

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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In Touch

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20th/21st February 2010

First Sunday of Lent (C)

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PARISH NOTICES

This is the first Sunday of Lent and we welcome the following candidates who 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.

Receiving Holy Communion – From today we will be offered the choice of receiving the host by hand or on the tongue as was the case before the swine flu epidemic.

Lent Service of Reconciliation with individual confession. Abbey on Wednesday 10th March at 7.30pm

Thanks – Many thanks to Don Harvey who is standing down after 14 years' service in charge of the parish's Gift Aid. Over that time he has helped us to recoup many thousands of pounds from the Treasury and we are most grateful to him. Happy retirement Don!

Easter Service Times 2010

Maunder Thursday 1st April - 8.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight.

Good Friday 2nd April - 3.00pm Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday 3rd April - 9.00pm Concelebrated Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection.

Easter Sunday 4th April - 9.30am Parish Easter Mass; 11.30am St Dunstan's Mass; 6.00pm Evening Prayer with Incense.

Liturgical Things – Bowing and

Genuflecting. By custom and tradition we bow to the altar representing the Lord's Passion and death and we genuflect to the tabernacle honouring the real presence of the Lord.

Divorce and Annulment A very useful pamphlet is available from the Welcome Desk outlining the Church's thinking. And if you think this is going to be another hard-hitting document, take another look.

For the New Translation of the Mass
www.usccb.org/romanmissal/peoplesparts.pdf and www.usccb.org/romanmissal/priestsparts.pdf

PPC Meets with PDP – On Saturday the Parish Pastoral Council and the Group Leaders of the Parish Development Plan met for a whole day to discuss the recently published reports on "The Present Situation" in the parish and consider what directions we should take over the next five years. (See the reports on www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk.) The draft of the Parish Plan will be available for the whole parish to comment on by 31st March.

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 we are asked give up something for the whole season of Lent and donate what we save. So keep hold of the envelopes distributed this weekend and they will be collected on the 5th Sunday of Lent, the 21st March.

OTHER NOTICES

Cake Sale Success: The teenagers who were on retreat here send thanks to all who bought their cupcakes last Sunday. You generously donated around £70, which is good going as they only made 35 cakes! The money has been sent to CAFOD's Haiti appeal. If you are a teenager in the Worth parish and fancy finding out more about our retreats, E-mail Katy at katyrussell@hotmail.co.uk to find out more.

Fairtrade Fortnight 22 February - 7 March 2010. This year we are being encouraged to be part of **The Big Swap**. Try swapping your usual tea, coffee, sugar, cereals, oranges etc for Fairtrade ones to show that you want developing world producers to get a better deal. Please support our Traidcraft stall and make sure that more profit goes directly to the producers. Living Simply and buying fair-trade products can be an expression of our faith. Find out more by going to these websites <http://www.cafod.org.uk/take-action/fairtrade/fortnight> and <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk>.

'Mercy killings' (so called) – There has been a lot of media coverage recently. **ProLife and Care Not Killing** both campaign against assisted suicide and if you want to express your opposition, their websites show you how, e.g. by getting in touch with your MP. - Jill

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stations of the Cross, organised by RAG – Friday **26th February** in Worth Abbey, Don Cooper will give a short talk at 7.30pm in the Unity Room on Beatitudes. Way of the Cross 8.00pm.

Balcombe Lent Course at The United Reformed Church 8.00pm from **24th February** for five weeks on 'How do I live as a Christian Today?' Fr James will be leading on 3rd March.

Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 5th March at 10.30am in Copthorne Chapel, Crawley Down. Do join us in prayerful support of the women of Cameroon

LIFE at Worth: The founder of national pro-life charity LIFE, Professor Jack Scarisbrick, will be leading a meeting on Saturday **6th March** in the Unity Room, Worth Abbey Church, 2.00 pm-4.45pm. All LIFE's activities will be reviewed - Education, Caring, Fertility Care and Housing. This is a great opportunity to meet the charismatic leader of a wonderful charity. If you'd like to come for all or part of the afternoon, contact Priscilla or Robin Williamson Tel: 01444 811519.

HCPT Lourdes Coffee Morning – Wednesday 10th March at Stonecote, Birch Grove, Horsted Keynes, to raise money to send a child to Lourdes. Bring and Buy & raffle 10.30am Contact Angela Bellord Tel: 01825-740269.

17th April Day Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Consolation and Secret Chapel at West Grinstead – Contact Gerry Loney for more details Tel: 01342 834249.

Next Thursday's Community Mass is at 5.40pm.

Recent Masses said by the PP – Eileen Steers, Fernanda Benedict, Mary McGowan, and Sally Davies.

Anniversaries – Mrs Maynard, Cornelius Faber, Stephen Loftus, Josephine Burridge, Audrey Lane and Kitty Adams.

Next Week's Gospels:

Monday - Matthew 16:13-19 See of St Peter

Tuesday - Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday - Luke 11:29-32

Thursday - Matthew 7:7-12

Friday - Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday - Matthew 5:43-48

Next Week's Readings

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

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

First reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

The call of Abraham, father of the People of God.

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

"I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you. "So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32(33):4-5. 18-19. 20. 22. R.v.22

Second reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

God calls and enlightens us.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy-not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Lord," he said "it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my favour. Listen to him." When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. "Stand up," he said "do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead".