

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. The sacrament is offered 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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PDP – What is happening now?

Three groups are now working with the material in the Survey Report to see what the current state of the parish is. This will be published for all to see by 14th February. The PPC will discuss this report with the groups and suggest ways forward for the future. Then the groups will produce an Interim Final Report 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 in the light of the parish's comments which will then be presented back to the parish on Pentecost Sunday, the 23rd May. We are still looking for a bold plan for the future of our parish!

How can parishioners contribute immediately?

1. Use the Blog accessed via the home page of the parish website – see below
2. Send an e-mail to the leaders of the three groups working on the plan: pdp@worth.org.uk
3. Put written suggestions into the Suggestions Box in the Narthex

How to use the Parish Blog

Open Parish Website at www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk
Click Here gives you the link to the PDP Blog.
Click 'Already a member? Sign In' in the right hand column.

This will allow you to create an account if you don't already have one – you can use any genuine e-mail account.

Complete appropriate boxes and word verification. Agree to "I accept. Create my Account". A new screen appears in which you click on "Follow this Blog".

Click on comments and scroll down to bring up the "Post Comment" box.

Write your comment.
Select profile i.e. Google Account.

Enter Word Verification. Post Comment.
If you see the message 'Your request could not be processed. Please try again' then do exactly that 'Try again'!
You are successful if the message says "Your comment was published".

The parish website is well worth exploring. You'll find lots of useful material on it, including daily Bible readings and the monastic office, Mass times, news of Irundu and other parish-related activities, and past copies of In Touch and PQ. (Jill)

Haiti collection last week raised £1,577.40 for the CAFOD Emergency Appeal. In addition £1,000 was forwarded to the Disaster Emergency Committee for Haiti from our tithing account in the parish funds.

P2, our new-format parish magazine is being launched this weekend. Join the celebration in the Narthex after Sunday 9.30am Mass.

Monsignor Canon David Donnelly

– David was a familiar figure, tall and distinguished looking, who frequently concelebrated the Sunday morning Mass at the Abbey with the monks. Sadly, he died on 19th January. May he rest in peace. He had recently celebrated his eightieth birthday

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Next Sunday – St Dunstan's Ecumenical Service

with St Margaret's in West Hoathly at 10.00am in St Margaret's. There will be no Mass that day in St Dunstan's

Sunday 31st January is Education Sunday with a retiring collection for The Catholic Education Service. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education **Sunday 31st January** is also the day for the next Worth Strollers' walk. Meet by the Parish Office after coffee in the Narthex. Anyone welcome to join for our walk to The White Hart for lunch at 1.30pm then back for tea if you want to. Please let me know if you will be there for lunch. Sue (01342 835416) **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 information, 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.

May 30th Eucharistic Ministers – All Eucharistic Ministers will be re-commissioned at the 9.30am Mass on May 30th. This will be followed by a short period of reflection from 11.00am till 12 noon. Those who need to be ministering at the Saturday Mass or St Dunstan's will be commissioned in those respective Masses.

NOTICES

Next Thursday's Community Mass is at 5.25pm with the school.

Red Box Appeal - Thank you. A total of £186.14 was collected from the Red boxes in 2009 and sent to Fr Richard Biggerstaff of the A&B diocese. The money goes into the Pot of APF/Mill Hill Missionaries which promotes the Catholic faith and missionary work in developing countries around the world and is supported and promoted by the Diocese. In 2007 US \$115,000 was given to the Diocese of Jinga where our Friendship

Parish of Irundu resides. Red Boxes are available to anyone who may like to support the work of APF/Mill Hill Mission work.

Beryl Sidebotham.

St Cuthman's retreat centre at Coolham near Horsham is seeking to appoint a Resident Housekeeper. This is a new appointment following staff restructuring.

All information from the Director, Denise Mitchell. Tel: 01403. 741220.or e-mail director.stcuthmans@yahoo.co.uk

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.

Balcombe Lent Course at The United Reformed Church starts on 24th February at 8.00pm on the theme of "How do I live as a Christian Today?", and continues for four more Wednesday evenings.

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 29th July – 6th August 2010. Application forms available in the church, the Pilgrimage Office and can be downloaded from the website www.ablourdes.org. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or care assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office Tel: 01903 745180.

News Items for In Touch – If you are organising anything for the Parish or the Church in general and would like to promote it, please send your copy to the editor, **not the Parish Priest**, by Thursday morning preceding the weekend of publication. For contact details see the bottom of the back page.

Masses Said Recently: Bryan Hansen, Haiti, Christian Unity.

Mass Next Thursday will be at 6.40pm.

Next Week's Gospels: **Monday** - Mark 2:18-22; **Tuesday** - Mark 2:23-28; **Wednesday** - Mark 3:1-6; **Thursday** - Mark 3:7-12; **Friday** - Mark 3:13-19; **Saturday** - Mark 3:20-21.

Anniversaries: Jack Mantelow, Stanley Pitt, Joy Argent, Veronica Lamarche, Eve Dodwell, John Edward Clarke, Mrs Duncan, Hugh Vredenburg, Revd George Church, Paul Rubridge, Donald Nicolson, Muriel Price, Marie Rogue and Patricia Langridge.

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations". "So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 70(71):1-6. 15. 17. R.v. 16

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not only sent to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak to the people in the synagogue, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen". And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, surely?" But he replied, "No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside". And he went on, "I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman." When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.