



In Touch

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‘Magnifica humanitas’

Marking the 135th anniversary of Rerum novarum, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical, entitled ‘Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.’ He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace.

President of the Bishops’ Conference and Archbishop of Westminster, the Most Reverend Richard Moth, has welcomed the publication of Pope Leo XIV’s first encyclical letter *Magnifica humanitas*.

“I welcome today’s publication of Pope Leo’s first encyclical: *Magnifica humanitas*, on preserving the human person in the age of artificial intelligence.

“One of the first interventions of Pope Leo since he was elected Pope was to draw attention to the profound challenges AI will bring to humanity. It is worth noting that Pope Leo signed the encyclical on 15 May, the 135th anniversary of the publication of Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical *Rerum novarum*. This encyclical considered the social and economic effects of the industrial revolution and is considered the foundation of Catholic social teaching, promoting workers’ rights and emphasising the rights and duties of both workers and owners. The Church’s social teaching in the years since *Rerum novarum* contains a great deal to help us in our seeking of the common good.

“At every age, humanity lives with changes and the development of AI calls us to think about the opportunities and challenges it brings. We must respond to these, placing the centrality of humanity above all else, most especially the solidarity that is needed if we are to seek peace amongst peoples. We are made in the image of God and must never forget that we have a responsibility to one another, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Leo reminds us that ‘more powerful does not necessarily mean better.’

“The technologies that have been created through human skill should be used at the service of truly human ends. Technology must not be used to embed unjust economic systems and abuses of power, but must always be at the service of human development.

“I commend the encyclical to all Catholics and people of good will as an important contribution to integral human development during a time of considerable change. It demands study and we look forward to further reflections in this area. Recognising the importance of maintaining and promoting the human in the face of the technological leap brought on by AI, the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has set up a working group to study Pope Leo’s Encyclical looking at the issues generated by AI, always putting the human at the centre.”

The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales

Mass Times at Worth Abbey:

Sundays - 9.30am (Family Mass, with choir)
Mondays to Fridays - 5.30 pm
Saturdays - 9am & 5pm (First Mass of Sunday), Feast Days 5.30pm
Days of Obligation - see website

Second Collection - N/A

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Mass Readings: (31 May – 7 June)

Sun 31 May: 1st Reading - Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 Gospel - John 3:16-18
Mon – 2 Peter 1:2-7, 20; Mark 12:1-12 **Thu** – 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34
Tue – 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12:13-17 **Fri** – 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Mark 12:35-37
Wed – 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27 **Sat** – 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Mark 12:38-44
Sun 7 June: 1st Reading – Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Gospel - John 6:51-58

Prayers

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Paul Pemble, Michael Wall, Krysia Smith, John Maher, John Mulhall, Margaret Ogden, Anne Wise, Mandy Horton, Patricia Horsman, Stella Higham, Jim Tierney, Catherine Elia, Patrick Cambridge, Barry Wingrove, Rowena Leaney, Beryl McNulty, Lin Eade, Jelly Labto, Sheila Charman, Gillian Maher, Pamela Bagwell, Terry and Susan Scoble, Sue Pearson, John and Sue Rutherford, Liz Hicklin, Jill Carter and Laura Rawlinson. And please pray for the healing of our Diocese Youth Adviser Lizzie Wakeling.

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Mo Jalie who died recently, and for Sheila and the family at this time. Mo's funeral will take place at Worth on Monday 29th June at 2pm.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the Soul of Elrieda and for her family at this time.

Please continue praying for the souls of Fr. Kevin Taggart and parishioners Gerry Loney, Rory Clarke, Tony Hicklin and Peter Annabring. Please pray for the souls of Philip Hughes, Margaret Calloway, Dom Bernard Moss, Paddy Tritton, Mabel Pronger, Lloyd Midgeley, Dennis Litchfield, Joe Brown and Ann Shanahan whose anniversaries are this week. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***

Please remember in your prayers

Isabelle Watson, Jeremy Smith, Max Smith, Theo Robinson, Arabella Marcham and Leo Gibson who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on Corpus Christi.

