

Jubilee Year 2025



Pilgrims of Hope

# In Touch

Palm Sunday (Year C)  
12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
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*Dear Parishioners,*

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

*On Palm Sunday, we recall how Jesus entered Jerusalem—the “City of Peace.” But the peace he brings is not political or strategic. It is deeper, more lasting: a peace grounded in God’s mercy and truth. Three decades before Jesus’ Passion, the angels sang, “Peace on earth,” at his birth. Now, as he enters Jerusalem, we look to him for “Peace, just as in heaven.” This peace is shaped by God’s action and presence in the world—a peace that unsettles, because it threatens the interests of those who cling to control and domination. This was true then, and it remains true today.*

*I offer some words of Pope Francis in meditation on the meaning of Palm Sunday. In his Palm Sunday message last year, Pope Francis drew our attention to the King of Peace: “Jesus entered Jerusalem as a humble and peaceful king. Let us open our hearts to him. Only he can deliver us from enmity, hatred, and violence, because he is mercy and the forgiveness of sins.”*

*This Holy Week, I invite you to open your hearts and pray for peace—true peace. Peace in heaven, yes, but also on earth. Let us remember especially our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, Lebanon, Sudan and South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, and Myanmar—still reeling from a devastating earthquake in the midst of civil war.*

*St Luke’s account of the Passion (Luke 22:14–23:56) focuses on and proclaims Jesus’ innocence. Though condemned as a false messiah and disturber of the peace, Luke shows that Jesus is, in fact, the true Messiah—and the peace he brings is not enforced by the sword, but rooted in love. His kingdom is not one of domination, unlike some rulers whose exercise of authority is to lord power over others. His kingdom is one of service and reconciliation. Disciples who reached for their swords were told to put them away. Even as he is nailed to the cross, Jesus prays: “Father, forgive them.”*

*So we enter Holy Week as those called to live the peace of Christ in a world so desperate for it. May the Prayer of St Francis shape our steps: “Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.”*

*You might enjoy this prayerful choral rendition of St. Francis’ Prayer for Peace here:*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1pj1Bj5kRM>

*I do hope that you will all be able to come to our Holy Week services. These form the high point of our liturgical year, when we receive strength and grace for the coming year.*

*I send my very best wishes, Fr. Paul*

## **Prayers**

Please pray for our **parishioners** Martha Watson, Beryl McNulty, Lin Eade, Jelly Labto, Sheila Charman, Hal Clarke, Gillian Maher, Krysia Smith, Pamela Bagwell, Terry and Susan Scoble, Sue Pearson, John and Sue Rutherford, Demelza Waring, Liz Hicklin, Helen Sweetman, Jill Carter and Laura Rawlinson.

Please pray for **Pope Francis** who relates: *"I have much in common with you at this time of my life, dear brothers and sisters who are sick: the experience of illness, of weakness, of having to depend on others for so many things, and of needing support. The hospital room and the sickbed can also be places where we hear the voice of the Lord speak to us: 'Behold, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?'" (Isaiah 43:19). In this way, we renew and strengthen our faith."*

**Please pray for the souls of** Paula Bateman, Michael Grech, Marisol Burrige, Helene Stoppani, Fr Alban Brooks, Peta Orr, Salvo Xerri, Mildred Young, Fr Anthony Porterfield, Abbot Dominic Gaisford, Elizabeth de Saventhem, Nicholas Burrige, John Willson, Dom Kevin Seasoltz, Sheila Wheeler and Edward Lightburn.

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

### **The Jubilee Prayer**

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Our Earth**

*Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; They are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!*

*Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!*

*Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail.*

*You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!  
(A prayer from Laudato Si)*

### **Prayer for Peace around the World**

*God of peace, who are peace itself, and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good, and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Prayer: Roman Missal, p.1361)*

Pope Francis encourages us to "pray together for peace in martyred Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Sudan and South Sudan, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in Myanmar, devastated by a recent earthquake, and in Haiti, where violence continues to rage, with two religious women killed several days ago."

