



In Touch

Journeying Together:

Collaboration

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Co-Responsibility

Twelfth Sunday in OT (year A)

24th / 25th June 2023

No: 1344

Dear Parishioners,

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

I write this week to tell you about our new Family Catechism programme which we will launch in September.

All the research into the transmission of faith shows that constant accompaniment, parental support and a sense of belonging to the Parish community leads to young people growing and staying in a relationship with the Lord. To that end, we have devised a series of groups that will offer sessions for families to attend, and these will replace Sacramental Preparation courses as we currently know them. This is in line with recommendations from the Diocesan Youth Adviser. (Please see the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, *The Word Who Is Life*, #7, *A Renewed Vision of Catechesis - [The word who is life](#)*)

I would like to say a huge thank you to the working group who have been involved in pulling all of this together, as well as the volunteers who have stepped forward to be a part of this exciting new project, all under the direction of Lizzie Wakeling, the Diocesan Youth Adviser, to whom we owe our very grateful thanks. I ask everyone to pray for the success of this venture as we move forward.

The pathway includes our wonderful Parish brunches (to which everyone is invited), thanks to Abby Chapman and her excellent team, as well as three new groups:

All Saints-A group for 6-9-year olds and their families which will replace the First Holy Communion Programme as we know it. This will enable children to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist when they are spiritually ready, rather than when they are in a particular academic year.

Inspired-A youth group that will allow 12-16-year olds to discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and which will give parents the support they need to be able to respond to some of the bigger questions they may be asking. This group will replace the Confirmation programme, allowing young people to receive the Sacrament when they feel called to respond to the Lord by saying yes to this significant milestone in their faith journey.

We hope to launch the third group, **Faith Alive, for 9-12-year olds**, with their families, next year. This group will offer them an opportunity to learn about putting their faith into action, as well as well as enabling them to grow in friendship with other young Catholics. The sessions will involve fun and games for the children, as well as an opportunity to explore prayer.

If anyone is interested in helping out with any of these groups, do please get in touch as there is always room for anyone who has a passion for passing on our faith. Training and support will be provided by the Diocesan Youth Adviser.

If you would like to speak with members of the team please meet them in the narthex after mass on July, 2nd, before we all launch into our picnics.

Thank you again to all those involved in the process so far. We depend on your skill and generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for Ann Shanahan, who died recently, and for Patrick, her husband and for her family.

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

Please pray for Peace and Justice between Israel and Palestine.

A prayer for Refugees

God of all humanity

We are one body, different parts, one family, spread throughout the world.

We feel one hurt as war and injustice force loved ones apart.

Living Christ, work through us, as we open our hearts to all those in need

So that there may be one hope, one joy, one welcome in you.

Amen.

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 – Mary Carling, Valerie Maitland, Bert White, Fr Charles Hallinan, Rudi Weisweiller, Lesley Sayward, Dom Edward Cruise, Jim Higgins and Setna McQuillan
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**

Daily Readings

Monday – Gen 12:1-9 Matt 7:1-5

Tuesday – Gen 13:2, 5-18 Matt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday – Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 Matt 7:15-20 (**St Irenaeus**)

Thursday – Acts 12:1-11 2Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 Matt 16:13-19 (**SS Peter & Paul**)

Friday – Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Matt 8:1-4

Saturday – Gen 18:1-15 Matt 8:5-17

Next Sunday's Readings: **Thirteenth Sunday in OT (Year A)**

1st Reading – 2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16 2nd Reading – Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it

In Touch Holiday

Next weekend, 1st/2nd July, will be our last in touch for a while.

(Please keep an eye out for "In Brief", which will be a small fortnightly edition during the summer)

Fr Paul will also be on holiday from 3rd July – 18th July

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 29th June – St Peter and St Paul – Holy day of Obligation.
Parish mass at 7.30pm

Sunday 16th July – Parish Brunch in Compass House after mass at 11am

Next Weekend there will be a Second Collection for "Peter's Pence"

Peter's Pence are donations made directly to the Holy See.

The practice began under the Saxons in England and spread throughout Europe.

House groups

- The Wednesday small group will be meeting on **28th June**, 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 7th July 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.



Parish Picnic

Sunday 2nd July - Parish Picnic, after mass.



May we all make a big effort to invite anyone who is on his or her own to join their group? Imitate the Feeding of the Five Thousand!

If the weather is hot, please feel free to bring your picnic from your car into the narthex and leave in an alcove.

Monastery Holiday Period

Between 3rd and 31st July (inclusive)

**Sunday Mass will be celebrated as usual, 5.00pm Saturday, 9.30am Sunday.
(There will be no live streaming except for the parish masses).**

A said Monastic Office and daily Conventual Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel, at the following times:

Lauds (Morning Prayer) 8.00am Weekday Mass 5.30pm (Saturday 9.00am)
Vespers (Evening Prayer) 6.45pm

Many thanks to everyone who generously gives to the food bank through the bins by the church doors at the weekend. Unfortunately, it seems that the magpies are also keen about this! They are especially attracted by bright colourful wrappers; so, may we suggest that you place your gifts in plain paper bags before leaving them in the bin? Thank you very much.

