

## 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.

**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 2nd May.

**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

1st/2nd May 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

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**Bishops' Call for Reparation for Clerical Child Abuse** – "Now, we believe, is a time for deep prayer of reparation and atonement. We invite Catholics in England and Wales to make the four Fridays in May 2010 special days of prayer. Even when we are lost for words, we can place ourselves in silent prayer. We invite Catholics on these days to come before the Blessed Sacrament in our parishes to pray to God for healing, forgiveness and a renewed dedication. We pray for all who have suffered abuse; for those who mishandled these matters and added to the suffering of those affected. From this prayer we do not exclude those who have committed these sins of abuse. They have a journey of repentance and atonement to make." (*Statement by the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales 22 April 2010*)

**Our Parish's Response to the Bishops** – All are invited to meet at 7.30 to 8.30pm on the Fridays in May for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction. The first of the Fridays, this week, on the 7th May there is Confirmation of the School in the Abbey Church so we will meet instead in St Dunstan's Chapel, West Hoathly.

**Church Refurbishment** – Two weeks ago Abbot Christopher spoke to the congregations at all Masses about the projected Church refurbishment plan, which is now definitely going ahead starting on 21st June and lasting till Christmas. The plan will make an enormous difference to our worshipping space and will therefore be of immense value to our parish community. It will look better, feel better; we will see better and hear better and remain leak free. It will be a squash to have Sunday worship in the Narthex but with a wartime spirit we will reach Christmas unscathed. If you would like to help financially, (and we are several

hundred thousand pounds short of the expected bill) please take a leaflet from the Welcome Desk and respond either with a straight donation or a staggered direct debit.

**Next Thursday's Mass** is at 5.25pm with the School.

**PDP** – It is nearing completion and will be ready in good time for its launch on May 23rd – Pentecost – the feast of the Holy Spirit. We will have a shared picnic following the launch at around 12 Midday. Please bring food to share as well as crockery, glassware, rugs, picnic tables and chairs.

**Liturgical Notes** – The Intercessions during Mass can be very prayerful when done well and quite distracting when they are off key. They should not be prayers by the one offering the intercessions! The intercessor is there to suggest topics for the prayer of the whole congregation, and then leave time for the congregation to pray their own prayer. It is the difference between the intercessor beginning "Dear Lord" (prayer by the intercessor) and "Let us pray for" (topic for prayer by the whole congregation).

**Marian Service - Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead** – Friday 21st May 2010 there will be Mass at 6.00pm followed by the Rosary Pageant at 7.00pm. It will be led by Year 5 pupils from The Towers Convent School, Upper Beeding, who will be performing the Luminous Mysteries in a Rosary Pageant at the Church of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. All welcome.

**Concert in Aid of CAFOD** – St Joseph's Epsom - The Surrey Youth Choir and the Surrey Youth Jazz Orchestra will be performing from

7.30pm on 14th of May 2010 in aid of CAFOD. For more information contact Julian Edwards on emj.edwards@btinternet.com.

**Traidcraft Saturdays** – Starting on Saturday May 1st, there will be a Traidcraft Stall after evening Mass on the First Saturday of every month.

**The High Sheriff of West Sussex** aka Liz Bennett, one of our own parishioners, is, amongst other things, a long standing Citizens Advice Bureau adviser. Liz has agreed to speak to us about the work of the CAB and its role in assisting **Justice and Peace** locally. She may also be persuaded to tell us a little of her role as High Sheriff. Please join us for this most local and interesting **Justice and Peace Group evening**, Thursday 13th May in the Unity Room 8.00pm–9.30pm. Coffee, Tea, and refreshments will be served from 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

**Confirmation Course** – Are you 14-18 years and are thinking about getting confirmed? You may have already booked your place on the course starting on Saturday 9th October 2010 at 2.00pm, or you may be still making your decisions. Why not come along and meet us and have an informal chat over coffee and cake at St Benedict's on **Saturday 8th May at 2.00-3.00pm**. You can ask us questions and find out a bit about what to expect from the course.

If you would like to come on the 8th May just let Mandy Horton in the Parish Office know. You can e-mail, mhorton@worth.org.uk or Tel: 01342 710313.

**St Cuthman's 'May Weekends' Retreat offer** – St Cuthman's Retreat Centre (on the A272) at Coolham, south of Horsham, is offering a two-night retreat on the weekends in May (commencing Friday 7th May) at the special rate of £99 per person - a total saving of £47 per person. This includes the bank holiday weekend at the end of May. More information on their *Events* page at [www.stcuthmans.com](http://www.stcuthmans.com).

**For Information** – You can access the Papal Visit website and also the Catholic Bishops' Conference document 'Choosing the Common Good' from the Home Page of the Parish website. You can

also buy the document from the Abbey Bookshop for 25p.

**The Plant Sale** – Friday 7th May 9.00am till 5.00pm at Ridge House, North Street, Turner's Hill. All proceeds to St Catherine's Hospice.

**Vocations Week-end for Young Women interested in Religious Life** – Date: May 28th – 30th 2010. Venue: Stella Maris Broadstairs Kent (Faithful Companions of Jesus). Information: Sr Lynne fcJ on Tel: 0151 733 5475, E-mail: lynnefcj@hotmail.com.

**Crawley Cricket Club** is looking for cricket players **boys and girls** to join them for the summer. Training and matches for all who join. **Training days are 5:30-7:70pm on Monday** - Girls only; Thursday - U12's mixed; Friday - U13' & U16's boys. Contact Toni Brands on [ajbrand1@pgen.net](mailto:ajbrand1@pgen.net) for more information.

**Gatwick Detainees** – Require men's casual clothing. Please leave clothes (washed and ironed) at the East Door, marked for Fr Paul.

**Recent Masses said** – Ismay Crotty, Anne Langner, Maureen Ponsford

#### **Anniversaries:**

Edwin Ryan, Barbara Geary, Althea Harris, Matthew Dawson, Veira Flanagan, Margaret Albert.

**Next Week's Gospels** – **Monday** - John 14:6-14 SS Philip & James; **Tuesday** - Matthew 10:17-22 - All Martyrs of England & Wales; **Wednesday** - John 15:1-8; **Thursday** - John 15:9-11; **Friday** - John 15:12-17; **Saturday** - John 15:18-21.

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Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.

## *Next Week's Readings:*

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)**

#### **First Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29**

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved'. This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barnabas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter.

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66(67):2-3. 5. 6. 8 R.v.2**

#### **Second Reading: Revelations 21:10-14. 22-23**

*He showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven.*

In the spirit, he took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

#### **Gospel: John 14:23-29**

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

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