### **Daily Readings, Holy Week**

**Monday** – Isa 42:1-7    John 12:1-11

**Tuesday** – Isa 49:1-6    John 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday** – Isa 50:4-9a    Matt 26:14-25

**Maundy Thursday** – Exod 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26    John 13:1-15

**Good Friday** – Isa 52:13–53:12

Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9    John 18:1-19:42

**Saturday** – Gen 1: - 2:2    Gen 22:1-18 or  
Gen 22:1-2, 9a,10-13,15-18    Exod 14:15-15:1

### **Easter Sunday's Readings**

*First Reading* – Acts 10:34a, 37-43

*Second Reading* – Colossians 3:1-4

*Gospel* – John 20:1-9

***He must rise from the dead.***

## Dates for Your Diary

**Palm Sunday, 13 April** – Parish Brunch in Compass House after mass.

**Holy Monday, 14 April** – Parish service of reconciliation, from 7.30pm

**Sunday, 27 April** – Family Formation continues.

**Saturday, 12 July** – Celebrations for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dedication of our Abbey church.

**Sunday, 13 July** - Parish picnic after the 9.30 mass.

**Sunday, 7 September** – After mass, a talk by Martin Brown of CAFOD, about the Jubilee year.

### 2025 Easter Triduum at Worth Abbey timetable

<p><b>Thursday 17 April 2025, Maundy Thursday</b>            6:15-6:50 – Matins            7:30-8:00 – Lauds            13:00-13:10 – Midday Prayer (<i>No vespers</i>)            20:00-20:20 – Confessions            20:30-21:30 – Community <del>Concelebrated</del> Mass of the Lord's Supper  <i>-Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight (Unity Room)</i></p> <p><b>Friday 18 April 2025, Good Friday</b>            6:15-6:50 – Matins            7:30-8:00 – Lauds            13:00-13:10 – Midday Prayer            14:30-14:50 – Confessions            15:00-16:00 – Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion  <i>-Followed by Confessions at the end of the Service, for 30 min.</i>            20:15-20:30 – Compline (<i>No vespers</i>)</p>	<p><b>Saturday 19 April 2025, Holy Saturday</b>            6:15-6:50 – Matins            7:30-8:00 – Lauds            13:00-13:10 – Midday Prayer            18:45-19:15 – Vespers            20:30-20:50 - Confessions            21:00-22:30 – Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection in the Holy Night  <i>-Followed by refreshments in the Narthex.</i></p> <p><b>Sunday 20 April 2025, Easter Sunday</b>            8:30-9:00 – Lauds            9:15-9:45 – Confessions            10:00-11:00 – Parish Easter Morning Mass  <i>-Followed by the Worth Abbey Pilgrims event</i>            13:00-13:10 – Midday Prayer            18:00-18:30 – Pontifical Vespers</p>
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## Parish Activities

### Easter Egg Hunt at Worth Abbey

Join us for a delightful **Easter Egg Hunt** after Mass on  
Easter Sunday, April 20th!

This promises to be lots of fun for families  
and children of all ages.

There will be plenty of chocolate and eggs to hunt for and  
delicious Easter Cake for the adults!

The **Fair-Trade stall** has a selection of **fair-trade Easter Eggs for sale**, including the **Real Easter Egg** for kids, which comes with a 24-page Easter Story/Activity Book.

**Worth Pro Earth** welcomes new members. We meet once a month on a Wednesday, 2pm, St Benedict's. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 22 April at 2pm.

**Junior Church.** Our Children's Liturgy will resume on Easter Sunday, 20 April. We'll see you soon, boys and girls!

## **Activities for Lent**

**Stations of the Cross** - Every Friday in church at 7.15 pm, until 11<sup>th</sup> April, normally 40 minutes.

**Adoration** – Every Wednesday in church, from 2.30 till 3.30, as usual.

**Service of Reconciliation** – In church, Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.

**You can volunteer your time** to help people in need:

- **Refugees Welcome Crawley** - <https://refugeeswelcomecrawley.co.uk/>. They need warehouse volunteers and delivery drivers, and trustees with a background in fundraising or volunteer management.
- **Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group** - <https://www.gdwg.org.uk/>
- **Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) group in Crawley** - [SVP Crawley](#)
- **Coffees for CAFOD** at Compass House, Wednesdays 2-3:30pm: 9 April- Fr. Aidan will speak on The Hub & Monks in the City; 16 April - Jenny Finlayson, CAFOD, will lead a reflection on the Jubilee icon.