From the organisers of
Refugee Week.

[Refugee Week](#)

Catechesis Group 2023-2024 (RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

In September we are starting a new **RCIA group** for those planning to be received into the Catholic Church. The aim of the group is to give an overview of Church teaching, some in-depth exploration of doctrine, and formation in the basic aspects of Christian living. The group will be led by Geoff Chapman, and will follow a course called *Sycamore*, a very helpful series of high-quality videos that give a good balance between input and group discussion. Each session is 60 to 90 minutes long, and the course will run weekly, during school term time, from September through to Easter. The group is informal and discussion based and is a great way to get to know people in the Parish better.

In previous years, we have also found that the course is very suitable for anyone who is exploring the Catholic faith, even if they are not sure about becoming Catholic, as well as Catholics who wish to grow in their understanding. This extra participation is also very helpful for those who are in RCIA, so we would encourage to come along to support them if you have the time.

If you are interested in joining, whether for RCIA or just to explore the Catholic faith more deeply, please contact Geoff by email at gchapman@worth.org.uk, or by phone on 01342 710273, or [meet him after mass in the narthex](#).

Diocesan Catechists' Day

23rd September, 10.30am - 4pm at Worth School.

A day of formation, prayer and conversation for existing catechists (Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage and RCIA) or those interested in exploring this vocation. [Click here](#) to register your free place.

For more information, please [contact our Formation Adviser Jon Harman](#)

Non-Parish Events

Help Peru's isolated communities

Peru's lawmakers are about to vote on a new law that could cause a genocide in the Amazon. This hellish proposal has a target: the sacred lands of isolated Indigenous communities, **who are unaware of the danger surrounding them.**

Backed by miners, loggers and oil lobbyists, if this law passes, it could strip these isolated communities' of their land rights, and create a new wave of invasions, destruction, violence and deadly viruses.

We need to act. Fast!

Indigenous leaders from across the country have taken their plea to the press, organising protests and lobbying lawmakers. But they fear this won't be enough to stop the law. Now, they have asked our help to make this global -- hoping that a groundswell of support from global voices could tip the scales in their favour.

Let's answer their call -- add your voice now, and let's shield these communities from this hellish onslaught. [Sign the petition here](#)

Crawley Interfaith Network (CIFN)

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.

See the activities page: <https://www.crawleyinter-faith.com>

CIFN Facebook page (20+) Crawley Interfaith Network | Facebook and the CIFN WhatsApp group.

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

GDWG is a small Crawley charity, helps people detained in two immigration removal centres at Gatwick Airport. Volunteers visit detained people, and the charity provides emotional and practical support. Refugee

Tales is an outreach project of the charity that raises awareness of detention through walks and four published books. Since 2015, Refugee Tales walkers have walked in solidarity with refugees and detained people. They have been met with kindness and hospitality every step of the way.

Taking Chaucer's great poem of journeying as a model - established writers and people with lived experience of detention share their tales with local communities at evening events at the end of each day of walking. They enjoy live performances from renowned musicians. From Saturday 8th - Wednesday 12th July, Refugee Tales walker's journey from Three Bridges to Worthing.

There will be a FREE public evening event in Haywards Heath at 7pm on Saturday 8th July at the Hub Theatre, Haywards Heath College, Harlands Rd Haywards Heath RH16 1LT where writer Haifa Zangara will read a tale alongside a tale by a person who is an expert by experience and music by local Kora player Jali Mbye plus folk musician Greg Russell.

Here's the link to book: [An evening with refugee tales](#) and full information is on the website: www.refugeetales.org

All money raised by the walk goes towards the charity, GDWG, so that support can continue for people in Gatwick Immigration Removal Centres and post-detention. This support includes weekly visits from Volunteer Visitors, phone credit to ensure detained people can contact their friends and family, clothes, referrals to lawyers and other organisations, and supermarket vouchers for people released into destitution. The funds also support the charity to continue inviting previously detained people on Refugee Tales walks and to keep working towards a future without detention.

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](#) Grow Wild Newsletter – [grow wild uk news](#)

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~~ **(There will be no Exposition in July)**

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** – 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.

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Fleetwood (Mobile: 07764 260216)

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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

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.

Worth Abbey Parish is committed to safer recruitment. Arundel and Brighton Diocese and Worth Abbey Parish are committed to safeguarding all children and vulnerable groups at risk within its community. The Diocese aims to embed a culture of safeguarding to prevent abuse and to provide support to individuals who have been hurt by abuse, taking the necessary actions to reduce the likelihood of further harm.

Our Worth Abbey Parish Safeguarding Reps are Charles and Ann McCarthy
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