



In Touch

Journeying Together:

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Thirteenth Sunday in OT (year A)

1st / 2nd July 2023

No: 1345

Dear Parishioners

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

The holiday season fast approaches, and I hope that you will all enjoy a good rest with your families and friends when the moment comes. The monastic community will be enjoying a more relaxed timetable from July 3rd until the end of the month, with half of the community away for two weeks from 3rd, and then the others from 17th July. I will be away in the first fortnight, pedalling my bicycle around Normandy and sampling the many good things which the region offers and generally living off the fat of the land. Please pray for my energy levels, and also discretion with the wine and the cider. If anyone should need a visit from a priest while I am away, please contact Maria in the office, who will pass on your message to one of my companions in the monastery. (She is here in the mornings on weekdays.) During July we will be offering a slightly reduced public liturgy. The two parish masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning will be celebrated in the usual way, but during the week we will offer only morning and evening prayer, at 8 am and 6.45 pm, daily mass at 5.30 pm and Saturdays at 9am. These will be in the Lady chapel, and will be said. There will be no streaming of these prayers.

Meanwhile, we look forward to the Parish Picnic after mass on Sunday. Do please join us. Bring your picnic furniture if you will be more comfortable on a chair than on the ground! And do please be inclusive, and invite anyone who is not in a group to join yours.

Before the picnic begins there will be an opportunity to speak with the team who will be running the new Family Catechesis which begins in September. As I outlined last week, this will embrace the family as a whole, with groups for parents as well as for children, and eventually will offer meetings for every age. Please pray for the success of this new venture, and for all those who are generously involved in running it.

This new approach to catechesis has been proposed by Bishop Richard in the new Diocesan Pastoral Plan [The word who is life](#). Bishop Richard will be discussing this with the teams of the various parishes of our deanery in early July. If you would like to send comments about it, do please pass them on to Charles McCarthy.

I send my best wishes to you all. Fr Paul

Please see our new webpage for Families, Faith and Friendship

[Family Catechism](#)



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 – Anthony Holland, Mitch Rozum, Charles Thompson, Roy Robinson, Stephen Ray, Jeannine Hall, William Gittins, John Mayne, Roger Talbot, Brian Hawkins, Valerie Bailey, Monica Perkins, Roger Nangle Vaughan, Daniel Heggerty, Alan Hook, Beatrice Blackaller, Tony Howes, John Fawls, Eddie Dolman, Eileen O'Dwyer, Jennie Manktelow and Lilian Baker.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Eph 2:19-22 John 20:24-29 (**St Thomas**)

Tuesday – Gen 19:15-29 Matt 8:23-27

Wednesday – Gen 21:5, 8-20a Matt 8:28-34

Thursday – Gen 22:1b-19 Matt 9:1-8

Friday – Gen 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67 Matt 9:9-13

Saturday – Gen 27:1-5, 15-29 Matt 9:14-17

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

1st Reading – Zechariah 9:9-10 2nd Reading – Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children

In Touch Holiday

This 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

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

This Weekend there is a Second Collection for "Peter's Pence"

Next Weekend there will be a Second Collection for "Sea Sunday"

A day set aside to remember and pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work.

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.

Junior Church

The Last session will be 23rd July and will resume again on 10th September.

House groups

- The Wednesday small group that takes place in St. Benedict's at 2pm will now take a summer break. The group will resume later in the year.
- 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. If anyone needs help carrying picnic furniture, please tell Fr Paul.

Congratulations to the CAFOD Car Wash team who raised **£160** for CAFOD.
Thank you to everyone who took part.



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

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](#)

Safeguarding Training. Creating A Safer Environment

Please note to whom this is directed, and sign up for one session, on Zoom, as below.

This training is aimed at PSR's, Group Leaders, and Coordinators of activities in Parishes, who also need to know the elements of our Creating a Safer Environment Policy.

Email Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk to register.

- Thursday 10th August 14:00-15:30
- Wednesday 16th August 19:00-20:30
- Wednesday 6th September 10:00-11:30
- Wednesday 11th October 10:00-11:30
- Thursday 26th October 14:00-15:30
- Tuesday 7th November 19:00-20:30

Non-Parish Events

Sounds of Italy

A concert of music by Italian composers. On **Saturday 8th July** at 7.30pm at Hazelwick School, Main Hall, Hazelwick School Close, Crawley, RH10 1SX.

Phoenix Choir of Crawley with The Phoenix Sinfonia present, *Messa di Gloria* by Puccini. With opera choruses, Arias and Instrumental works by Verdi, Puccini, Donizetti and Mascagni.

Tickets £15 in advance or £16 on the door (under 16s free).

Phone or text 07821 872666 or contact via www.phoenixchoircrawley.org

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: 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. **The last group session will be on 31st July, and will then take a break until 11th September.**

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.~~
The last session for Bible Study will be 17th July and will resume on 11th September.

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

Parish Office Email: parish@worth.org.uk **Parish Office Tel:** 01342 710313 **Parish Website:** www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk

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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