**You can also give** to people in need:

✓ The **Gatwick Detainee Welfare Group** would love to have your spare **men's clothes and trainers** of all sizes. **Jeans, chinos, tracksuit bottoms, t-shirts, jumpers, hoodies** are much needed. All in good condition and freshly washed please. You can leave them in the Parish Office porch. Thank you!

✓ **CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal**

Following the earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support affected families. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give using the card machines at the Narthex, or using CAFOD envelopes (pls write "Myanmar" on the envelope). Call 0303 303 3030 or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](http://cafod.org.uk/myanmar), or text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

✓ **CAFOD Fundraiser- Brighton and Hove 10k** - Parishioner George Fitzsimons ran the Brighton and Hove 10k last 6 April to raise funds. He continues with his 'Big Lent Walk', and we are still in time to help him reach his target: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/georges-big-lent-walk-and-run>.

✓ This **CAFOD Fast Day**, your kindness can go even further. Generous donors will match your online gifts up to £80,000, doubling the impact of the gift.



**You can share your faith** in our Faith Groups:

- The group which is led by Rachel Davies (mobile: 07801-696-354) meets on Friday mornings.
- A **Cuckfield** group led by Christina Fitzsimons & Christie Grieve ([christiegrieve@gmail.com](mailto:christiegrieve@gmail.com)) is on Mondays, 3pm.
- A **Crawley Down** group led by Carol ([carolmorice251@btinternet.com](mailto:carolmorice251@btinternet.com)) is on Thursdays, 2pm.

You might like to look at the material supplied by the Bishops [Hope 2025](#) for meditation at home. We also have copies. CAFOD Lent reflection: [Love for our neighbours](#) Daily reflections: [Lent Calendar](#).

**Or you can share your time and resources** to fellow Parishioners this **Holy Week**:

✓ **Give a lift, share your journey to Mass** – Give us your details at the sign-up sheet at the welcome table in the Narthex, or email [worthabbeyparish@gmail.com](mailto:worthabbeyparish@gmail.com) if can offer a lift, or if you need one.

We currently have volunteers who can offer a lift: (a) 4 spaces leaving **from Forest Row**, (b) 3 spaces leaving **from Horley**, (c) 2 spaces leaving **from Crawley**. Do email us if you need a lift from these areas. **We have a parishioner who needs a lift from East Grinstead. Please let us know if you can help.**

*These are just some possible ways of helping. You might also visit those who are housebound or who live alone. You can also pray for those who need our prayers the most. See our Parish Prayers on page 2.*

**May we all have a prayerful & peaceful Holy Week, as we walk with Christ towards the joy of Easter.**



# Worth Parish Community Billboard

## **A Tapestry of Faith: 60 Years, 60 Faces, One Parish Community**

As we mark 60 years of our parish, we give thanks for the people who have shaped its story. To honour this special milestone, we're featuring 60 members of our parish, each offering a glimpse into the life, spirit, and faith that make our community so special. Every story is a thread in the rich tapestry of our shared journey.

### **#1 Fr. Paul Fleetwood, OSB**



Fr. Paul was born on the kitchen table of a farm in North Yorkshire. There was no electricity, but many fleas. This had a profound effect on his vocation.

He went to the Benedictine School of Belmont Abbey, near Hereford. The school excelled at rigger and rowing, at which young Paul did not. He spent his school career studying Latin and Greek and practising music... in groups of one. At university, he studied Classics, and Anglo Saxon and Old Norse. He is currently seeking a pen pal.

