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Pentecost (year A)
27th / 28th May 2023
No: 1340

Dear Parishioners

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

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, when we remember and thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit, who gives birth to the Church and nourishes all life and all love, Himself the life and love of God.

We offer a few lines of a homily by Pope Francis on the gift of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit wants us to be together; he makes us Church and he teaches the Church how to walk. The disciples were cowering in the Upper Room; the Spirit then came down and made them go forth. Without the Spirit, they were alone, by themselves, huddled together. With the Spirit, they were open to all. In every age, the Spirit overturns our preconceived notions and opens us to his newness. God, the Spirit, is always new! He constantly teaches the Church the vital importance of going forth, impelled to proclaim the Gospel. The importance of our being, not a secure sheepfold, but an open pasture where all can graze on God's beauty. He teaches us to be an open house without walls of division. The worldly spirit drives us to concentrate on our own problems and interests, on our need to appear relevant, on our strenuous defence of the nation or group to which we belong. That is not the way of the Holy Spirit. He invites to forget ourselves and to open our hearts to all. In that way, he makes the Church grow young. We need to remember this: The Spirit rejuvenates the Church. Not us and our efforts to dress her up a bit. For the Church cannot be "programmed" and every effort at "modernization" is not enough. The Spirit liberates us from obsession with emergencies. He beckons us to walk his paths, ever ancient and ever new, the paths of witness, poverty and mission, and in this way, he sets us free from ourselves and sends us forth into the world.

Please pray for the renewal of our parish by the gift of the Spirit. Please pray that we should be courageous enough to take risks, to be open, and to be generous.

Meanwhile, this week is appointed **Laudato Si Week**, remembering the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' great encyclical on Care for Our Common Home. Some of you will remember that we showed the film, *The Letter*, about a group of people from around the world who were active in the protection of the environment. Do please see their website to follow their celebrations, and for another chance to see the very moving film which was made with the collaboration of Pope Francis: <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

I send you my very best wishes. Fr Paul



Prayers

May, the month of Mary – “I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home in the month of May”. With these words of Pope Francis from a few years ago in our minds, CAFOD invite you to join in praying the rosary with their special reflections on the joyful, luminous and sorrowful mysteries. They also have resources to help you share the rosary with your children.

[Pray the Rosary](#)

We are asked to pray for vocations over this month, leading up to Pentecost.

Pentecost – Read about the variety of Spiritual gifts that make the Church (1 Cor 12:3-13) and pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on our diocese, to produce many vocations.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Peter and Antee Greene, Fred Green, Hugh Hurdman, Severina and Norbert D’Souza and Laura Rawlinson.

A prayer for Pope Francis

Please pray for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in thanksgiving for all he has done for our Church, and that he may have the strength and courage to complete the task which God has given him.

Almighty God, look kindly on your servant Pope Francis.

You invited him to shepherd your flock. Guide and protect him in his daily work.

Inspire him in your ways to embrace Church unity.

A prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know, not death, but life, not slavery, but freedom

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace, not war

Amen

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Eloise Powell, Jo Wetz, Gareth Belcher, Liz Axbey, Patrick Wilson, Yolanda Harton, Jane Allison, Mary Payne, Ethne Atkins, Jacques Van Heusen, Philip Hughes, Margaret Calloway, Paddy Tritton, Mabel Pronger and Dom Bernard Moss

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Acts 1:12-14 or Gen 3:9-15, 20 John 19:25-34 (**Mary, Mother of the Church**)

Tuesday – Sir 35:1-12 Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday – Zeph 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Luke 1:39-56 (**The visitation of our Lady**)

Thursday – Sir 42:15-25 Mark 10:46-52 (**St Justin**)

Friday – Sir 44:1, 9-13 Mark 11:11-26

Saturday – Sir 51:12cd-20 Mark 11:11-26

Next Sunday’s Readings: **The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)**

1st Reading – Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

God send his Son, so that through him the world might be saved.

Parish Events

Holy Communion under the species of bread alone.

After consultation, we have decided that at Worth Abbey we shall for the time being continue to offer Holy Communion under the species of bread alone.

See, Catechism of the Catholic Church (1377) '*Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts*'.

And (CCC 1390) '*Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace.*

For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite'.

