

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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Worth Abbey Parish News

16th/17th January 2010

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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CAFOD emergency retiring collection for Haiti.

Things Liturgical – This Sunday is the second of Ordinary Time in which we shall be 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 this weekend 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 – Log on to www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk. On the Home Page you can find the Parish Survey Report – click on 'Parish Development Plan' and scroll down to find the link. Both the report and its appendix (all the comments) make fascinating reading. Now you can comment on the Report and appendix, and add any new thoughts, by going onto the **Blog** via the Home Page. Give it a try - it's no harder to make a comment than it is to send an email. Once you're in the Blog, you'll need to create a Google account if you don't already have one but can do so using any email address using the 'Sign In' instruction at the top of the page. Then click on 'Comments' to read what others have said and you'll find a box for your own remarks at the bottom.

PDP - What happens next? – Three groups will use the research with parishioners as a starting point for their discussions on the changes and new initiatives that could be introduced in the

next five years. They will produce an Interim Development Plan which the parish as a whole will meet to discuss on **Sunday 11th April**. The groups will return to work to produce a Final Plan to present to the parish on Pentecost Sunday. The three groups constituted by Fr. James, each considering different aspects, are (1) Chris Dobson, Rosemarie D'Cruz, John Coke, Ingrid Fitzgerald, Sam Hey, Joan Brown, Nickie Whitehead (2) Michael Keenan, Keith Ellison, Lucia Amato, Sylvia Henze, Paul & Helle Yeates, Christina Fitzsimons, Howard Davies (3) Robin Williamson, George Fitzsimons, Marian Killick, Lana Peile, Meg Rew, Ann Shorthouse, Martin Powys-Lybbe.

Pray for Christian Unity – This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25 January. Churches Together urges all Christians to pray as Christ prayed, that we may be one in the Father and the Son, and so by the Spirit promote personal relationships of love, peace and fellowship within the Body of Christ, His universal Church.

Dates for your diary:

23rd/24th January – Launch of Pii, our new parish magazine, this time on the subject of The Ten Commandments. How fortunate we are to have Sarah Whitebloom in the parish who has made this venture such a success – J.C.

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 one on 'After Copenhagen – what next?'

30th January – Sponsored Sleep-out: Nick Horton is sleeping out in a cardboard box on Saturday 30th January in Chatham. It is Poverty and Homelessness Action Week and it is in aid of two charities: Caring Hands in the Community and British Heart Foundation. Should you wish to sponsor him please contact Mandy Horton on 01342 710313 (Parish Office) or at mhorton@worth.org.uk.

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

31st January - 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.

12th-14th February - Teenage Time at Worth – Retreat for people in schools years 9-13. What better way to spend Valentine's weekend than to ignore all the silly slushy pink stuff and come along for a weekend of fun with a gang of other young people at Worth?! This retreat weekend is a chance to make lots of friends, play silly games and explore your faith in a new way. The cost of the weekend is £74 but subsidies may be available if cost is a problem. For more info, please contact Katy Russell on 07919 163894 or katyrussell@hotmail.co.uk. New-comers particularly welcome!

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 in the PAC.

NOTICES:

Mother and Toddlers' Group – This group meets on Wednesdays at 1.00pm at 38 St Joan's Close Crawley RH11 7SW. Contact Nicola Whitehead on 01342 715112 or at nicola.whitehead@sky.com for further details.

Cake Event – Thank you! The Parish Events Group wishes to send an enormous thank you to all

those who so generously baked for the above event, to those who purchased the results of their efforts and to those who made donations. The result was a whopping £403.82, which has been forwarded to Mary's Meals for their work among children in the developing world. From its various other initiatives, the Events Group generated just over £900 for charitable causes during 2009, thanks to the support of Parishioners. Watch this space for forthcoming events during 2010

Dominic Moorhouse is training for the Brighton Marathon in aid of Cancer Research. It starts at 9.00am on 18th April. He would welcome support and sponsorship for this cause – you can donate by logging on to www.justgiving.com/Dominic-Moorhouse.

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.

PDP Prayer Here is a prayer (slightly amended since last week) 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 know your Goodness,
To deepen our Trust
And to grow in Love.
We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Mass Next Thursday will be at 6.40pm

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

Anniversaries – Ralph Etherton, Eric Frankton, Fr Jerome Tomlins, Mike Wheeler, Ernest Constable, Fr Alan Downs, Josephine McLoughlin, Alec White and John Hall.

Next Week's Readings - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra read from the law of God and the people understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women and children old enough to understand he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose in full view of all the people — since he stood higher than all the people Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, "Amen! Amen then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then (Nehemiah His Excellency and) Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, "This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep." For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, "Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold."

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 18(19):8. 9. 10. 11 R. John 6:68

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 12:12-30.

You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, "I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body", would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, "I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body," would that mean it was not part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the

body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor can the head say to the feet, "I do not need you." What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part maybe equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21

This text is being fulfilled today.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eye witnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."