He joined the Worth Abbey Novitiate 50 years ago, having been attracted to the Lay Community and the mission in Peru. He studied with the Jesuits at Heythrop College, enjoying Scriptural Studies. He was ordained in 1979 with two companions, Fr. James and Fr. Alex.

The young Fr. Paul worked in the local parish and the classroom. He then *escaped* (his words, not ours) to Lima, Peru, where he worked six years in a very large and poor parish in the outskirts of the city. He returned to England but escaped again this time to Brazil, living and working with a small Benedictine community. On his return to the UK, he worked in the Immigration Removal Centre chaplaincy at Gatwick for 15 years. Then, he became Parish Priest at Worth, where he is still tolerated by generous parishioners. We do love Fr. Paul's sense of humour!

<p><b>A prayer, saint, line in a song, or bible verse that inspires you?</b> Psalm 113 - <i>“Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes.”</i></p>	<p><b>Outside of prayer and work, what activities do you enjoy?</b> <i>Cycling, walking, study, reading, making music, listening to music.</i></p>	<p><b>What plate of food brings you the best memories?</b> <i>Black currant jam – memories of a much loved great aunt, who used to make black currant pie when we visited.</i></p>
<p><b>A cherished memory of being part of this parish community?</b> <i>Receiving my first RCIA group into the Church.</i></p>	<p><b>What are your hopes and prayers for the future of our parish?</b> <i>Lots more young families and lots of children, making a strong community with us oldies. And everyone volunteering to help in some way. I look forward to ten years' time, when all the young parents, who now have five children on each hand, will have lots of time and energy, when I will be old and decrepit.</i></p>	

### **Why not make a local family pilgrimage this Holy Week?**

The **Seven Churches Visitation** is a special way to reflect, pray, and encounter God. Make it a pilgrimage by praying two Stations of the Cross at each church, a powerful way to bring Lent to life as a family. For more details about each church, and tips on what you can do in these areas, see last week's copy of In Touch.

**Keep In Touch:** If you do try this Lent family pilgrimage, we'd love to hear from you! Please send pictures & a comment about your experience to [worthabbeyparish@gmail.com](mailto:worthabbeyparish@gmail.com).

1. **St Augustine's Benedictine Abbey** Chilworth, Sampleoak Ln, Guildford GU4 8QR **Open:** 5.30am-8.50pm, daily.
2. **English Martyrs**, Goring Way, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing BN12 4UH. **Open:** During Mass times only M-F @9:30; Sat @6pm; Sun @8:15 & 10:30, so aim to arrive 30 minutes before Mass, or right after Mass.
3. **Our Lady of Consolation West Grinstead**, Park Ln, Horsham RH13 8LT. **Open:** During Mass times only Sun @11:15, Wed @12nn. Aim to arrive 30 minutes before or right after Mass for your visit.
4. **Sacred Heart**, 39 Norton Rd, Hove BN3 3BF. **Open:** During Mass times only M/T @10am, W/F @8am, Th/Sa @12nn, Sun @9:30, 11:30, so aim to arrive 30 minutes before or right after Mass.
5. **St Elizabeth's**, the Vineyard, Richmond TW10 6AQ. **Open:** M-F @9-5, Sat @5-7pm, Sun @9-7.
6. **The Friars Priory** Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BY. **Open:** Daily @9-5; Masses M-Sa @12nn, Sundays @10:15am.
7. **St. Thomas of Canterbury**, 59 Burgate, Canterbury CT1 2HJ. **Open:** M-F @8am-4pm, Sat @8-7pm, Sun @7-7.

It only takes a few moments to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. The charity "[Right to Life](#)" has a simple online mechanism >>[here](#). Right to Life is also distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs, with a range of resources on opposing assisted suicide available on the Bishops' Conference website >>[here](#).