Worth Parish Community Billboard

CAFOD Car Wash Fundraiser 25th June



We are the CAFOD Young Leaders from Worth School. We are very excited to announce that we will once again be offering a charity CAFOD Car Wash for the Worth community. This will take place on the 25th of June from 10:00 until 15:00 in the Compass House car park. We encourage any donations ranging from £5 - £10 and we will also offer a premium inside and out car cleaning service!

This will be our 3rd and final fundraiser for the year, so we are hoping to finish our very enjoyable campaign with a good ending, hopefully in the sun!

On behalf of the whole team, we thank you all for your generosity and support we have received across the entire year. We have all really enjoyed raising funds for such a great cause, and we hope to see as many of you there as we can.

Parish Activities and Announcements

Enlarged Service Sheets for Conventual Mass

For any parishioners with sight issues, there will be enlarged service sheets available at the East Door of the Abbey Church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...

Sunday 31st May - A Testimony to Grace – after 9.30am Mass, Unity Room, Abbey Church

Monday 1st June – Last call for Young Adults! Curious about the Catholic Church - 7.30pm to 9pm

Starting Friday 5th June - A Time to Pray: Friday Evening 'Holy Hour' - You are most welcome to join in a time of adoration, reflection and music - 7.15pm to 8.15pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

AND OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES...

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Sundays 08.45–09.15am in the church, or by appointment with Fr. Paul / Fr Rod

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Wednesdays 2:30-3:30pm; Sundays 6.30pm after vespers, and every first Sunday of the month, 10:30am (right after Mass)–11am

Rosary Group – Mondays 7:10-8pm in the church after vespers. Please contact Rachel Davies: 07801 696354.

Lectio Divina – Tuesdays at 8pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman jenny_chapman@sky.com. All welcome!

Christian Meditation - Unity Room, 7-8pm, 4th Wednesday of the month

Healing Service - 4th Sunday of the month 10.45am to 11.15am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Vigil for Vocations – Every first Friday of the month at 8.30-9pm, after compline.

Bible Study Group – Mondays, 11am at St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please contact the Parish Office.

Family Faith Formation – Monthly, every 3rd Sunday. **New parishioners, all families welcome!**

A Testimony to Grace - Sunday 31st May, Unity Room

Following the 9.30am Mass, Giancarlo and Catherine will be sharing with us their testimony of many years of ministry and evangelisation in countries throughout the world. All warmly welcome!

Last Call for Young adults! Curious about the Catholic Church? Would you like to find out more about it!

We are inviting any young adult who would like to hear more about the Catholic Church or is interested in becoming a Catholic, to join a small informal group exploring questions concerning faith: The group will have its first meeting on **Monday between 7.30pm and 9pm - starting on 1st June.**

If you know anyone who might be interested in joining the group, please do invite them to speak with Fr Rod or Fr Paul or simply contact the parish office directly.



LOST PROPERTY BOX

Please check the lost property box located in the Narthex on the long table by the parish noticeboard (available from Wednesday evening) for anything you think you may have lost recently in the Abbey Church. The contents in the box will be disposed of by this Sunday if not collected!



Parents and Children – a gentle reminder!

There have been several 'health and safety' concerns raised recently. A reminder to parents that children do remain their responsibility at all times: in the church, the narthex or areas outside the Abbey church. Many thanks

A Time to Pray: Friday Evening 'Holy Hour' 7.15pm to 8.15pm

Starting on Friday 5th June in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You are most welcome join in a time of adoration, reflection and music.

Saturday Evening Mass: Advanced notice – post mass refreshments are returning!

