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In Brief

Twentieth Sunday in OT (year B)
17th 18th August 2024
No. 1392

Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are well. I hope that you are enjoying this warm weather and taking some good holiday time together.

In these long, hot sunny days of August it's difficult to remember that next month we begin again our usual routines. We will start our **Family Catechism** again on Sunday, 15th September. It will be a great help if you could very kindly enroll your children in one of the groups according to their age. We need to ensure that we have the correct number of catechists for each group, and a room which will be adequate.

In the Narthex, you will find The Introduction to Family Formation for the coming year by Lizzy Wakeling, together with the parental consent form. Please complete the consent form and return it to parish@worth.org.uk Do please note that this year we are pleased to be able to offer two new groups – Baby Saints, for three to five year olds, and Faith Alive, for nine to twelve year olds – as well as the groups which we ran last year.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I hope to see some of you at the mass for the Assumption on Thursday.

I send you all my prayers.

Fr Paul

Our secretary, Maria, will be away from **15th August till 4th September**.
Your messages will be received, however, but please do not send emails to Maria during her holidays but use parish@worth.org.uk instead.

There will be a parish mass for the Feast of the Assumption on **15th August**,
a holy day of obligation, at 7.30 pm.

Prayers

Please pray for John Dent and his bride, Camilla, who were married on Saturday, 13th July.

John teaches in the school here, and they will be living on site.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Sue Pearson, Norbert D'Souza, John and Sue Rutherford, Demelza Waring, Liz Hicklin, Pamela Bagwell, Helen Sweetman, Jill Carter, Laura Rawlinson, Peter and Antee Greene and Fred Green.

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis.

"Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters.

It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice.

In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity." (Pope Francis)

God of peace may your kingdom come. May fear strike no longer, let pain fade away, may earthly power be challenged, when it plunders the poor, and tramples on hope.

God of peace may your kingdom come. Help us put away the weapons of war, help us destroy the tools of destruction, let earthly power be challenged, when it plunders the poor, and tramples on hope.

God of peace may your kingdom come. Teach us to follow the ways of justice, teach us to walk the paths of truth, let integrity challenge the power that plunders, when it tramples the poor and pours scorn on our hope.

God of peace may your kingdom come. Bring peace sweet as honey, bring peace like a shield, and may we be the challenge to earthly power that plunders and tramples on hope.

God of peace may your kingdom come.

Amen.

(Linda Jones/CAFOD)

Please pray for the people of Israel and Palestine and of Russia and Ukraine

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)

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Mr McLoughlin, Charles Dewey, David Hearn, Mary McDermot, Annette Kirby-Turner, Bill O'Brien, Elaine Liley, Michael Monen, Roger Birchall, Maureen Simmons, Helen Walford, David Mitchell-Gogay, Jude McNaboe, Peter Whigham, Monica O'Brien, Monica Trinkwon, Brian Whinney, Anne Seagar-Berry, Albert Sullivan, Veronica Tritton, Nicolas Bellord, Agnes Tringham, Dom Benedict Sankey, David Barwell, Peter Grace, Margaret Owers, David Carter, Reg Parker, Rorie Duncan, Bridget Cheal Snelling, Norman Maddock and Alexandra Church.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Ezek 24:15-24 Matt 19:16-22

Tuesday – Ezek 28:1-10 Matt 19:23-30 **(St Bernard)**

Wednesday – Ezek 34:1-11 Matt 20:1-16 **(St Pius X)**

Thursday – Ezek 34:23-28 Matt 22:1-14

Friday – Ezek 37:1-14 Matt 22:34-40

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

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

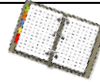
1st Reading – Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 2nd Reading – Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary



Sunday, 8th September – Parish Brunch after mass in Compass House.

Sunday, 15th September – Family Catechesis resumes.

Saturday, 21st September - This year the Catechists' Day will be held again at Worth Abbey & School. This year we are inviting Catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy and all forms of adult formation. The theme will be in response to the Pastoral Plan: Call to Mission - are we Equipped for Mission? More details in the summer.