**CALL TO ACTION:** The assisted suicide bill, officially called Terminally Ill Adults Bill is expected to receive its 3rd reading at the end of April. Please ask your MP to vote against it. For further info, please see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>



### Worth Pro-Earth: REPOWERBalcombe

As Pope Francis' YEAR of CREATION" draws to a close, we have become aware of the unique gift we have received in Worth Abbey Parish with the work of Thomas Parker in Turners Hill Primary School and in REPOWERBalcombe.

During his time as a school governor, with the support of his colleagues, Thomas organised the installation of solar panels on the school roof. The reduction of energy charges for the lighting, heating and operational costs for the school kitchen, office equipment and teaching aids was immense and a profound conversion experience for all those acquainted with the school. Following his retirement, Thomas joined REPOWERBalcombe, where he shared his experience of the solar technology which has been invaluable to the Balcombe project.

REPOWERBalcombe was founded in 2014 by a small group of local volunteers to address the climate crisis and our dangerous dependence on fossil fuels. It is a Community Co-operative company, which uses all the income from their work for the benefit of the community. Their directors do not receive any remuneration for their work which is entirely voluntary.

Together they have installed solar PV, at a number of local schools, farms and businesses.

Also, RPB operate a Community Fund, financed from the grid payments for the solar energy, which enables them to pay for additional projects which benefit the local community. These include battery storage at Turners Hill school, LED lighting at several schools, fridges and freezers for local foodbanks and laptops for pupils during the Covid pandemic at another school.

We are indeed greatly blessed – and there is more information on their web-site for anyone interested in supporting their future projects, or perhaps becoming an investor in one or two. More information can be found on the RPB web-site with some of their plans for the future. <https://www.repowerbalcombe.com>

**Repair Cafes** aim to reduce waste by encouraging a repair culture in the community. If you have something that needs fixing, pop into your local repair cafe, check out their website before you visit, as you may need to book a slot.

Horley repair cafe is open on Saturday 12 April from 1130-1430, St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Horley Row, Horley RH6 8DF, contact them at [horleyrepaircafe@yahoo.com](mailto:horleyrepaircafe@yahoo.com)

Forest Row repair cafe is open on Saturday 19 April at the Forest Row Community Centre, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ, visit their website <https://forestrow.co/forest-row-repair-cafe/>

Handcross repair cafe is open on Saturday 19 April from 10-12 noon, High Street, Handcross, Haywards Heath RH17 6BL, <https://handcrosshardwareandcraft.co.uk>

## Abbey Activities

### Young Adults' Easter Retreat

**17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April, Worth Abbey** (£200; subsidy possible). The monastic community at Worth invite **young adults** to join them for the celebration of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is preceded by a Cross Walk from Brighton to Worth (13–17 April) which is bookable separately. [Click Here](#) to learn more.

### **A Worth Community Pilgrimage to Vézelay, France**

We are delighted to announce a Worth Community Pilgrimage to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of La Basilique de Vézelay in Burgundy, **from October 26th to 30th, 2025**. This trip is organised by Chris Wyles and supported by Worth School, Worth Abbey Pilgrims, Worth Society, and Worth Parish.

Located just a couple of hours southeast of Paris, Vézelay offers a unique opportunity to experience a place of profound spiritual beauty. During the pilgrimage, Worthian and experienced guide Christopher Kelly will guide us through the Abbey, showcasing its stunning architecture and symbolic use of light. He will also organise visits to other notable sites of interest in the area.

**Included in the Ticket (£130.00):** 🍴 Welcome meal 🗺️ Guided tours & workshops 🎉 Celebration final evening meal

To register your interest and for further information, please email [Vezelay@worth.org.uk](mailto:Vezelay@worth.org.uk) or visit [Worth Pilgrims - Vezelay October 2025](#) to reserve your place.