Following Mass on Saturday 6th June you are warmly invited to come along to the Unity Room for light refreshments. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet and spend a little time together. Thanks to Anna and Mike, we plan to offer refreshments after each 5pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

Car Parking on Sunday mornings:

Please do keep the parking spaces adjacent the church piazza, for less mobile parishioners. Could we also keep the parking area directly outside of Compass House free for residents and groups using the building. Many thanks.



Worth Intercessory Team (WIT):

Soon, we hope to start a new group of prayer warriors. We'll meet online via Microsoft Teams at 8pm on the first Wednesday of the month (45 min - 1hr), creating a welcoming space to pray together. Would you like to join? Please sign up and we'll get this prayer group started.

This is a chance to grow in prayer, deepen parish connection, and make a difference—without leaving your home. If you'd like to join, please email worthabbeyparish@gmail.com.

Come join us. We look forward to praying with you!

“For where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst.” – Mt 18:20

Family Formation Groups

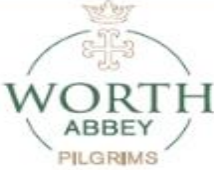
We are currently looking for volunteers to support our family formation groups. These take place after mass (11am) for one hour on the third Sunday of the month. In total the commitment is ten Sundays each year.

You do not need any previous experience as you will be given resources and guidance from those already supporting groups. You are just asked to bring your interest and enthusiasm as our children develop their understanding and love of their faith.

We have four age groups 3-5, 6-8, 8-11 and 12-16, with between about 6 and 12 children in each group.



Please consider volunteering for this very important ministry. If you are able to participate, please contact Fr Rod or Fr Paul



WORTH ABBEY PILGRIMS
CELEBRATE CORPUS CHRISTI WITH US
 Sunday, 7th June

Join us for Mass, a joyful procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and a community gathering as we honour this feast.

9.30am	Mass in the Abbey Church
10.30am	Processions of the Blessed Sacrament
11.15am	Benediction
11.30am	Refreshments in the Narthex

Afterwards, enjoy the beauty of the Abbey Estate as we walk to the Quiet Garden, led by a member of the monastic community. Bring a picnic and take time to enjoy the grounds. Friends and families are especially welcome.

For updates and future events visit: www.worthabbey.net/latest-news/



Other Activities and Announcements

Corpus Christi Evening for Young Adults at Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, London Rd, Arundel BN18 9AY on Wednesday 3 June 2026 7-9pm

"Open wide your hearts to allow Jesus to enter, and to set out on this adventure with him towards eternity," Pope Leo XIV, Jubilee of Youth, July 2025

You are invited to an evening for Young Adults (aged 18-35) to gather together as part of the Arundel & Brighton Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers Diocesan event. The event will be hosted by the Diocesan Youth team. The evening will include Praise and Worship music, a Holy hour including time for Adoration and personal prayer and a talk on the history of the Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral. With a pub social to follow in Arundel for those who wish to join.

To sign up to this event visit: [Young Adults' Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers event \(03-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

If you are available to volunteer as an usher or musician for this event, please email Bex Driver, Youth Project Worker E: Bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk



Arundel Cathedral Intercessors for Corpus Christi

Invitation to give an **HOURLY** to spend time with **Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord ...**

Arundel Cathedral Corpus Christi Celebrations

Watchers of Adoration and Intercession in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel are needed throughout the days of **Wednesday June 3rd and Thursday June 4th** in preparation for the solemn Mass of Corpus Christi. You are invited to silently pray before the Tabernacle for the mission of the Arundel Corpus Christi celebrations, for all those involved in preparing and leading it, and for the intentions of all who will attend. The hope is for at least two people of Adoration each hour.

An advance sign-up rota has been prepared by Antonia Moffat so that individuals, parish groups, religious, deacons, and priests from the Diocese and beyond, might sign up for an hour, on the hour, from 10am to 7pm on Wednesday & from 10am to 3.30pm on Thursday. Wednesday will be especially difficult to fill - please kindly consider! I look forward to hearing from you - antonia4161@gmail.com or by text to 07795192750 to sign up your hour.



