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**Twenty Eighth Sunday in OT (year B)
12th / 13th October 2024 (No. 1398)**

Dear parishioners

This year Prisoners' Sunday – the National Day of Prayer and action for prisoners and their families – falls on 13th October. We would like to share a message from Rt Rev Bishop Richard Moth.

Prisoners' Sunday is an important opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts and prayers to the needs of prisoners and their families, and those who work to support our brothers and sisters affected by the criminal justice system. The number of people in prison in England and Wales is increasing and our prisons are in crisis. In our communities there are more children and families who have a loved one in prison and who may be struggling with stigma, isolation and perhaps hardship, as a result.

Pact is the national Catholic charity working to support prisoners, people with convictions, and children and families. Pact's work is deeply rooted in Catholic Social Teaching. Pact continues to restore hope and dignity to thousands of people affected by imprisonment. Staff and volunteers work in 68 prisons across England and Wales. Their care and practical support help people in prison stay connected with their families. We know that retaining strong family bonds is a significant factor in preventing reoffending.

God of mercy, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison and for their children and families.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

May your love overcome struggle and heartache and bring new life.

Lord God, we commend to you all who work or volunteer, in courts, prisons and communities.

May they know your presence with them as they work and may their efforts inspire us to share your love ever more widely.

We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity supports prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. There will be a second collection to support Pact's important work.

Pact's Faith in Action team have resources and opportunities for Catholic people to explore how they might respond to Jesus' challenge, 'I was in prison and you visited me'. Information can be found on the Pact website www.prisonadvice.org.uk The support of Catholic communities makes a huge difference to Pact and to the impact the charity can make for people living through what may well be the worst times of their lives. I express my wholehearted gratitude, on behalf of Pact, for any support you are able to offer. Do contact Pact's Head of Faith in Action, Julia Corcoran, by email at parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk with any questions or concerns.

Prayers

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Terry and Susan Scoble, Pamela Bagwell and for Fred Green, who is approaching the end of his life. Sue Pearson, John and Sue Rutherford, Demelza Waring, Liz Hicklin, Helen Sweetman, Jill Carter, Laura Rawlinson, Peter and Antee Greene.

Prayer for Prisoner Sunday

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love, prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

*Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others,
especially the victims of crime.*

*Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly
together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day.*

Amen.

Prayer for Creation

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

*O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.*

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.*

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen

Prayer for the Homeless

Lord I'd like to pray for the homeless and ask that you send your guardian angels to protect them.

Lord guide them, keep them safe and guide them to where they need to be,

Lord, I ask that you send your love to them so that they know they're not alone.

*Lord pour your mercy on them and be there when they need it most,
when they have insecurities and turn to hard drugs, Lord I ask that you be in their hearts.*

Bless them and show them the right way to go.

*I pray for everyone in the B&B temporary accommodation on the sea front,
keep the vulnerable ones safe and guide them out of their troubles.*

Guide them away from using drugs and alcohol and they can finally find peace Lord, in Jesus' name.

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 – Patricia MacDonald (Pat), Jenny Frost, Timothy Robin Martin, Mary Hume, Tom Wheeler, Maria Beardsall, Sister Law SRN, Beryl Green, Elizabeth Leksinska, Patricia Stanford and Audrey Mary Davies.

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

Daily Readings

Monday – Gal 2:22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1 Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday – Gal 5:1-6 Luke 11:37-41 (**St Teresa of Jesus**)

Wednesday – Gal 5:18-25 Luke 11:42-46

Thursday – Eph 1:1-10 Luke 11:47-54 (**St Ignatius of Antioch**)

Friday – 2 Tim 4:10-17 Luke 10:1-9 (**St Luke**)

Saturday – Eph 1:15-23 Luke 12:8-12

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

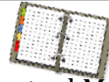
1st Reading – Isaiah 53:10-11 2nd Reading – Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary



This Saturday 12th October - Instead of the usual Conventual Mass at 09:00, there is a special celebratory Mass to celebrate our Patronal Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. The Mass will be at 11.00am, followed by a reception in the Narthex. This special Mass will be [Livestreamed](#)

This Sunday 13th October – Parish Brunch after mass in Compass House.

