

Times of Monastic Liturgy

in the Abbey Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, Worth Abbey
It is best to arrive at least five minutes before the commencement times listed.

Monday - Friday

06:20 Mattins
07:30 Lauds
08:00 Said Mass
13:00 Midday Prayer
17:30 Conventual Mass***
18.40 Vespers
21:00 Compline

Saturday

06:20 Mattins
07:30 Lauds
09.00 Conventual Mass
13:00 Midday Prayer
18.40 Vespers
21:00 Vigils of Sunday

Sunday

07:20 Lauds
09.30 Sung Mass
18.00 Vespers

*** N.B. Mass at 1840 on Thursdays in School Term. See inside for further details and other variations.

Weekend Masses:

Worth Abbey:
5.15pm First Mass of Sunday
9.30am (Concelebrated)
West Hoathly:
11.30am at St Dunstan's Chapel

Holy Days of Obligation:

Worth Abbey:
Vigil Mass at 7.30pm
8.00am & 5.30 (Concelebrated)

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Regular events in the Parish

Car Share - For requests and volunteers for getting people to Mass on Sundays: contact Jill Carter Tel: 07836 316525.

Child Protection Representative - Our Parish Representative is Rachel Davies Tel: 0780 169 6354.

Christian Meditation Group - Meets at 8.00pm to 9.00pm each Wednesday in the Unity Room at the Abbey.

Faith Group - RCIA - For those who are interested in the Catholic Church and will meet weekly in term time to try to understand what church membership means. Please contact Fr James if you wish to join.

FOG - The 'Follow On Group', for those following on from First Communion Preparation. FOG is fun and takes place six times a year on Saturday mornings from 10.00 until 11.00. Details from Rosemarie D' Cruz. E-mail: rosemariedcruz@hotmail.com

House Groups - Twelve House Groups operate within the Parish. They meet weekly or fortnightly in term time to reflect on the Gospel of the coming Sunday, to formulate some Christian intention for the week and to pray together. These groups are small and operated locally within the Parish. Please ring Geraldine on 01293 523291 to find the right group for you or e-mail: geraldine.constable@btinternet.com.

Lectio Divina - A group meets every Tuesday evening in Parlour 1 from 8.25 to 9.00pm.

Please contact Fr Aidan on 01342 710225 or amurray@worth.org.uk.

Marriage Preparation - The Parish runs a one day course twice a year. These take place on Saturdays in St Benedict's. Ecumenical and open to all. Contact Deacon Chris.

Parish Necrology - The list of deceased is on a table near the Bookshop in the Narthex. For alterations and additions Tel: 01342 710315.

Prayers for Healing - A simple liturgy of Prayers for Healing takes place at 10.45am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, usually on the first Sunday of the month. The next service will be on 3rd May.

The Junior Church - With songs and worship is available for children: Pre-school in the Unity Room, those at school in the Seminar Room. For further information please come along during a service or contact Rachel Davies Tel: 0780 169 6354.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - See inside for details of Services of Reconciliation. Fr Charles offers the sacrament on Sundays before the 9.30 Mass.

The Rosary - Is prayed each Saturday morning at 9.30 am in the Lady Chapel at the Abbey, following the 9.00 am Mass.

Worth Caring - Is the Parish group which visits the elderly, lonely and housebound in their homes. If you know of someone who would like to be visited or if you wish to become a visitor, please phone Sue Rutherford on 01342 717973

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Worth Abbey Parish News

25th/26th April 2009

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

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Education Education Education! - This is the most effective way to lift orphans in Irundu out of poverty. We are seeking sponsors for these youngsters to attend courses at the Vocational Secondary School run by Fr Stephen. Fees are £180.00 per annum. Hairdressing is a one year course, Carpentry, Tailoring, Brick Laying and Agriculture are all three year courses. Forms will be available this **Sunday 26th April**. Further information from Cynthia Haynes Tel: 01737 243013 E-mail: cmmh.cmmh@virgin.net.

The Strollers - Had a beautiful walk through the Spring countryside last weekend. Their next walk and lunch will be on May 24th. Everybody welcome. Contact Sue Garner or Deacon Chris.

London Marathon - Sue Garner is again running in the London Marathon to raise funds for Irundu. Remember her in your prayers during Mass! Perhaps you will be able to sponsor her.

Workshop on Loneliness - A day event at Worth Abbey 25th April more details Tel: 01342 710311 or E-mail: www.worthabbey.net.

Saturday 9th May, A Day Out in France! - After the very successful day out to Le Touquet last year, the Parish Events Group has arranged a repeat visit at £23 per person. Charabanc leaves Worth at 7.00am, back by 9.00pm, via the Channel Tunnel. There's an optional 3-course lunch, at about £25 payable on the day, at Le Jardin, a renowned restaurant in the centre of town. To book send details and whether you require lunch, together with cheque payable to Worth Abbey Parish, to: Martin Harewood, Burleigh Ridge, Crawley Down, RH10 4LB. Tel: 01342 716847; E-mail: martin@nordicflyer.com.

