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In Brief

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Seventeenth Sunday in OT (year A)

29th / 30th July 2023

Eighteenth Sunday in OT (year A) Transfiguration of the Lord

5th / 6th August 2023

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This is your fortnightly update of Parish News

Dear Parishioners

Welcome to the second edition of In Brief.

I hope that you are enjoying the summer and that you will be able to have some good family time and some rest. My thanks to everyone who asked about my own holiday. I enjoyed it very much. Thank you to everyone who prayed for my energy levels. I felt your prayers sustaining me as I cycled through the Normandy countryside – and I promise that I didn't get involved in any riots.

We all owe Sara Barclay Hudson a huge thank you for her great work organising the PEG outing to the theatre. My spies tell me that every detail was perfectly planned, from coffee and patisseries at the start to bubbly to round off the celebration. Thank you Sara.

On a very sad note, by contrast, you will have heard that the government succeeded in passing its Illegal Immigration Bill through Parliament, which will bring greatly increased suffering to men, women and children who are already among the most vulnerable. Please do look at the reactions expressed by the Bishops of England and Wales, by CAFOD and by Caritas, which remind us that the protection of strangers is at the heart of the gospel; and see also the statement by the United Nations Refugee Agency. You may access all these on our website : <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/illegal-migration-bill-july-2023/> Please see the appeal by Caritas to contact our MPs expressing our rejection of this policy and to demand a more humane approach to the needs of refugees.

I send you all my best wishes and my prayers.

Fr Paul

Prayers

Please pray for Ann Shanahan, who died recently, and for Patrick, her husband and for her family.
A memorial mass will be celebrated for her at Worth on **7th August** at 11.30am

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

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 29th / 30th July)

Please pray for the Souls of – Russell Coleburt, Mick Fagan, John Stanton, Peter Jones, Dennis Elphick, Sheila Gates, Fr Maurice Bell and Max Hoffman.

Anniversaries – (For 5th / 6th August)

Please pray for the Souls of – Frank Edward Brown, Elizabeth Blake, Ursula Stockton, Eileen Sharman, Enid Powell, Mary Frost, Ted Whitfield, Veronica Agius, Lorna Cowper and Doreen Twigg.

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

Daily Readings – w/c – 31st July

Monday – Exod 32:15-24, 30-34 Matt 13:31-35 (**St Ignatius of Loyola**)

Tuesday – Exod 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28 Matt 13:36-43 (**St Alphonsus Di Liguori**)

Wednesday – Exod 34:29-35 Matt 13:44-46

Thursday – Exod 40:16-21, 34-38 Matt 13:47-53

Friday – Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Matt 13:54-58 (**St John Vianney**)

Saturday – Lev 25:1, 8-17 Matt 14:1-12

Daily Readings – w/c – 7th August

Monday – Num 11:4b-15 Matt 14:13-21

Tuesday – Num 12:1-13 Matt 14:22-36 or Matt 15:1-2, 10-14 (**St Dominic**)

Wednesday – Num 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Matt 15:21-28 (**St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**)

Thursday – 2 Cor 9:6-10 John 12:24-26 (**St Laurence**)

Friday – Deut 4:32-40 Matt 16:24-28 (**St Clare of Assisi**)

Saturday – Deut 6:4-13 Matt 17:14-20

Next Sunday's Readings: **Eighteenth Sunday in OT (Year A) Transfiguration of the Lord**

1st Reading – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 2nd Reading – 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun

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

1st Reading – 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 2nd Reading – Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st August – Monastery Holidays End

Saturday 23rd September - Diocesan Catechists' Day - 10.30am - 4pm at Worth School.

The day aims to encourage and inform catechists during a day of reflection and networking.

This year the keynote speech will be by Brendan Thompson from Catholic Voices and the theme, taken from the recent book, is 'Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Our challenge'.

The day is for all catechists, including those involved in Children's Liturgy. Please go to this link for more information and to book: [Catechists' Day \(23-Sep-2023\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

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](#).

In the parish office we have a growing collection of books in the library, mainly about theology, which are kept for the use of parishioners. There are some newly acquired books which need to be catalogued and arranged on the shelves. This would involve some simple computer work. Could anyone help, please?

Has anyone one or more free standing bookshelves which they could donate to the parish library? We need shelves up to 3 feet high and up to eight feet in length. Thank you very much if you can help.

Thank you to everyone who takes the trouble to put your coffee cup into the recycling bin by the kitchenette after mass on Sunday.

May we ask you also to take care not to add other items – paper wrappers and serviettes – which should go into the rubbish bin? Thank you.

The Bible Study group is now taking its' summer break.

When we meet up again it will be on Monday afternoons at 2pm to 3.30pm in Compass House.

The date we restart is to be confirmed.

CAFOD write to thank you all for taking part in their recycling scheme in June. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

“Thank you to all parishioners of Worth Abbey for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £112.65 which we received on 30th June. Thank you for recycling for CAFOD. Thank you so much for being there for our global family. At CAFOD, we firmly believe that no-one should be beyond the reach of the love and support they need to thrive. Our local experts have the passion and expertise to provide health care, food, sanitation and education to people in urgent need. There are thousands of committed individuals working on your behalf around the world during this time of crisis to show them the love that Christ shows to us. This just would not be possible if it wasn't for your support. Thank you and God Bless”

CRAWLEY INTER FAITH NETWORK (CIFN)

“Spotlight on: The Friary Church”

You are cordially invited to join us to a visit and learn about the Church and faith of The Friary Church of Saint

Francis and Saint Anthony on:

Thursday 3rd August at 7.30 p.m. in person

Address: Friary Way, Crawley RH10 1HR,
parking is available on site

The event will be in person to visit the Church, to receive a presentation. Followed by questions, answers and light refreshment.

Think before you throw.

The Latest newsletter from West Sussex Council. [Recycling Newsletter](#)

A Day with Mary

On **Saturday 12th August** at Arundel Cathedral.

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. 09.30am – 5pm (please bring packed lunch)

UK Illegal Migration Bill: UN Refugee Agency and UN Human Rights Office warn of profound impact on human rights and international refugee protection system | UNHCR
Please see the following judgement by the UNHCR on the British legislation which has been recently passed in Parliament. [Illegal migration bill](#)

Engaging the Disengaged

How to accompany the non-religious person in day-to-day life, **21st November**, 6pm, online (£10). The evangelist, speaker and author Sherry Weddell will explore how Catholics can fulfil their mission to bring everyone to Christ.

The seminar is particularly relevant to people who are active in evangelisation: priests, deacons, religious, catechists, teachers, pastoral ministers and parishioners.

Find out more & book [here](#).

*If anyone would like to attend and would like the parish to pay, please let us know.

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](#)

Protect our woods and trees. See newsletter from Woodland Trust. <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

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/>



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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
(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.

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 31st July. (This will resume on 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 This will resume in September. Dates to follow.

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.
This will resume in September. Dates to follow.

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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