**Travel and Accommodation:** Whilst this is a special and spiritually enriching group pilgrimage opportunity, we understand that participants will be coming from various areas and may like to choose their own place to stay in Vézelay, so we ask that you please make your own transport and accommodation arrangements. We will be glad to help by providing recommendations in due course. *For more info about Vezelay visit <https://vezelay-visiteur.com/en/>*

## Other Events & Activities Outside Our Parish

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Holy Week Pilgrim Cross Walk to Walsingham</u></b></p> <p>An inclusive Easter pilgrimage for all Christians. Whether joining virtually or walking for one, three or seven days, the pilgrimage has options to suit all physical abilities, ages and levels of faith. Walkers build community with those they walk alongside and the communities who host them. The walk culminates Good Friday in Walsingham. <a href="#">Click here</a> to find out more.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Chrism Mass</u></b></p> <p><b>16<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm at Arundel Cathedral.</b> People from across our diocesan family of faith are invited to join Bishop Richard and members of clergy at the annual Chrism Mass – one of the most beautiful Masses of the year, celebrated in Catholic cathedrals across the world in Holy Week. All are welcome.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Men's Way of the Cross: Over the Cliffs and through the Night</u></b></p> <p><b>11 April, 9pm-6am, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU.</b> Men are invited to join Eastbourne Parish for a 5-6 hour walk of prayer over the South Downs Beachy Head Trail. Rediscover yourself and reflect on your God-given purpose on this earth. Begins with registration, Adoration and Confessions at <a href="#">Our Lady of Ransom Church</a>. Ends with breakfast. <a href="#">Click here</a> to find out more.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Theology &amp; Integral Ecology</u></b></p> <p>New Approaches to our Planetary Crisis, <b>24 – 25 April, Oxford</b> (Cost: £35-£75).</p> <p>A conference seeking to deepen &amp; extend theological approaches to the contemporary planetary crisis through examination of the integral ecology paradigm. It will feature prestigious speakers. <a href="#">Click Here</a> to find out more.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PEG Theatre Trip 2025</u></b></p> <p><i>Some of you are already aware that I will not be organising a PEG theatre trip this year as I am heavily involved in our son's wedding in the summer. I am sorry for the disappointment this may cause but I feel I have only one 'production' in me for 2025. I very much hope to be back in harness next year &amp; look forward to organising another PEG box office hit for Summer '26. Thank you for your wonderful loyalty and support for PEG events - it is greatly appreciated. Kind regards, Sara</i></p>	

For other regular items, please see the Worth Parish website:

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

Readings, see Universalis: [Universalis](#)

Parish Leadership Team: [Parish Leadership Team](#)

Our Facebook page: [Parish Facebook](#)

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Diocesan Family Materials: [Family Materials](#)

Or use our QR code.



Children's Junior Church liturgy: [Families and young children](#)

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If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', contact Maria Stribbling at [parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk) (by Wed.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-** 9am (Concelebrated) and 5pm (First Mass of Sunday), **Sunday-** 9.30 am. Daily Mass: 5.30 pm (Concelebrated), Holy Days of Obligation (check website) Feast Days: 5.30pm.

**Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** – In the Church, Sundays 08.45am – 09.15am (If any 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, after vespers. Also, on Wednesdays from 2.30pm-3.30pm in the main church.

**Rosary Group** – Mondays in the Abbey Church after Vespers – 7:10pm until 8:00pm. Please contact Rachel Davies: 07801 696354.

**Lectio Divina** – Tuesday evenings at 8pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman [jenny\\_chapman@sky.com](mailto:jenny_chapman@sky.com) if you would like to join us, please contact Jenny Chapman by email or speak to her after Mass any weekend.

**Christian Meditation Group** – 7pm, Unity Room. Contact Richard [rbrownd1@gmail.com](mailto:rbrownd1@gmail.com). Next one–**23 April**.

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

**Bible Study Group** – 11am on Mondays in St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please contact the Parish Office.

**Charlie and Mark Tibble's House Group** - An informal gathering in Balcombe on the last Friday of each month at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to come, socialise, have a drink and snacks and get to know your community better. Please contact Charlie at [c.tibble@stwilfrids.com](mailto:c.tibble@stwilfrids.com). Next one: Friday **25 April**.

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. Our Worth Abbey Parish Safeguarding Reps are Charles and Ann McCarthy, email: [sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk)

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