Mid Sussex LIFE Group - Is holding its annual Mini-Market in the Martlets Library, Burgess Hill on Saturday, 9th May from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Books! Plants! Cakes! Tombola! Raffle! Tea and Coffee! Come and help support **LIFE Charity - Loving Life, Offering Hope**. Contributions of cakes and produce would be most welcome. Please contact Priscilla Williamson Tel: 01444 811519.

Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May - There will be a rally calling for a pathway to citizenship for migrants who have put down roots in the UK, and an end to limbo for the people fleeing persecution who have been waiting for decisions in their cases for many years. This is organised by the **Strangers into Citizens** campaign of London Citizens. Meet in Tothill Street, SW1 then walk to Trafalgar Square for a Strangers into Citizens Rally. More details from Fr Paul Fleetwood.

Science - Conflict with Faith - Whether or not science is in conflict with faith is a topic of wide interest, and the issues will be explored at Worth Abbey's Performing Arts Centre on Sunday 7th June, between 2.00pm and 7.30pm. Talks from three speakers from different faith backgrounds will be followed by question time and a youth panel. After Vespers there will be a Bring & Share vegetarian supper. Advance booking if possible to rsanders@worth.org.uk.

Two New House Group - Have started. One is led by Deacon Chris in the Turner's Hill/Crawley Down area as an afternoon group. The other is in Brighton and led by our parishioner Jools Newton. Deacon Chris started the original Crawley Down Group, which split to create a second group

and now Chris moves on to his third group. This is how House Groups are envisaged to grow, by dividing and inviting more and more people to see the benefits. They are not just Holy Joe shops – they are encounters of real people with real issues of living and can be great fun besides.

Cabrini Children's Society – On Sunday 31st May 2009, they will be hosting a one-off event to celebrate 120 years of work as the Catholic Children's Society and to embrace their future as Cabrini Children's Society. The occasion will be held in a marquee at Worth Abbey. The event will commence at 2.00pm with a Mass, celebrated by Bishop Kieran. Ticket prices are £25 per person or £225 for a table of 10, which will include a drinks reception, a sumptuous afternoon tea and entertainment. To book your tickets or find out more information you can contact them by email or telephone at info@cabrini.org.uk or 020 8668 2181.

The Richard Stewart Lecture – **Cardinal Cormac Murphy O' Connor will be the speaker at Worth Abbey on Thursday 29th October** at 7.30pm for The Richard Stewart Lecture. The title of his talk is, "ARCIC: Dead in the Water or Money in the Bank". It will be a review of the work of the International Committee on dialogue between the Anglican and Catholic Churches, and reflect on a lifetime of ecumenical endeavour.

Peace and Justice – A residential weekend at Worth Abbey 31st July – 2nd August for details Tel: 01342 710311 or see www.worthabbey.net.

The Lindisfarne Walking Pilgrimage – Saturday 15th August to Sunday 30th August 2009. The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage this year is from the North York Moors to Lindisfarne. The theme of the pilgrimage is Celtic Christianity and the Celtic Saints and how their example can inspire us. See www.thepilgrims.org.uk.

Spirituality in the Workplace – A residential weekend at Worth Abbey 18th – 20th September. For details Tel: 01342 710311 or see www.worthabbey.net.

Next Week's Gospels:

Monday	John 6:22-29
Tuesday	John 6:30-35
Wednesday	Matthew 11:25-30 St Catherine of Siena (See below)
Thursday	John 6:44-51
Friday	John 6:52-59
Saturday	John 6:60-69

Anniversaries: Jean Eicher, Nina Pokultinis, Edwin Ryan, Barbara Geary, Althea Harris, Matthew Dawson and Veira Flanagan.

Saint Catherine of Siena

*Virgin and doctor of the Church
Memorial 29 April*

Catherine was born in Siena in Italy, in 1347, and joined the third Order of St Dominic. Among the many striking personalities of the Middle Ages, there were not a few women. Catherine was one such, but she would have been striking in any place or time. She was an ascetic and a mystic, a true contemplative and one for whom the supernatural penetrated every moment and action of her life, yet full too, of an active love of God and of her neighbour. As a member of the third Order she gradually attracted a body of men and women who aided her in the care of the sick and the poor. She worked for peace and reconciliation in her native place of Siena with success, and on the level of Church politics persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return from Avignon to Rome. When the great Western Schism subsequently developed she supported Pope Urban, and tried, unsuccessfully, to bring about re-union.

She dictated a number of works which are remarkable for their spiritual content and soundness of doctrine.

St Catherine died in 1380 and was canonized in 1461. She is revered as one who was always faithful to grace and so grew in infused wisdom and love.

Extract from 'Today We Celebrate' 'The Saints and their Message for Us' by Gerard MacGinty OSB.

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: "Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps: 117(118):1, 8-9. 21-23. 26, 21, 29 R.v.1

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."