Sunday 20th October – Family Formation groups continue.

Friday 1st November – Feast of All Saints – Monastic mass at 5.30pm with Parish mass at 7.30pm

Saturday 2nd November – 9am All Souls mass. Don't forget to add your petitions for your deceased friends and relatives into the box in the Narthex.



50th Anniversary of the Abbey Church of Our Lady, Help of Christians, at Worth.

The Abbot and Community of Worth Abbey invite you to join us for Mass in celebration of our Patronal Feast Day, Our Lady Help of Christians, at **11.00am on Saturday 12th October.**

Mass will be followed by a reception.

The Mass on 12th October begins a year of celebration for the **50th anniversary of the Abbey Church of Our Lady Help of Christians at Worth.**

RSVP by Wednesday 9th October 2024 to Kelly O'Hara - kohara@worth.org.uk

Worth Abbey Church, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 4SB.

The Mass will be livestreamed on the [Worth Abbey website](#) for those who are unable to attend in person.

Fr Paul's absence

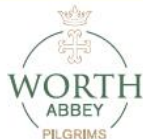
While Fr Paul is now away until the end of October. Please leave phone messages on 01342 710313 only.

This weekend there is a Second Collection for Prisoner Sunday.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for World Mission Sunday

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, 25th October at 7.30pm.



MASS FOR ALL SOULS

The Abbey Church, Saturday 2nd November, 9.00am



Join us at Worth, to commemorate the faithful departed.

An opportunity to remember and pray for loved ones who have gone before us

If you would like the names of your loved ones added to those remembered in prayer by the monks of Worth Abbey, throughout the month of November, please complete their details on the back or visit our website, worthabbey.net to add their names.

A Place of Beauty and Joy

Maria's absence

Maria will be out of the office from Wednesday 16th October until Wednesday 23rd October. (3rd time lucky with her daughter's postponed surgery). Please email any queries to parish@worth.org.uk which will be monitored.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Big Sing

26th October, 2pm, Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB.

People across our faith family are invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage by raising their voices to sing some 'Lourdes favourites'. Entry is free with donations to the Pilgrimage welcome on the day. [Click Here](#) to let the team know you are coming.

Worth Pro Earth

As the Season of Creation has now come to a close the students at Worth School invite you to continue your reflection on the theme of Creation and Stewardship by participating in their initiative with wider Worth Community as part of their CAFOD LiveSimply for school's award.

The students invite you now to take a practical response. In the narthex you will find a card with three environmental pledges that you can sign, keep and commit to.

The three pledges are as follows:

Pledge 1: I pledge to live sustainably, simply and in solidarity with others by switching off appliances and devices, such as chargers or unnecessary lighting, when I am not using them.

Pledge 2: I pledge to reflect on the words of Pope Francis from Laudato Si regularly.
The extract from Laudato Si is printed on the reverse side of the pledge card.

Pledge 3: I pledge to reduce my food and plastic waste, by taking manageable food portions in my meals, as well as using a reusable drink bottle.

In order to evidence this initiative to CAFOD you are kindly asked when committing to the Pledge(s), to sign your first name only on the large sheet provided in the narthex during the month of October. These pledges will also be signed by the Worth students and staff this month. This is a wonderful practical step towards fulfilling our role as a steward of creation.

This initiative is part of Worth Pro Earth's work with the school's Worth Environment Society.

Worth Pro-Earth was in full swing as the season of Creation wrapped up last weekend.

On Wednesday we were privileged to read the lessons at the pupil-led Wednesday Worship. A huge amount of thoughtful preparation went into this service celebrating our role as stewards of the Earth. It was very moving and beautifully managed by the members of the Worth Environment Society.