**Junior Church
will resume on
8th September.**

Mark and Charlie's House Group Gathering

A very informal house group gathering in Balcombe on the last Friday of each month. All Worth parishioners are very welcome to come, socialise, relax, have a drink and some snacks and get to know your community better. Please contact Charlie Tibble c.tibble@stwilfrids.com. Next Date: **Friday, 30th August at 7.30pm.**

RCIA

Dear Friends, we are delighted to invite you to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program at Worth Abbey Parish, beginning this September. The RCIA is a journey of faith, providing an opportunity for those who are considering joining the Catholic Church to learn about our beliefs, traditions, and community life.

Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, the RCIA program offers a supportive environment to explore your faith and grow spiritually. This invitation is also extended to Sponsors and those who wish to explore the foundations of their faith more deeply.

Please feel free to reach out to me, Geoff Chapman, via email at gchapman@worth.org.uk or call me at 01342 710273 for further information or to express your interest.

We look forward to welcoming you and walking together on this path of faith and discovery.

With blessings, Geoff Chapman, RCIA Coordinator, Worth Abbey Parish

Worth Abbey Pilgrims

Worth Abbey Pilgrims will be supporting the High Weald Festival again this year by offering a number of guided walks through the Worth Estate, celebrating the joy and beauty of Worth.

The walks were incredibly popular last year and so this year we will offer 2 walks.

One on **Thursday 12th September**, departing at 10.30am and 2pm promptly guided by Fr Patrick. These moderate-level walks will depart from the Abbey Church Piazza and will take approximately 1 ½ - 2 hours depending on the group speed.

The route is 4.6km and will include some muddy and uphill areas so sensible footwear is a must. Dogs on leads and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

We will also offer a guided walk on **Saturday 16th September** from the bus stop outside Balcombe Rail Station to Worth and return, meeting at 10.45am for a prompt departure at 11.00am and returning at 4pm.

This 8-mile walk is hilly and will require a level of fitness as it will include uneven ground and some stiles. This walk is suitable for children who are good walkers. Unfortunately, dogs are not allowed.

Bring a picnic to enjoy in the beautiful surroundings or enjoy refreshments which will be available to purchase on the Piazza at Worth Abbey. You are most warmly invited to join the Monastic Community at Worth in the Abbey Church for Midday Prayer at 1pm or Mass at 5.30pm on Thursday 12th or 5pm on Saturday 14th September.

Please register your intention to join a walk on the High Weald website at <https://www.highwealdwalks.org/> from 16th August.

Worth Pro Earth

Greenpeace - Guide to Life

101 practical tips to make a difference to your life. This guide is all about power of choice, from how you choose to travel to what you choose to buy. Inside you'll find 101 ways to choose from, simple swaps around the house to high impact changes. [Greenpeace Guide to Life](#)

Here are some top tips that may seem small, but go a long way to protect nature and tackle the climate crisis:

- Make your own kitchen cleaning products to reduce plastic waste. Vinegar and bicarbonate soda are your best friends - learn how to make cleaning supplies in the 'Upcycle' section of this guide.
- One of the best ways to reduce your impact on the environment is by cutting down on the amount of meat and dairy you eat. Here are our top 10 tips to eat more plant-based food.
- If you have a garden, let part of it grow wild by either not cutting the grass or growing a patch of wildflowers. Long grass provides a safe haven for insects and wildflowers are a great food source for bees.
- Create a pond. Simply sink a bucket into the ground and throw in some rocks to create a much-needed home for amphibians and insects. This will improve the biodiversity of your local area in no time!

Latest news from Lindfield's Climate and Environmental Action Group

Join us at our local regenerative organic dairy farm Cockhaise Farm in Monteswood Lane, Haywards Heath on **Saturday 7th September** from 11am to 1pm.

Come and meet Dan Burdett, 2021 Organic Dairy Farmer of the Year, who will give us a tour of his farm and show us how regenerative farming can improve soil health. Email fairerworldlindfield@gmail.com if you would like to book as places are limited.

"Caring for our World" at Lindfield URC - 27th - 29th September.

Fairer World Lindfield is delighted to participate in Lindfield's United Reformed Church "Caring for Our World" prayer weekend. It runs from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September at the church. FWL will have a display all weekend along with other eco displays, eco craft activities and reflective spaces. One of FWL's talks during the weekend is entitled "Inviting Small Wildlife into your Garden" at 10am on Saturday 28th September.