We shall continue to monitor the advice offered by Public Health England, and the guidance offered by our Bishops, as well as local practice in the Diocese.

The reception of Holy Communion on the tongue

During the pandemic, the practice of receiving holy communion on the tongue was discontinued. As we return to normal, we shall now adopt the practice of restoring this option at communion during mass.

In common with many parishes across the diocese **we ask that those who wish to receive holy communion on the tongue come forward at the end of the communion procession.**

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 27th May – There will be no morning mass.

Sunday 28th May – *Offertory & Eucharistic Prayer – the church exists to pray it.* 11am in the Unity Room with Fr David

Sunday 4th June – *Eucharistic Communion – sharers in Christ's divinity – for the world.* 11am in the Unity Room with Fr David.

Sunday 11th June – Parish Brunch, after mass in Compass House

Sunday 2nd July – Parish Picnic, after mass.

House groups

- The Wednesday small group will be meeting for 4 weeks in **June, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th**, in St. Benedict's at 2pm. We will be taking a look at the practice of Lectio Divina, the What, Why, Who and the How. If anyone would like to join us please contact Jenny Chapman at jenny_chapman@sky.com, or Fr. Paul at the Parish office.
- Mark and Charlie Tibble will host another house group gathering on **Friday 26th May from 7.30pm**. All welcome, cheese and biscuits and a chance to get to know your Worth parish. Text or phone Charlie on 07845956243 to confirm.

Altar Servers Needed

Parishioners aged 8 – 80 are invited to join the Worth Abbey altar serving team.

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

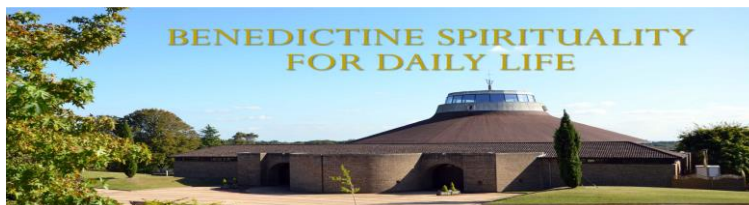
Sunday 25th June

We are hosting at Worth a visit by members of Refugees Welcome Crawley, and families who they support. We would like some volunteers to help to welcome them, and perhaps help organise games with the children, etc. The day will be very informal, starting at 12 noon, and will include a picnic.

If you can help, please get in touch.

Thank you.

Benedictine Spirituality for Daily Life



You are invited to an afternoon of events exploring the richness of Benedictine Spirituality on Saturday 24th June, 1-4 pm at Worth Abbey.

The afternoon starts with Midday Prayer at 1 pm followed by a talk by Abbot Mark and ends with Benediction at 3.30 pm. There will be several sessions including silent prayer (led by Father Luke), Lectio Divina (led by Father Martin) and a talk by Katie Grey on how the teachings of St Benedict have influenced her life. There is also an opportunity to go on a guided walk with Father David to the Quiet Garden.

Families are welcome – there will be activities for children. Complimentary refreshments.

There is a charge of **£5** to cover expenses, including excellent tea and cake!

To reserve your place: <https://worthconnecting.org.uk/events/stbenedict>

For more information please contact Kelly O'Hara: pilgrims@worth.org.uk

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

If you enjoy baking, we would be very grateful for donations of cakes for the St Benedict afternoon on Saturday June 24th.

We wish to offer a warm welcome and our Benedictine hospitality.

Please contact: Christina Fitzsimons, cfitzs3287@aol.com, 01444 415557.

Worth Abbey Event

Time Out: Individual self-guided retreats –26th–30th June and 1st -6th August.

Cost: £90 per person, per night, minimum booking 2 nights.

Spend time at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than the monastic liturgy, to which you are warmly invited and an optional daily Lectio Divina session. There is also opportunity meet with a monk for reconciliation or a chat.

Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment.

For further information please contact T:01342 710318, E:retreats@worth.org.uk or W: worth.co.uk

CAFOD

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that “Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.”

For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

Non-Parish Events

Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers

At Arundel Cathedral **6th – 8th June**. View the famous Carpet of Flowers and witness the extraordinary procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral to Arundel Castle.

