		Rite of Election	Arundel Cathedral
26 th February		Baptisms at Sunday Mass	
6 th March		Parish Leadership Team Meeting	
6 th March	7.20pm	Marriage Preparation Session 2	
10 th March	10.15am	Quiet Friday	Retreat Centre
12 th March		Parish Brunch	
18 th March		Divine Renovation Open House,	Fitzherbert Community Hub, Brighton
29 th March	7 pm	Christian Meditation Group	Unity Room
6 th April		Maundy Thursday	
7 th April		Good Friday	
8 th April		Easter Vigil	
9 th April		Easter Sunday	
9 th April		Celebrate Easter at Worth after mass	
14 th April	10.15am	Quiet Friday	Retreat Centre
23 rd April		Parish Financial Appeal	
26 th April	7 pm	Christian Meditation Group	Unity Room
12 th May	10.15am	Quiet Friday	Retreat Centre
15 th May		Marriage Preparation Session 3	
9 th June	10.15am	Quiet Friday	Retreat Centre
19 th June		Marriage Preparation Session 4	

Please read ***In Touch*** for weekly updates and details of Parish and Diocesan events.

Liturgical Ministries

Worship is at the heart of the parish. Liturgical ministry is being involved with or assisting at Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in one or more of the liturgical ministries.

Altar Servers

This ministry is open to all members of the congregation from the age of eight. Altar servers help the priest during Mass, working together as a team to ensure that all parts of the Mass are well supported. They help to create an atmosphere which supports prayer and worship.

Music and Singing

Music plays an important part in the life of the parish. "To sing is to pray twice." A cantor acts as a music leader, Psalm verse singer, and a general facilitator of the congregation's worship experience. To undertake the ministry of music as a cantor or a member of the consort you need to have good musical knowledge and skill. However, singing is not limited to this and anyone with a good voice who is willing to give time to practise and contribute should contact Ed Dean to express an interest in developing community choral singing.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Although the priest is the only minister of the Eucharist, extraordinary ministers are appointed to distribute Communion when they are required by pastoral need. Any communicant adult can contribute to this ministry. They assist the priest in distributing Communion during Mass and fulfil an important role in taking Communion to the wider parish community. If you know of someone who would like you to visit them with communion or would you like to help at mass when needed, you could become an extraordinary minister.

Junior Church

Junior Church brings the liturgy of the Word alive to children. We have a pre-school group and a group for school aged children. During the sessions they learn the important themes for the mass and develop their understanding of the mass itself. Activities suited to the age of the children are prepared and shared with children and their parents. This is a ministry suited to teenagers and adults who like to work with this age group.

Readers

The Ministry of the Word is a good choice for those who can confidently speak in front of the congregation. To be an effective reader calls for adequate preparation which includes study, prayer and practice. A good reader will speak loudly, clearly and with meaning so that everyone attending the Mass can hear.

Universal Prayers (Intercessions)

Preparing and reading the universal prayers enables individuals within the church to participate more fully by preparing the petitions. Reading the Universal Prayer is often a good first step to becoming a reader.

Youth Church

Those involved in Youth Church understand the need to have some masses, activities and worship which are designed specifically for children and young people. This ministry will suit people who are interested in working with young people and have ideas about activities which will appeal to them.

If you would like to take an active role during the liturgy, please contact the team leaders. We would love to see more people contribute to these ministries so please do not be afraid to come forward. You will be offered appropriate training.

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Youth Church	Father Paul	parish@worth.org.uk

Faith Formation: understanding and deepening our faith

The Church encourages us to continually renew our faith so that we may grow as Christians.

If we are to become the evangelising Church that we are meant to be we need lifelong education, formation and spiritual development. We offer many opportunities to support our developing faith, to take a lead or to join in. Please be assured that we are looking forward to your making contact and taking advantage of these resources, groups and events.

Abbey Bookshop

This is in the Narthex of the Abbey Church and offers a wide and varied selection of religious and spiritual books and greetings cards.

Alpha Experience

We encourage everyone who is part of our parish, to experience Alpha. Alpha provides an insight into hospitality and community life, exposure to the kerygma (proclamation of the gospel message) and group discussion that is welcoming of both newcomers and more established Catholics. Alpha guides people on a journey to a life of discipleship and creates a sense of belonging.

Bible Study

This group meets weekly in Compass House. The group is about to begin reading The Letter to The Hebrews.

All are welcome

Family Catechesis (Children, Youth and Family)

We are beginning to link family faith formation, sacramental preparation and secular activities for families. Please look out for more information as this develops.

House Groups

These meet in Lent and Advent and at other times to discuss issues arising in the wider Church.

Parish Library

This provides a selection of books to enable parishioners to deepen their understanding of their faith. It also has books of devotional readings and some related resources to support academic studies.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process by which a person becomes initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church. The RCIA course is responsive to the needs of the community.

