

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 Office of Readings
07:30 Morning Prayer
08:00 Said Mass
13:00 Midday Prayer
17:30 Conventual Mass ***
18.40 Evening Prayer
21:00 Compline

Saturday

06:20 Office of Readings
07:30 Morning Prayer
09.00 Conventual Mass
13:00 Midday Prayer
18.40 Evening Prayer
21:00 Vigils of Sunday

Sunday

07:20 Morning Prayer
09.30 Sung Mass
18.00 Evening Prayer

*** N.B. Mass at 18:40 on Thursdays
in School Term. See page 1 or 2 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 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm 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 every six weeks on Saturday mornings from 10.00 until 11.00am.

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 contact Geraldine to find the right group for you e-mail: geraldine.constable@btinternet.com.

Lectio Divina – A group meets every Tuesday evening in Parlour 1 from 8.25 to 9.00pm. Contact Fr Aidan on 01342 710225 or amurray@worth.org.uk.

Lost Property – If you have lost anything recently in the Abbey Church or anywhere at Worth please ring the secretary of Open Cloister to make enquiries Tel: 01342 710318.

Marriage Preparation -The Parish runs a one day course twice a year. They are 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 7th February.

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.

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The new biannual parish magazine will be launched on January 23rd / 24th 2010.

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In Touch

Worth Abbey Parish News

9th/10th January 2010

Baptism of the Lord (C)

No 775

Welcome back and Happy New Year – This is the first issue of In Touch since Christmas. May all parishioners enjoy a fulfilling, peaceful and faith-full 2010. (Editor)

Junior Church resumes this Sunday

Things Liturgical – This Sunday is the final one of the Christmas season and Jesus' baptism leads us now in the Gospels of Ordinary Time to following Jesus' active ministry of three years from the time of his baptism to his death and resurrection. We are now in the C or third cycle of Sunday readings, and this cycle concentrates on the third Gospel of St Luke (except that next Sunday we have John's account of the Marriage at Cana). What about reading Luke's Gospel straight through for a daily scripture reading? A good bible is the New Jerusalem Bible or the New Revised Standard Version both of which are available in the bookshop. Or you could go for the economy option of buying a CTS booklet with the full St Luke's Gospel in it which is also stocked in the bookshop.

Parish Website – See www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk / Social Concerns / Africa for latest pictures of Fr James' visit to Irundu. The website also contains the up to date Diary of Events in the parish as well as all the latest lists for Readers and Intercessors at all Masses. It also has a link to the results of our recent Parish Survey

Ecumenical Service – At 10.30am next Sunday 17th with Holy Communion at St Leonard's Turner's Hill. Deacon Chris preaches

St Dunstan's Ecumenical Service with St Margaret's – This will be on Sunday 31st January at 10.00am in St Margaret's. There will be no Mass that day in St Dunstan's.

The New Missal – Agreement on the new translation of texts for the Mass is almost complete and we expect the new missal to be introduced either by Advent of this year or Easter of next. There will be a lot of changes in the prayers said by the priest and some minor changes in the responses by the people. The most noticeable will be the response to 'The Lord be with You'. It will no longer be 'And also with you', but 'And with your Spirit'. Some of the wording of the Gloria and the Creed will change. The Nicene Creed will start like the Apostles' Creed, 'I believe', not 'We believe'. At the peace the priest says 'The peace of the Lord be with you always'. The people reply, 'And with your spirit'. The small changes will be awkward to get used to but like the changes that happened after the Second Vatican Council, which were much more extensive, in time they will bed down and become familiar.

Parish Development Plan – The launch of the Parish Development Plan was cancelled on Saturday because of the weather conditions. But the analysis of the Questionnaire is available on the website www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk and it makes fascinating reading. Many thanks to the 259 people who replied (compared to the 100 interviewed for the questionnaire for the last PDP five years ago). Peoples' likes and dislikes the age profile of the responders and their individual comments are revealing. **And it was all anonymous.**

PDP prayer – Here is a prayer especially composed to be prayed during our process with the idea that it could be incorporated into our daily morning or evening prayer during the planning months of January to May.

God our Father,
Your Son promised to be with all

who gather in his name.
Help us to live our faith fully
To see your Face,
To deepen our Faith
And to grow in Love.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen

Brenda and Keith Ellison – Congratulations to them as they celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary this weekend

Sue Rutherford is unfortunately unwell at the moment. In Touch is being edited by Jill Carter for the time being

House Group 'Vignette' – As readers will know, thanks to the initiative of the last PDP, House Groups are thriving in our Parish. Ours, in Forest Row, has grown and flourished over the last three years and is enriched by members from six different nationalities. Discussions are lively and enlightening and have greatly added to our spiritual understanding and growth. New members have integrated well and there is a great sense of caring for each other, especially noticeable in times of need. We also know how to enjoy ourselves and we have just concluded our first meeting of the term with an Epiphany Party. We meet every Tuesday evening in term time. Contact: Rosemary Sanders Tel:01342 826819.

The Wednesday Afternoon Housegroup is looking for more members. It meets weekly at 3.00pm in Crawley Down or Turners Hill and is ideal for parishioners and friends who would prefer not to go out in the evening. Contact Deacon Chris.

Water in our World - 23rd January – The date for the A & B Justice & Peace Assembly “Water in our World – A Thirst for Justice”, Crawley Education Centre. Seán McDonagh, a Columban missionary priest and author of several books including “The Death of Life” and “Greening the Christian Millennium” is the main speaker, along with Dr Mike Edwards, CAFOD's Climate Change Adviser. Fr McDonagh's involvement in environmental issues stemmed from his years on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines in the

1970s and 1980s. You can join in workshops after the talks, including on one on ‘After Copenhagen – what next?’

The Strollers–The next walk will be on January 31st to The White Hart. Lunch at 1.15pm then a walk back for tea at Worth. Please let Sue know, Tel: 01342 835416, if you are joining us for lunch.

Wednesday 3rd March 2010 – Worth 50 Lecture from the Worth Literary Society: Christ in the country and the city, from Austen to Hardy by Professor Michael Wheeler, PAC, 5.00-6.00pm. All welcome. Professor Wheeler (formerly Lancaster and Southampton universities) is one of the foremost British literary experts on the Victorian novel, on the influence of the bible on Victorian literature and art, and on the work of John Ruskin.

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group is appealing for casual clothes and shoes for young men. Underwear and socks should be new or in very good condition. At the moment, they are not allowed to accept toiletries. Please leave items in the East Porch, clearly marked for Fr Paul.

Used Postage Stamps – Rachel Davies is collecting these for St George's Hospital, Tooting. Please leave stamps, clearly marked for Rachel, at the East Door.

Masses said recently – Teresa O'Doherty, Ida Harrison, Min Pozorsky, Gabrielle Hawksworth, Fr Stephen Mudoola, James and Ann Reynolds, Sue Rutherford, Tina Wetheridge

Next Week's Gospels:

Monday - Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday - Matthew 18:1-5 St Benet Biscop

Wednesday - Mark 1:29-39

Thursday - Mark 1:40-45

Friday - Mark 2:1-12

Saturday - Mark 2:13-17

Anniversaries:

John Isted, Mrs Ray Smith, Dom Michael Smith, Margery Hemming, Brian Hemming, Sean Duggan, Tom Fieldwick, Liam Dunbar, Mrs Elizabeth Shrimpton and Molly Cox.

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of the Year (C)

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R.v.3

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel: John 2:1-12

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine'. Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you'. There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said; 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now'.

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and the brothers, but they stayed there only a few days.