

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 services will be on 7th March and 11th April.

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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Third Sunday of Lent (C)

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PARISH NOTICES

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

EASTER SERVICE TIMES 2010

Maundy Thursday 1st April 8.30pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper & watching at Altar of Repose

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 in Abbey; 11.30am St Dunstan's, 6.00pm Evening Prayer with Incense.

The New Translation of the Mass can be seen on www.usccb.org/romanmissal/peoplesparts.pdf and www.usccb.org/romanmissal/priestsparts.pdf. It's worth keeping informed.

Last Saturday's PDP Meeting – Fourteen parishioners met last Saturday for a day of discussion on the Parish Development Plan. The outcomes were that the groups working on a draft plan were offered the following aims:
Understanding our Faith: "To provide all with opportunities for deepening their understanding of the Faith."
Deepening our Faith "To enable all age groups to deepen their Faith through Worship and Prayer"
Expressing our Faith: "To build bridges with young people and those outside the church; and to offer pastoral support to those in need."

Draft Parish Development Plan ready by 31st March. It will be available to all in hard copy as well as electronically the Sunday following. Then we will all meet to discuss it and suggest affirmations, alterations and additions. This is the most important meeting of the whole process and one where everybody can have an influence on the final outcome – Sunday 11th April after Mass till 1.00pm.

Saturday Mass 5.15pm – Please remember that the time of this Mass is 5.15pm. Some who have never been to it before, or rarely in the past, still turn up at the old time of 5.30 pm. At this Mass next week we will have a visiting choir from Coloma School in Croydon.

Silence! – During Lent there will be no organ piece after the last hymn. Please **leave silently** to allow those who wish to remain in prayer to do so in peace.

Cafod envelopes were distributed last week and are available at the Welcome desk after all Masses. Please keep hold of your Cafod envelopes and they will be collected at the end of Lent.

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.

Stations of the Cross for Irundu - All 14 have now been contributed by parishioners of Worth. Thank you for your generous response to this appeal. The crosses are to be made in a hard wood in order to withstand the elements. (It is a myth that good wood in Africa is dirt cheap!).

Website – A bookmark has been produced with the parish website address to remind us to 'bookmark' it as a Favourite. Keep an eye out for what is new on worthabbeyparish.co.uk.

OTHER NOTICES

Nick Horton thanks everyone for their kind sponsorship for his sleepout in aid of the Homeless and the British Heart Foundation. He reached his target of £1000!
Dominic Moorhouse is raising money for Cancer Research by running the Brighton Marathon in April. Please pledge your support on: <http://www.justgiving.com/Dominic-Moorhouse>.

Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd February - 7th March 2010. 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. See <http://www.cafod.org.uk/take-action/fairtrade/fortnight> and <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk>.

Encounter 2010 – Encounter is a new event for young people in the A & B Diocese which is being organised by the Diocesan Youth Adviser and a team of volunteers. Its aim is to give young people between 14-20 a time and place to come together, meet others, worship, pray and deepen their faith. There will be a main talk, workshops, prayer and social time too! How about getting together a group young people from our parish to go there? **April 17th** from 12 noon-6.00pm at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley. For more information visit <http://encounter.yaab.co.uk/>. There is also a retreat at Worth Abbey for young adults **12th-14th March**. E-mail joziegilbert@hotmail.com.

Development day for Lourdes helpers – For helpers, nurses, or doctors who have been on pilgrimage at least twice, to deepen their experience of Lourdes. The day will involve exploring prayer and spirituality, teamwork and group dynamics and look at ways of living faith the other 51 weeks of the year. **Cost:** £10 - 13th March, 10.00am to 4.00pm at DABCEC, Crawley.

Cabrini Children's Society is holding a family charity day in conjunction with Surrey Gliding School at Kenley Airfield, Surrey on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May. A flight lasting a maximum of 15 minutes (subject to weather conditions) will cost £45. The School are giving the society a very generous donation of £25 for each flight booked. If you are interested in booking a flight or want to know more, contact Ann Hoggan asap Tel: 020 8668 2181 or E-mail: ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.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 – lots this week!

Ecumenical reflection evening in St Leonards, Turners Hill – 2nd March, 7.30. All welcome!

This Wednesday 3rd March – Fr James leading the evening

at the ecumenical Lent Course, starting 8.00pm in The United Reformed Church, Balcombe. He will talk for half an hour on what it means to be a Christian today, lead a discussion and end with night prayer.

Stations of the Cross, organised by RAG – Friday **5th March** in Worth Abbey. Patricia Wallace will give a short talk at 7.30pm in the Unity Room on 'Blessed are the pure in heart' followed by the Way of the Cross at 8.00pm.

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.

FOG get-together 6th March, 10.00am in St Benedict's. This is the group for young people who are between the ages of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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, 2.00pm-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.

Worth Strollers will be walking to the Cat in West Hoathly for a 1.30pm lunch on **7th March**, leaving from St Benedict's after the 9.30 Mass. Please let Sue Garner know if you can join the walk (or just come to lunch) Tel: 01342 835416.

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, organised by RAG – Contact Gerry Loney for more details Tel: 01342 834249.

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

Anniversaries – Karen Rozum, Roy Hemming, Albert Mason, Peter Reeve, Bert Rayson, Lina Talbot, Mary Renouf, Maurice Geal, Aaron Martin, David Rutherford, Alex Leaney, Jim Ryan and Simon Newnham.

Next Week's Readings

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

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Gospel: John 4:5-42

(Short Version - John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42)

A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Joseph's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink". His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: "If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink", you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water". "You have no bucket, sir," she answered "and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?" Jesus replied: "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life".

"Sir," said the woman "give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water."

"Go and call your husband" said Jesus to her "and come back here."

The woman answered, "I have no husband". He said to her, "You are right to say, 'I have no husband'; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there."

"I see you are a prophet, sir" said the woman. "Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said: "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do

know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything". "I who am speaking to you," said Jesus "I am he."

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, "What do you want from her?" or, "Why are you talking to her?" The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, "Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?" This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, do have something to eat"; but he said, "I have food to eat that you do not know about". So the disciples asked one another, "Has someone been bringing him food?" But Jesus said: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble."

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, "He told me all I have ever done", so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, "Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world".

Next Week's Gospels – Monday - Matthew 5:13-16 St David; Tuesday - Matthew 23:1-12; Wednesday

- Matthew 20:17-28; Thursday - Luke 16:19-31; Friday - Matthew 21:33-43. 45-46; Saturday - Luke 15:1-3. 11-32.