Jesus awaits us ...

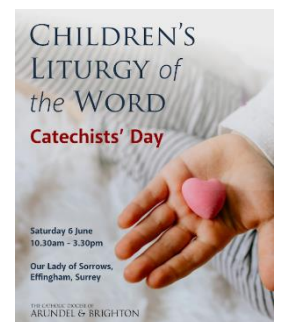
Meanwhile if you have some other time available you might like to contact Louise Sharp in the Cathedral Office to offer help with stewarding, cake making, hospitality, and much more! - arundel@abdiocese.org.uk

Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechists' Day – rescheduled to Saturday 6 June, 10.30-3.30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham, Leatherhead, Surrey

Join us for our annual formation day for Children's Liturgy Catechists. Fr Chris Bergin who has led the chaplaincy in the Lourdes family group for many years will be talking to us about bringing the Word of Life to a young audience and Claire Fernandes will be sharing with us her years of experience working with young families within "Celebrate Trust" bringing the encounter with Christ alive within the family life.

If you have any questions about this event please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

To book your free place, you can scan the QR code on the poster or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events



PA / Support Worker Needed – East Grinstead

Kind, reliable person sought to support an autistic teenage boy after school and during holidays. 27 hrs term time / 42 hrs holidays - £20 per hour

Ideally a young male with a calm and supportive nature. Experience with autism/SEND preferred. Enhanced DBS required.

Please contact Alice for more information on 07746716830

Grandparents Pilgrimage at The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, Wednesday 17 June 11am – 3pm

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents with Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch.

To register: [Grandparents' Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(17-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#).

If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk



Please join us on a Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage

Would you like to join a Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage this year? Details of all the pilgrimages are available here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope>.



Options include the Augustine Camino from Rochester to Ramsgate via Aylesford Priory, Canterbury Cathedral and Minster Abbey from 5-11 September, and The Way of Our Lady of Consolation from West Grinstead to Storrington and onto Arundel Cathedral from 8-9 May.

You are very welcome to join us for a single day, for several days, or for a whole pilgrimage. Come on your own or as a group. To find out more or to sign up, please go to <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope> or contact Roy Peachey from Mary's Meals at info@marysmeals.org.

CYMFed Flame Congress 2027 at the OVO Wembley Arena on Saturday 6 March 2027 - early- bird ticket cost is £30 per person

You are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton at CYMFed's Flame Congress. Flame Congress is organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMDFed) and is designed for young people aged 14 and over to share their faith with over 10,000 others! If you are interested in attending, please speak to your Parish Priest or Youth Ministry leader.

The early-bird ticket cost is £30 per person; this includes the price of the ticket and an A&B T-shirt. Ticket price will increase to £35 per person (including pass and T-shirt) after Monday 23rd November 2026. This event is 14+ and under 18's must be accompanied by an adult at all times. As you can imagine, the event is very popular so booking asap is essential.



Any questions or concerns please contact our Youth Projects Officer, Bex Driver E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk

Our Parish is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable groups within its community. Safe-guarding reps are Charles and Ann McCarthy.

Report safeguarding concerns to the Diocese 01293 651148 or via email: sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk



At **In Touch**, we'd love to hear from you—what you've enjoyed reading, what you'd like to see more (or even less!) of, and any ideas for improvement. This is our parish community newsletter, and our hope is that it offers both inspiration and a useful service.

If you have any announcements, articles, or activities you would like us to publish in In Touch we need you to send them the Friday before the intended publication date please.

Please do get in touch! worthabbeyparish@gmail.com

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Cheques to be made payable to Worth Abbey Parish **Online banking payments** - Account 61076892 Sort Code 40-05-20

Safe Spaces: 0300 303 1056 **Web:** www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/ **Email:** safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

If you're unable to go to Mass and would like to receive Communion at home, or if you have prayer intentions, please contact Fr Paul