

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 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

Worth Abbey Parish News

6th/7th March 2010 Third Sunday of Lent (C)

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Service of Reconciliation – This is on Wednesday 10th March at 7.30pm. There is a brief ten minute service followed by the opportunity for all to celebrate the sacrament individually and receive personal absolution. There will be eight priests to choose from. They will be Frs Alex, Charles, James, Patrick, Paul, Richard, Rod and Stephen. Some will be in the Reconciliation Rooms where the sacrament can take place face to face or in secret, and others will be scattered round the open spaces of the Church. This is a great opportunity to unburden and receive God's forgiveness sacramentally even if it has been years since you last did.

Easter Duties – Our duty is to receive Holy Communion once a year, and to do so we must have been sacramentally absolved from grave sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Next Thursday's Community Mass is at 7.40pm.

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.

Cafod – Envelopes were distributed at the beginning of Lent and are available at the Welcome desk after all Masses. Please keep hold of your Cafod envelopes and they will be collected on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Draft Parish Development Plan – This will be ready by 31st March. It will be made available to all in hard copy as well as electronically

the following Sunday. Then a week after that 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.

Parish Development Plan – "At a meeting of the PPC, PDP Group Leaders and Fr James, it was felt that the Present Situation Reports did reflect the true state of our parish at present, with one or two omissions, notably the great need for adult catechesis which is not at present being met; but that the section concerned with our media – Website, In Touch and P2 – could have given a false impression. Although they were commended, the detailed list of their perceived shortcoming might leave the reader feeling they were not greatly valued by our parish, which they indeed are." *Fr James*

The Pope's Visit – The Pope has announced his forthcoming visit to the UK for some time in September 2010 (probably 16th – 19th). Sadly there is opposition headed by the Secular Society of Great Britain to this visit. Would you consider signing a petition supporting the Pope's visit on: www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html.

Next Sunday a Retiring Collection for the Lourdes' Sick Fund. This is a fund set up in A & B to send those to Lourdes who otherwise would be unable to go.

A Message From Uganda dated 4th March – "Just today during the evening Mass, the main celebrant informed us that over 80 people are reported dead in the Eastern Uganda around Mt Elgon (about 100 miles east of Irundu) and over 250 are still missing and a huge number displaced. The cause is said to be landslide around the mountain.

So in your prayers remember these souls and their surviving families and the people of Uganda at large." Seminarian George (formerly of Irundu Parish).

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

Worth School Play – "The Master and Margarita" by Mikhail Bulgakov who is "a genius" says director Matthew Boughton, a parishioner. Wednesday 10th till Friday 12th March. Tickets at £10 with concessions, available from 01342 710200.

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 22 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 12th-6.00pm at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley. For more information visit <http://encounter.yaab.co.uk/>.

Young Adults' Retreat @ Worth Abbey - 12th-14th March – 'Running on the Path of God's Commandments' (Rule of St Benedict) Talks from Abbot Christopher and Fr Luke. A weekend of formation, prayer, fellowship and reflection for young adults, seeking inspiration from the ancient wisdom of

the Monastic tradition for Christian living today. The weekend will include participation in the monastic rhythm of prayer, opportunities for confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and walks in the beautiful Sussex countryside. This event is hosted by the Lay Community of St Benedict and the monastic community. Cost: £58. Booking: E-mail joziegilbert@hotmail.com.

Development day for Lourdes helpers – 13th March, 10.00am to 4.00pm at DABCEC, Crawley. 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.

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.

Coloma is 140! – Mrs Martin and the staff at Coloma Convent Girls' School are planning celebrations throughout the 2009/10 academic year. These will mark 140 years since the school was opened in 1869 by the Sisters of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph (Ladies of Mary) and will include an evening of celebration at the Royal Festival Hall on 25th March 2010 and a reunion on Saturday 8th May 2010. *We are keen to contact former pupils, staff, parents and anyone else connected with the school.*

Anniversaries – John Walford, Merryel Barnwell, Mother Mary Garson, Tony Corio, Stan Geal, Daniel Harrison, Kitty Cahill and John Burge.

Next Week's Gospels – **Monday** - Luke 4:24-30; **Tuesday** - Matthew 18:21-35; **Wednesday** - Matthew 5:17-19; **Thursday** - Luke 11:14-23; **Friday** - Mark 12:28-34; **Saturday** - Luke 18:9-14.

Next Week's Readings

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

Gospel: John 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?" "Neither he nor his parents sinned," Jesus answered, "he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. "As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world." Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (a name that means "sent"). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "Yes, it is the same one." Others said, "No, he only looks like him." The man himself said, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how do your eyes come to be open?" "The man called Jesus," he answered, "made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, 'Go and wash at Siloam'; so I went, and when I washed I could see." They asked, "Where is he?" "I don't know," he answered. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, "He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see." Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath." Others said, "How could a sinner produce signs like this?" And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, "What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?" "He is a prophet," replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, "Is this

man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?" His parents answered, "We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself." His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, "He is old enough; ask him." So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, "Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner." The man answered, "I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He replied, "I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?" At this they hurled abuse at him: "You can be his disciple," they said, "we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from." The man replied, "Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing." "Are you trying to teach us," they replied, "and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!" And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe," and worshipped him. Jesus said: "It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind." Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, "We are not blind surely?" Jesus replied: "Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.