Retreat Centre

We are pleased to be able to offer day and residential retreats led by a member of the Monastic Community or specially selected lay collaborators.

Sacramental Preparation

If you feel you would like to give your time and talents to help children grow in faith, spirituality and their relationship with God you may want to become a Catechist. Catechists are responsible for helping to prepare our children for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. If you are a parent of a child who is ready to prepare for the sacraments, then you will want to enrol them for these classes. Classes take place between September – May.

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Adult Formation	https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/sacraments-faith/adult-formation/	
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	https://worth.co.uk/retreats/retreat-programme-2022/	
Rosary Group	Rachel Davies	rfrmaison@protonmail.com 07801 696 354
Sacramental Preparation	Father Paul	parish@worth.org.uk
	https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/sacraments-faith/sacraments/	

Serving your Parish

Bringing your gifts and talents and a few hours of your time to the parish is a wonderful way to participate in the life of the Church. Volunteering your time and energy is not only important to the growth of the parish but it is also personally rewarding as you see your efforts making a difference to the community. Please come forward and offer your assistance where you think you can be of most help. About hospitality, St Benedict writes "All who arrive as guests are to be welcomed like Christ". The ministry of welcome is a ministry shared by all members of the Worth community as we greet new people and notice when we can offer help.

Church Flowers

Using fresh flowers enhances the beauty and dignity of many celebrations. You can join the rota of a small team of volunteers who do this work, whether you are an expert or not.

Drivers

Drivers Offering a lift to an older or physically less able member of the parish community would be a great blessing for parishioners who might otherwise not be able to get to Mass.

Financial Support

Worth Abbey parish is dependent upon the support and generosity of parishioners. We need people willing to collect money during mass. We need others to count and process income each weekend and we need more people to coordinate Gift Aid. Many parishioners contribute to the parish collections through using Gift Aid envelopes. Donating through Gift Aid means that Worth Abbey Parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. If you can support collections or finances in anyway, Father Paul would appreciate your help.

Parish Events Group

We are delighted this has restarted to allow us to participate in more social events. We look forward to more activities, outings and coffee mornings.

Parish Visiting

"I was sick, and you visited me." Visiting and comforting those who cannot attend Mass due to age or illness is a particularly important part of our Christian duty. When we offer our support to the sick, the elderly, the housebound and those in need, we are living out Jesus' teaching.

Welcome and Hospitality

We need people to offer a warm welcome and guidance at the point people enter the Church. Anyone can volunteer as an **official welcomer** to greet visitors at the door and hand out leaflets. Welcome does not finish there. We also need people to help with tea and coffee after mass. You can join the **9.30 am Mass refreshments** team or the **Vigil Mass refreshments** team. This is a great way to get to know people. Please do not be shy about offering your help! It will all make our parish a more attractive, and more God-centred community.

Sunday Brunch

Come and meet other parishioners and make new friends on the second Sunday of each month. All families are especially welcome. We start at 11 am, after coffee, in Compass House.

Worth Pilgrims

Worth Pilgrims brings together constituent parts of the wider Worth Community. It includes the school, monastery and parish communities both past and present. Through this wider collaboration it is possible to plan a wider range of events and activities for our community.

Worth Stitchers

We meet once a month to repair and make vestments, altar cloths, choir robes and other items for the Abbey Church. Some sewing experience is needed but there is a variety of work to suit all levels of expertise. There is a generous supply of tea, coffee and home-made cakes at each session.

Community Ministries and Participation

Helping our community to grow closer and stronger

Church Flowers	Hilary Lagden	hilarylagden27@gmail.com
Collections and Finance	Fr Paul	parish@worth.org.uk
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Refreshments Sunday 9.30 Mass	Jenny Chapman	jenny_chapman@sky.com
Refreshments Vigil Mass	Meg Rew	megrew@btinternet.com
Sunday Brunch	Abby Chapman	abby@abbychapman.com
Welcome Ministry Sunday 9.30 Mass	Charles McCarthy	charles_mccarthy@hotmail.co.uk
Welcome Ministry Vigil Mass	Carol Morice	carolmorice251@btinternet.com
Worth Pilgrims	Christina Fitzsimons	cfitzs3287@aol.com, 01444 415557
	Sara Barclay-Hudson	sbh0369@yahoo.com, 01444 461236 https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/parish-life/worth-pilgrims/ https://worthabbey.net/monastic-life/discipleship/pilgrims
Worth Stitchers Wednesday 9.30-12.30	Christina Fitzsimons	cfitzs3287@aol.com 01444 415557

Faith in Action: reaching beyond the parish

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/>

The Church is sent to care for those in need, physically, emotionally or spiritually and to work for peace and justice. There are many opportunities, both locally and beyond the parish, to care for the most vulnerable among us.

CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development)

This is an international development charity and the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. CAFOD reaches out to people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture. Support the work of CAFOD and see what you can do differently.