Friday evening brought Nicola Peel <https://www.nicolapeel.com/> to the Performing Arts Centre of the School to give an extremely interesting presentation on her work in the Amazon and the challenges of the indigenous people living there, particularly dealing with the thousands of oil spills which bring real devastation. Another part of the presentation focused on biomimicry - lessons from Nature on how to deal with environmental challenges. Nicola describes herself as a solutionologist so the tone of the evening was of creativity and hope.

Finally - on Sunday after Mass we had a screening of a beautiful CAFOD supported film - Global Healing. Again the message was that we have to act to protect our world, but that doing so brings huge personal benefit as well as being for the greater good. The film made the whole ecological conversion message in a very positive way. Thank you to those who attended for your attention and useful comments.

Engaging with your new MP: A path to Climate Action – 12th October

The Climate Coalition is organising a nationwide initiative encouraging groups across the UK to meet with their MPs on Saturday 12 October. This collective effort aims to show strong support for climate action and ensure it remains a priority in Government policy.

As we work towards a greener future, here are 5 key goals to push for with your MP:

1. Lift the ban on offshore wind: Enable the development of locally-produced clean energy.
 2. Put Fixing Factories on high streets: Support a repair economy that cuts waste and revitalises communities.
 3. Get essential workers in electric vehicles: Provide clean transportation options that reduce carbon emissions and save money.
 4. Take real action on frequent flying: Implement a frequent flyer levy to curb excessive emissions while funding clean travel.
 5. Reallocate road space: Transform our streets to benefit both neighbourhoods and nature.
- Further details can be found at the following link. <https://peopleclimatenature.org/>

WPE welcome new members. We meet once a month on a Wednesday at 2pm in St Benedict's. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13th November** 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*

SEASON 4

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Season 4 dates and times

Saturday Sanctuary - 14th Sept, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 7th Dec

A morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer & silence. 10.10am - 12.10pm

7th Dec is an Advent Day of reflection 10.10am - 5pm

Monk Talks - 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 19th Nov

6pm evening prayer, 6.30pm simple supper, 7pm talk.

24th Sep - 'Praying with Lectio' *D Anthony/D Gabriel*

22nd Oct - 'Praying with Meditation' *D Peter*

19th Nov - 'Praying with Icons' *Rosie Bradshaw*

Midday Stillness - 13th Sept to 13th Dec

An hour of music, prayer and reflection.

Fridays 12noon - 1pm

Pray with us

Morning Prayer 9am Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat

Evening Prayer 6pm Mon, Tue, Wed

Special Vespers - 24th Nov

Solemnity of Christ the King 5pm



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And All Souls*

**Victory Hall, Balcombe
2-4pm**

Saturday 2nd November

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(those with children over 2)**

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Non-Parish Events

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.

Anti-Slavery Day

18th October 6.30pm-8.30pm, Chichester Cathedral & Assembly Rooms, PO19 1AF.

Join Bishop Richard and Bishop & Alastair Redfern at an [Ecumenical Anti-Slavery event](#) with speakers from Sussex Police, West Sussex County Council and our diocesan Modern Slavery Ambassador volunteers. All are welcome.

Mass for Altar Servers

26th October, 12pm, Arundel Cathedral.

Altar servers across our Diocese are warmly invited to join Bishop Richard for a special Mass to celebrate their service in the Church.

[Click Here](#) to find out more. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Michael Weston Burt on paul.michael.westonburt@btinternet.com

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.

Re-Presenting Jesus

Sharing Christ in Contemporary Culture,
12th November, 8pm, **online**.

Join Jonathan Roumie, Fr James Mallon and Nicky Gumbel to explore what it means to represent Jesus today and how the Church can share Christ with all nations.

[Click here](#) to book.

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.

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](#)

or use our QR code.



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Parish Office Email: parish@worth.org.uk Parish Office Tel: 01342 710313 Parish Website: www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk

Secretary: Maria Stribbling, available 9.15am-1.15pm Mon-Fri

Nighttime emergencies only: 01342 710331

Any cheques to be made payable to – Worth Abbey Parish

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: 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 **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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