



In Brief

Nineteenth Sunday in OT (year A)
12th / 13th August 2023

Twentieth Sunday in OT (year A)
19th / 20th August 2023
No: 1348

This is your fortnightly update of Parish News

Dear Parishioners

Welcome to another copy of In Brief.

If any families would like to join the Family Catechism programme, which begins in September, do please write to us at parish@worth.org.uk For full details please see the website : <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/sacraments-faith/family-catechism-families-faith-and-fellowship/> , and also the posters in the narthex. This year we will be offering groups for children aged 6 to 9 (*All Saints*) and 12 to 16 (*Inspired*), and for their parents. These groups will include opportunity for First Communion and Confirmation, when each child is ready. We will also be able to include siblings of other ages. This is a new approach to Catechetics which the Diocese has established, embracing the whole family, and, eventually, offering formation from cradle to grave. Please see the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, #7 : *Recognising Formation in Faith as a life-long journey, beginning with Baptism, will lift us away from the periodic moments of catechesis that mark our present pattern of formation. Rather than a concentration on preparation for particular Sacraments, Formation in Faith can then be seen as a continuum from the beginning to the natural end of life.*

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Please also see below for the new RCIA course.

Next week the monastic community will be holding discussions, but, as always, I will pick up your messages. Please note that on Tuesday, 15th, we celebrate the **Feast of The Assumption of Our Lady**. This is a holy day of obligation. We will offer mass at 5.30 pm and, for the parish, at 7.30 pm.

This Sunday Elliott Daruty will make his First Holy Communion. Please pray for him and his parents, Beatriz and Sebastien, who have recently joined our parish. Please make them welcome.

Finally, you will be pleased to see that the area by the East door of the church is now almost empty again and so available for parking. May I ask you all to leave this space free for those who have mobility problems, together with the spaces by the narthex. Thank you.

I send you all my prayers and my very best wishes. Fr Paul

Prayers

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 12th / 13th August)

Please pray for the Souls of – Kevin Garvan, Kathleen Dewey, Luke Frakowski, Bert Stanford, Mr McLoughlin, Charles Dewey, David Hearn, Mary McDermot and Annette Kirby-Turner.

Anniversaries – (For 19th / 20th August)

Please pray for the Souls of – Bill O'Brien, Elaine Liley, Michael Monen, Roger Birchall, Maureen Simmons, Helen Walford, David Mitchell-Gogay, Jude McNaboe, Peter Whigham, Monica O'Brien and Monica Trinkwon.

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

Daily Readings – w/c – 14th August

Monday – Deut 10:12-22 Matt 17:22-27 (**St Maximilian Kolbe**)

Tuesday – Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56 (**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**)

Wednesday – Deut 34:1-12 Matt 18:15-20

Thursday – Josh 3:7-11, 13-17 Matt 18:21 – 19:1

Friday – Josh 24:1-13 Matt 19:3-12

Saturday – Josh 24:14-29 Matt 19:13-15

Daily Readings – w/c – 21st August

Monday – Judg 6:11-19 Matt 19:16-22 (**St Pius X**)

Tuesday – Judg 6:11-24a Matt 19:23-30

Wednesday – Judg 9:6-15 Matt 20:1-16

Thursday – Rev 21:9b-14 John 1:45-51 (**St Bartholomew**)

Friday – Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Matt 22:34-40

Saturday – Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17 Matt 23:1-12

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

1st Reading – Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 2nd Reading – Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter

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

1st Reading – Isaiah 22:19-23 2nd Reading – Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

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/>

Dates for your Diary

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 \(23-Sep-2023\)](#)

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.

A Day of Reflection for Grandparents

26th September, 11am-3.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP.

Fr Stephen Ortiger will explore how we can see the hand of God in our lives with our Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling offering some hints and tips for communicating with young people. Register your free place [here](#)

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.

Creating a safer environment - sessions

Please see below upcoming dates for our 'Creating a Safer Environment' training sessions (all on Zoom).

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. We would be grateful if you could spread the word to relevant individuals within your parishes and ask them to email Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk to register.

📅 Thursday 10th August 2-3.30pm

📅 Wednesday 16th August 7-8.30pm

📅 Wednesday 6th September 10-11.30am

📅 Wednesday 11th October 10-11.30am

📅 Thursday 26th October 2-3.30pm

📅 Tuesday 7th November 7-8.30pm

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 voluntaries:

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

Please use the QR code for donations to the Parish. Thank you



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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, after vespers.

(Restarted 6th August)

Rosary Group – Mondays in the Abbey Church after Vespers – 7:10pm until 8:00pm. Please get in touch with Rachel Davies

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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