MP Alison Bennett's Maiden Speech in the Commons

Fairer World Lindfield is mentioned in the Maiden Speech of our newly elected Mid Sussex Lib Dem MP Alison Bennett during the "Making Britain a Clean Energy Superpower" debate in the House of Commons. Find the recording at the link- Alison's speech starts at 1.20pm. [Parliament Live](#)
This is what she said, *"There are also incredible groups working to tackle the climate crisis, which brings me to the subject of today's debate. Fairer World Lindfield, Hurst Rethink, and Greener Hassocks and Ditchling are tireless advocates and campaigners for the idea of starting something to tackle the climate crisis rather than waiting for the Government to get on board."*

WPE Welcome new members. We meet once a month on a Wednesday at 2pm in St Benedict's. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, **28th August** at 2pm. Please get in touch if you would like to attend.

Creator God, we thank you for the wondrous gifts of creation.

*Inspire us to take only what we need, so that your people may benefit equally
from the gifts you give us all.*

Amen

Pax Christi would like to thank you all for your generosity.
Your recent donations reached **£187.61**.

Finding Stillness

2nd – 5th September, Worth RH10 4SB (Cost: £330).

Encounter the power of stillness through the Benedictine tradition, discover how it can be part of your everyday life, and how transformative it can be. The retreat includes teachings in *Lectio Divina*, stilling the mind, and a chance to meet 1:1 with a member of the monastic community. [Click Here](#) to book.

Non-Parish Events

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 50th Anniversary Book

Our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage marks its 50th Anniversary this year with the launch of a special commemorative book. Over the book's c.130 pages, tales of faith, hope, love in action, journey and vocation are told with hundreds of photos to illustrate them, evoking memories from every decade of the pilgrimage. Copies cost £20 plus postage and can be pre-ordered here: [Lourdes Pilgrimage 5th Anniversary](#)

Adoremus Saturday

Members of clergy and people from across our diocesan community are invited to join Bishop Richard at Adoremus 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress taking place at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham, on **Saturday 14th September**. The day will include a keynote address, Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction and a range of campus activities including a Carlo Acutis presentation, Rosary Walk, and Adoration in the chapel. The Diocese is organising a coach to the venue leaving from St Wilfrid's Catholic School, Old Horsham Road, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 8PG at 06.45am and returning to Crawley around 9pm that same day. The cost per person is £40 which includes parking at St Wilfrid's, coach travel, and

Catechists' Day

Saturday 21st September 11am - 4pm at Worth School. For all catechists and those involved in adult formation across our parishes: a day of formation, reflection and networking. Sign up at [Catechists' Day \(21-Sep-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website events calendar. Any queries please email E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

Marriage Anniversaries Mass

Saturday 12th October 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drink's reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring.

Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place please use the attached link.

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/70tzo4jq> or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

Grandparents' Formation Day

Wednesday 6th November at 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Come along for a day with Becky Sedgewick, author of the inspiring 'Grandparenting for Faith' book. Refreshments from 10.15am.

Please bring a packed lunch.

To book your place please use the attached link [Grandparents Day](#) or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

Marriage Catechists' Day

Saturday 16th November at 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Please join us for our Annual Day of Formation.

Bishop Richard looks forward to welcoming you to celebrate all that you offer in your Ministry and to share how marriage preparation will continue to develop under the revised Pastoral Plan. If you are part of a team, it would be wonderful if the whole team could attend. To book your place please use the attached link [Marriage Catechists](#) or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

News on the Synod, to be completed in Rome during the month of October.

The “working document” for the Synod has been released. Speaking yesterday, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "This is a welcome document which has clarity of purpose, firmness of foundations, refreshing perspectives and concrete pathways for development. Its purpose is clear: to rekindle hope, to spark renewal in discipleship, to restore a missionary outreach in the Church on the basis of our common baptism and to do so through working and walking together." The document is structured in five sections with three central parts:

- Relationships with God, among brothers and sisters, and among the Churches.
 - Formative paths and community discernment.
 - Places of ecumenical and interreligious dialogue.

The document concludes with an invitation to continue the journey as “Pilgrims of Hope” in next year's Jubilee. [Click Here](#) to download the document, or [here](#) to read more about it on the A & B website.

Source: [CBCEW](#); [Vatican 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](#)

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(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: 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 and 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 If you would like to join us, please contact Jenny Chapman by email or speak to her after Mass any weekend.

Christian Meditation Group – 7.00pm in the Unity Room, please contact Richard by email rbrownd1@gmail.com . Forthcoming dates **25th September**, 23rd October and 27th November.

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.

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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