

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.

Confirmation – Courses are run every two years for 14-18 year olds. Details will be in "In Touch" and on the Parish Website. Please contact: Catherine Goodridge 07788592036 or Julia Newton Tel: 07714 270959.

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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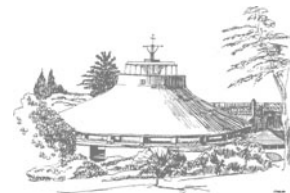
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In Touch

Worth Abbey Parish News

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PARISH NOTICES

This Weekend there is a retiring collection for the Cabrini Children's Society. This is the Catholic Children's Society under a different name and a different charter in response to equality legislation of parliament.

Ash Wednesday is this week and the start of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at both the 8.00am and 5.30pm Masses. Ashes will also be distributed at a non-Eucharistic service in St Dunstan's at 7.30pm.

Receiving Holy Communion - In response to the swine flu scare we made special provisions for ways of receiving Communion. From next week these are being dropped and we will be offered the choice of receiving the host by hand or on the tongue.

Next Weekend is the First Sunday of Lent and the following candidates will be enrolled as the Elect for Baptism or Reception into the Church this Easter: Vicky Hambridge, Sam Smyth, Edward Shorthouse, Tracey Hart, Antonia Hart, Gabriella Hart and Peter Newell.

Readers' Practice - The Word of God read at Mass, to be effective, has to be read so as to be heard by the congregation in such a way that it will be easy for the minds and hearts of listeners to absorb it. Reading well is a great skill, which many can learn and a few possess naturally. We rehearse all Sunday morning Abbey readers on Wednesdays. For other weekend Masses we will have occasional group practices. So for all readers at the Saturday evening Mass could we meet on Saturday 1st May at 4.30pm? Could those reading intercessions for the same Mass meet at 4.30 on Saturday 8th May and for St Dunstan's, could all readers and intercessors meet on Saturday June 26th at 11.00am? If new readers and intercessors would like to come to these practices they would be welcome and similarly if anybody wants to reconsider their reading ministry this might be a good time to do so.

The new translation of the Missal is due to be published this year or next year for all English speaking people. It is not a new rite but simply a new translation of the rite promulgated in 1969. (This new rite replaced the old Roman Rite of 1570.) Now we are being offered a new translation which has nuanced differences to the old one. Whereas the present text has simplicity as its very laudable aim, the new text is more faithful to the Latin and gives us a richer and slightly more formal language, not inappropriate for our ritual worship. See for yourselves in a short passage below from Eucharistic Prayer 3 how the translations differ.

Present Text – And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

Future Text – Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For full texts of the new translations, see the two websites of the United States Bishops' Conference: www.usccb.org/romanmissal/peoplesparts.pdf and www.usccb.org/romanmissal/priestparts.pdf.

Parish Development Plan – The PPC and PDP Group Leaders will meet all day on Saturday this coming week to discuss the report on the present situation in our parish. This report will be available to all on the parish website from this coming Monday www.worthabbeyparish.org. Hard copies will be available next Sunday. This will be a renewed time for blogging and e-mailing responses.

Monastic News – Br Anthony approaches the finals of his degree at St John's, Wonersh, after which he

will be in residence at Worth; Br Gabriel has recently begun at Heythrop College, London University.

OTHER NOTICES

New Missal – For more information and comment, and if you feel moved to sign a petition asking for more time and consultation on the new translation, go to www.whatifwejustsaidwait.org.

Lent CAFOD Family Fast – For the last 50 years during Lent we have given up one meal and donated what we saved to CAFOD. This year is different. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 17th February and CAFOD envelopes will be distributed on the First Sunday of Lent, 21st February, and we will be asked to consider giving up something for the whole season of Lent and donating what we save. So, for example, a couple of bottles of wine a week @£8 a bottle for six weeks would come to £96!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stations of the Cross, organised by RAG, will be taking place on the Fridays of Lent, preceded by a short talk by one of our parishioners, starting this coming Friday 19th February at **St Dunstan's, West Hoathly**, with the talk by Gerry Loney at 7.30pm on 'Blessed are the Poor', followed by Stations at 8.00pm. **Day Pilgrimage** to the shrine of Our Lady of Consolation and Secret Chapel at West Grinstead – being planned by RAG for 17th April. More information to follow.

Balcombe Lent Course at The United Reformed Church 8.00pm from 24th February for five weeks on the theme of 'How do I live as a Christian Today'. (This is a change in the starting date.) Fr James will be leading the evening of 3rd March. Full details of the series will be published next week.

Thursday 25th February, at St Cuthman's Retreat Centre - 'Jesus the Suffering Servant' – This *Reflection Day* will be led by Denise Mitchell and Neville Barrie, and will provide the opportunity for participants to respond to Jesus' invitation to '**Come away to a quiet place**'. The central focus for the day will be a reflective following in the footsteps of Jesus on his way to the cross, using the grounds of St Cuthman's, with time during the day for both individual and group prayer and reflection. The day will run from 10.30am - 4.00pm. £25 including lunch. **Prior booking is essential** 01403 741220, or see the

Events page of the website at www.stcuthmans.com.

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 5th March at 10.30am. Prepared by the Christian women of Cameroon on the theme "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God". It will be held at Cophorne Chapel, Chapel Lane, Crawley Down. Do join us in prayerful support of the women of Cameroon. As always, gentlemen are warmly welcome.

HCPT Lourdes Coffee Morning - 10th March at Stonecote, Birch Grove, Horsted Keynes. It is to raise money to send a child to Lourdes at Easter. Owing to rising costs, we now need £710 for each child's fare and accommodation. Bring and Buy & raffle 10.30 a.m. Contact Angela Bellord Tel: 01825-740269.

Catholic Youth Ministry Congress about the life and faith of Catholic young people, the first national Congress for youth leaders. It will take place in London on Saturday February 27th with "We have set our hope on the living God" as its theme and include new research on the life and faith of Catholic young people. Fr Timothy Radcliffe and Abbot Christopher are headline speakers. Tel: 07939 296292 or visit www.cymfed.org.

Vocations to the Priesthood Events: Retreat at St John's Seminary 5-7 March, and Discovering Priesthood day on 27th March in West Grinstead for young men 14-18 years old.

Next Thursday's Community Mass is at 5.30pm, it being half term.

Recent Masses intentions: John Cobb, Eileen Sheridan, Audrey and John Collett, Michaela Porubanova, Eileen Steers.

Anniversaries – Marjorie Beck, Oliver Burridge, Harry Simmons, Kathleen Glew and Mary Cockerill.

Next Week's Gospels:

Monday - Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday - Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday - Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18 Ash Wednesday

Thursday - Luke 9:22-25

Friday - Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday - Luke 5:27-32

Next Week's Readings

Please note that all the readings and psalms for Lent will be from Year A

First Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The creation and sin of our first parents.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, 'You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death.' " Then the serpent said to the woman: "No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50(51):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14. 17 R.v.3

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of "law-breaking", yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves". But he replied, "Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God". The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God" he said "throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone". Jesus said to him, "Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test". Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "I will give you all these," he said, "if you fall at my feet and worship me." Then Jesus replied, "Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone." Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.