



# In Brief

Journeying Together:

Collaboration

Co-operation

Co-Responsibility

Fifteenth Sunday in OT (year A)

15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in OT (year A)

22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

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*This is your fortnightly update of Parish News*

Dear Parishioners

Welcome to your first edition of *In Brief*, which we will be issuing each fortnight during the summer holidays. I hope that this will help you to stay in touch with events in the parish and elsewhere.

I would like to draw your attention to the recent judgement by the High Court concerning the government's proposals to send those who reach our shores in small boats to Rwanda. They have declared this to be illegal. They conclude: *The deficiencies in the asylum system in Rwanda are such that there are substantial grounds for believing that there is a real risk that persons sent to Rwanda will be returned to their home countries where they faced persecution or other inhumane treatment, when, in fact, they have a good claim for asylum. In that sense Rwanda is not a "safe third country"*. Please see the judgement:

<https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/AAA-v-SSHD-summary-290623.pdf>

We are also encouraged to write to our MPs to vote against the government's proposal to challenge this decision. Please see CAFOD's appeal :

[Ask your MP to oppose the Bill](#)

This is in accord with the constant Christian, and Jewish, tradition of protection for strangers. I send my very best wishes and my prayers, and hope that you are enjoying the holiday season with your families.

Yours. Fr Paul

## **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 – (For 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Please pray for the Souls of** – Bob Mabey, Lilla Bethune, William Kibble, Ben Fielder, Julia Harvey, Dick Norman, John Palmer, Mary Relfe, Henrietta Landon, Sidney Hoare, Henry Surtees, Dom Fabian Glencross, Betty Rochfort, John Southam, Susan Chitty and Jack Holcombe.

### **Anniversaries – (For 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> July)**

**Please pray for the Souls of** – Maggie Lane, Bill Glass, Alan Harris, Joe O'Connell, Eleanor Gibson, John Ellis, Stephane Dewey, Frank Robinson, John Marklew, Charles Stonor, Lily Frankton and Oscar William Jefferies.

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

### **Daily Readings – w/c – 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Monday – Exod 1:8-14, 22 Matt 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday – Exod 2:1-15a Matt 11:20-24

Wednesday – Exod 3:1-6, 9-12 Matt 11:25-27

Thursday – Exod 3:13-20 Matt 11:28-30

Friday – Exod 11:10 – 12:14 Matt 12:1-8

Saturday – Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 John 20:1-2, 11-18 **(St Mary Magdalene)**

### **Daily Readings – w/c – 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Monday – Exod 14:5-18 Matt 12:38-42

Tuesday – 2 Cor 4:7-15 Matt 20:20-28 **(St James)**

Wednesday – Exod 16:1-5, 9-15 Matt 13:1-9 **(SS Joachim and Anne)**

Thursday – Exod 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Matt 13:10-17

Friday – Exod 20:1-17 Matt 13:18-23

Saturday – Exod 24:3-8 John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

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

1st Reading – Wisdom 12:13, 16-19      2nd Reading – Romans 8:26-27

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-43

**Let them both grow till the harvest**

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

1st Reading – 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12      2nd Reading – Romans 8:28-30

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52

**He sells everything he owns and buys the field**

*Parish Events*

**Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Parish Brunch in Compass House after mass at 11am

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** - Diocesan Catechists' Day - 10.30am - 4pm at Worth School.

**Monastery Holiday Period**

*Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:gchapman@worth.org.uk), or by phone on 01342 710273, or meet him after mass in the narthex.

**Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG)**

*"We would be grateful if you could kindly help with the collection of clothing for people in detention centres. Due to the hot weather, we have received a lot of requests from detainees, but unfortunately our clothing store has run out of everything. If you can help with any of the below it would be greatly appreciated"*

T-shirts, Joggers, Trainers (mostly size 8-9)  
Track suits, Jumpers, Shorts, Trousers and Jeans.

Contact Nasima Karimi on [nasima@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:nasima@gdwg.org.uk)

### 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

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Secretary: Maria Stribbling, available 9.15am-1.15pm Mon-Fri

Night time emergencies only: 01342 710331

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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.

## 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.

**Last rosary group will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> July. (This will resume on 11<sup>th</sup> September).**

**Lectio Divina** – Tuesday evenings at 8pm 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 Date – 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Last bible study session will be on 24<sup>th</sup> July. (This will resume on 11<sup>th</sup> September).**



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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