Drivers

You could offer to take donations of clothing etc. to Crawley for the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group, the SVP shop or Refugees Welcome Crawley.

Food Banks

The parish collects donations of non-perishable food for the Crawley SVP and the Haywards Heath Foodbank. Donations can be left in the bin in the porch of the Parish Office or in the baskets which are put out before the 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday and the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

This group supports people detained by immigration. You can help by becoming a visitor, donating clothing, making a regular or one-off financial donation, or joining a Refugee Tales walk.

Refugees Welcome Crawley (RWC)

This group offers welcome and support to refugees, asylum seekers or other migrants who need some extra help to cope with life in a new country. RWC provides household goods and other necessities for newly settled refugees and other vulnerable migrants in need. Donations of clothes, shoes, toiletries and other essential items are very much appreciated.

Traidcraft

Worth is a 'Fair Trade' parish. By buying direct from Traidcraft, rather than from a supermarket, we are contributing to the continuation of the wider work of Traidcraft.

The Traidcraft stall is open in the Narthex, after Mass every Sunday and on the first Saturday of each month in the Unity Room. Volunteers and customers are all welcome.

Worth Pro-Earth (WPE)

Pope Francis states that "We are stewards, not masters of our earth. Each of us has a responsibility to care for the precious gift of God's creation." Climate change is harming vulnerable communities throughout the world. Members of the Worth Pro-Earth group try to enact Pope Francis' vision of widespread ecological conversion and care for God's creation.

Worth Uganda Friendship Charity

In 2006 our parish formed a firm link with Irundu, a parish in Uganda where excellent facilities have been provided. Worth Uganda Friendship now supports Running Well, a charity providing communities in remote and deprived parts of Uganda with clean water.

Social Action

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/>

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Cafod.org.uk

Support the work of CAFOD and find out what you can do differently.

Drivers	Fr Paul	parish@worth.org.uk
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Food Banks	Crawley SVP Haywards Heath
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Please leave donations at the door before Mass.

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

https://www.gdwg.org.uk

RWC	rwcchair@gmail.com
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https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/refugees/

Refugees Welcome Crawley need clothes and other donations for refugees and asylum seekers.

Traidcraft	Caroline Howells	singapore.girl@hotmail.co.uk 07905 394269
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https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/traidcraft/

The Traidcraft stall is open in the Narthex, after Mass every Sunday and on the first Saturday of each month.

Worth Pro-Earth	Alan Rew	cdsploermel@gmail.com
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https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/worth-pro-earth/

Worth-Uganda Friendship	Paul Ambridge	pambridge@worth.org.uk
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https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/parish-life/african-friendship/

Parish Leadership Team

The Parish Leadership Team reflects the leadership model guided by Divine Renovation. Each member of the team is responsible for one or more ministries within the parish. Leaders from other parish groups routinely join the team meeting to share and develop their work and ministries within the parish. The current team members are:

Jenny Chapman

Bible Study-Lectio Divina-Sunday Mass Refreshments

Rachel Davies

Junior Church-First Holy Communion Catechist

Christie Grieve

Welcome-Alpha-Refreshments-Family Catechesis

Kir Horner

CAFOD-Young People-Developing World

Ann and Charles McCarthy

9.30am Sunday Mass-Marriage Courses-Alpha Courses-Welcome Ministry-Safeguarding

Carol Morice

5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Meg Rew

Parish Website-Facebook-Bookshop

Leonora Van Assche

Young People-Ecology-Worth Pro Earth

Anna Woodward

Coordinator of Family Catechesis

More details can be found at: <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/parish-life/parish-leadership-team/>

Parish Giving

If you would like to find out more about Parish Giving or if you would like to make a financial contribution to the Parish, you can find out more at

www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/about-us/parish-giving/

We now have proximity card reader in the Narthex and at the East door.

You can also use this QR code to make payments.

Any cheques should be made payable to **Worth Abbey Parish**

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions.



Mass Times

Saturday	9.00 am (Concelebrated)
	5.00 pm (First Mass of Sunday)
Sunday	9.30 am (Concelebrated), 8.00 pm (Worth School)
Daily Mass	5.30 pm (Concelebrated)
Holy Days of Obligation	
Vigil Mass	7.30 pm
Feast Day	5.30 pm and 7.30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours

The monks of Worth Abbey gather five times a day, from Matins early in the morning to Compline at the end of the day. If you would like to attend please see the Abbey website for times.

<https://worthabbey.net/monastic-life/liturgy/>

Live Streaming

Masses and liturgy of the hours can be viewed online please see the website for details.

Contact Us

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Secretary	Maria Stribbling 01342 710313 available 9.15am to 1.15pm Mon-Fri

If you would like anything to appear in our weekly newsletter, ***In Touch***, please contact Maria Stribbling at parish@worth.org.uk, by Wednesday 10am. This is sent to parishioners by email and is available in the Narthex. If you have not been receiving your copy, please contact Maria Stribbling.

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.

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