6th June: watch the Carpet of Flowers being laid. 7th June: view the completed Carpet (9.30am-7pm).

8th June, 5.30pm: Mass with Bishop Richard followed by the procession & Benediction.

Find out more [here](#).

CIFN event

The Society of Friends. If you are able, you are welcome to join us for a Crawley Inter Faith Network activity which takes place at: The Friends Meeting House 5 Langley Lane Ifield Crawley RH11 0NB on **Thursday 29th June** at 7.30pm

The event will provide the opportunity to join with other community groups in gathering at the Quaker place of worship, situated in the Ifield neighbourhood of Crawley, a Seventeenth Century building, one of the oldest purpose-built Friends Meeting Houses in the World. We will share its story and savour the history and beliefs of the community that meets there regularly.

The event will conclude with a further sharing in a cup of tea, biscuits and a chat.

Latest from Sudan conflict

Families are running out of food and thousands of people have fled their homes following the outbreak of violence last month. The head of CAFOD's work in Africa describes how you can help.

[Find out more](#)

Engaged Couples Mass at Arundel Cathedral

Friday 16th June at 7pm. Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage.

Join us afterwards for a small drinks' reception in the Cathedral Centre. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. For further information and to book, please go to the Diocesan website event calendar or click on the link:

[Mass for Engaged Couples](#)

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning

Saturday 17th June, 11.30am-1pm at St Gabriel's Church hall, Billingshurst

You are invited to join Bishop Richard for an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis. The morning includes a short talk on the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme.

Please sign up here [Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning](#)

Any questions please contact Tessa Ricketts, Caritas Social Action Network Adviser E: Tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim & St Anne

Mass & Afternoon Tea - Saturday 22 July 2023
2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral

Pope Francis calls us to this annual celebration for Grandparents and the more senior members of our community.

Please sign up here: [The Feast of St Joachim and St Anne](#)

Any questions please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Eucharistic Celebration for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People

3rd June at 1pm, St John the Evangelist, Horsham, RH12 2PJ.

Fr Ian Byrne will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 12 noon before a Signed Mass at 1pm (Masses take place on the first Saturday of each month - except August).

To find out more please email Maria Booker [here](#).

Arundel Cathedral 150th Anniversary

Concert Series, **8th July** at 1pm. Enjoy a wonderful Saturday lunch time concert in a beautiful cathedral setting. Enjoy music for Strings and Voices featuring pieces by Bach, Elgar, and Mendelssohn. Everyone is very welcome - booking is not required.

Refugee Tales

The organisers of Refugee Tales write: "**Can you make cakes? Will you help?**"

We are looking for people to make cakes for our hungry walkers in July. We need cakes/biscuits for the end of each walking day and also wrapped flapjacks, cake or biscuits to put in packed lunches. If you like gluten free or vegan baking, we'd love gluten free batches and vegan too... We have 120 walkers each day, but even if you can make bakes for a fraction of the walkers, it means we have less to find elsewhere. Thanks so much if you can help. Do you know anyone who'd love to show solidarity and can't walk with us but who does love baking? Please ask them to be in touch with Frances who is co-ordinating the cakes we're receiving (frances@gdwg.org.uk) THANK YOU in advance for your help.

Arundel Cathedral Discovery Day

30th September, 12.30pm-5pm (free). With its stunning architecture, beautiful stained glass, mighty organ and renowned choir, Arundel Cathedral has much to offer. Discover how it was built, make prayer doves, and experience chorister life. Children 6+ can take part in a short concert at the end of the day.

[Click here](#) to register.

Links for Our Common Home

[Help Reduce Food Waste](#) [Greenpeace 101 ideas to live more sustainably](#)

[Help Reduce Plastic Waste](#) [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](#) [Greener Living](#)

[CAFOD climate crisis campaign](#)

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 volunteers:

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

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

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

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 8pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman

jenny_chapman@sky.com

Christian Meditation Group - 7.00pm in the Unity Room, please contact Richard by email

rbrownd1@gmail.com **Next Dates** - 31st May, 28th June and 26th July.

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

Bible Study Group - 11.15am on Mondays in Compass House. Please contact Jenny Chapman.



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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: Charles and Ann McCarthy Email – sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk

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.