

## 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 6th June.

**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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**P<sub>2</sub>** The next issue published 19/20th June. The theme is What do Catholics believe?



# In Touch

## Worth Abbey Parish News

15th/16th May 2010

The Ascension of the Lord (C)

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**Second Collection** will be taken after Mass today for The Catholic Communications Network (CCN). The money provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales in promoting the Gospel in the media. The CCN depends on your generosity.

See <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk> for more information on World Communications Day.

Sign up for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales e-Newsletter at [www.catholicchurch.org.uk/catholic\\_church/newsletters](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/catholic_church/newsletters).

For other methods of keeping up with news about the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales go to: **Flickr** - [www.flickr.com/photos/Catholicism/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/Catholicism/); **Vimeo** - [www.vimeo.com/catholicism/videos/](http://www.vimeo.com/catholicism/videos/); **Twitter** - [www.twitter.com/catholicew](http://www.twitter.com/catholicew)

**The Pope** is currently in Portugal and has spoken boldly about the issue of Child Abuse in the Catholic Church. If you would like to read what he said then go to <http://www.zenit.org/article-29219?l=english>. We, of course, expect him in this country, 16th-19th September. Why not visit <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/2010-Visit/Visit-Information/Weekly-audio-update-on-the-Papal-Visit-10-May-2010> for a full update of plans from Mgr Andrew Summersgill.

### Our Parish's Response to the Bishops' Letter on Clerical Abuse

– All are invited to meet at the Abbey Church 7.30pm to 8.30pm on the Fridays in May for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction.

**Parish Development Plan** – This is the five year plan for our parish and it will be launched next Sunday. It is an exciting plan centering round becoming a more overtly Benedictine parish. The meeting will be followed by a shared picnic. (Please bring food to share as well as crockery, glassware, rugs, picnic tables and chairs.)

**No Mass at St Dunstan's** on Pentecost Sunday to allow everybody to attend the meeting.

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers Re-commissioning** – This is on Sunday 30th May during

the 9.30 Mass. It is for all who minister Holy Communion in the church or in the homes of the sick. It will be followed by the annual retreat lasting from 10.45am till 11.45 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Monastery News** – There will be an abbatial election on June 2nd when all solemnly professed monks of the Abbey will vote for the abbot of their choice for the next eight years. The Abbey Church will close at the end of June until Christmas for completion and refurbishment. Seating for monks and congregation will change from chairs to benches and there will be a new lighting and sound system. Leaks will be repaired and new window frames added as well as concrete cleaned up. In addition the reconciliation rooms will be modernised. If you would like to contribute to the very considerable cost please contact Jenny Griggs, Worth Abbey, Crawley RH10 4SB or ring her in the Development Office on 01342 710274.

**Next Thursday's Mass** is at 5.25pm

### Arundel Cathedral Carpet of Flowers and Blessed Sacrament Procession

– Annual celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ at Arundel Cathedral with Bishop Kieran. Wednesday 2nd June: Viewing of Carpet of Flowers etc., 9.30am to 9.00pm; Thursday 3rd June: Viewing of Carpet of Flowers etc, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Solemn Mass at 5.30pm on the 3rd June presided by Bishop Kieran, followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm to Arundel Castle grounds. All welcome.

**Flowers in the Abbey Church** – Anne Kibble has for many years assumed sole responsibility and set a beautiful standard for flowers in the Abbey church but now feels she would like the task to be shared. One or two experienced volunteer flower arrangers are, therefore, needed to join a rota which Christine Barwell is organising. NB there are no flowers in Advent or Lent, commitment would be about once a month and all costs are covered. If you would like to help please contact Christine on 01342 323330 or email [barwell66@googlemail.com](mailto:barwell66@googlemail.com)

**The Path of Life - Summer Week**

**Retreat @ Worth Abbey** – 15th to 22nd August 2010. The week will reflect on central themes of our discipleship of Christ found within the Rule of St Benedict. During the week, the group will participate in the monastic rhythm of prayer with the monks of Worth, and enjoy being in the glorious Sussex countryside. The programme includes talks from a range of speakers including Benedictine monks, Dominican Friars and lay people; and discussion, lectio divina, workshops on a range of themes, space for silence, stillness and personal reflection, fellowship, sports, walks, creative activities, and a reconciliation service. Three weeks will run alongside, sharing a number of activities: - 11-18's Teenage Week (including a musical which young adults can also take part in); - 18-25's Young Adult Week; - 25+ Adult Week.

The week leads into the Lay Community of St Benedict's Summer Gathering, with approximately 100 people joining us at Worth over the weekend of 20th-22nd. The weekend will include a formation day further exploring aspects of Benedictine life for lay people, the teenagers' musical, and a ceilidh. This event is hosted by the Lay Community of St Benedict and the monastic community of Worth Abbey. **Cost:** £180 for the unwaged/students; £237 waged. Subsidies are available: please contact the Bookings Secretary at Worth directly: TOC@worthabbey.net. We ask for a deposit of £50 when booking. The rest can be brought with you in cash or cheque. Cheques made payable to "Worth Abbey Projects". **To Book:** please contact the Bookings Secretary at Worth Abbey: TOC@worthabbey.net

**A day out in France!** – Saturday 22nd May. Cost is £25.00. There are still seats left for the Parish Events Group excursion. Coach departs Worth Abbey at 7.00am sharp and returns by 9.00pm. Enjoy a lunch arranged at a typical restaurant - pay on the day. Have fun, take a stroll, enjoy the atmosphere, buy some goodies to take home. Send names with your cheque payable to Worth Abbey Parish to: Martin Harewood, Burleigh Ridge, Sandhill Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4LB. Tel: 01342 716847 – E-mail: martin@nordicflyer.com.

**Crawley Down Open Gardens** in aid of St Catherine's Hospice Sunday 16th May. Tickets sold from 11.00am outside Crawley Down village shops. Gardens opened from 1.00pm until 5.00pm. Entrance £4 Enquiries please Tel: Lana: 01342 712738.

**Teenage Retreat 4th-6th June** – The upcoming retreat at Worth is for young people in school years 7-9. It is an opportunity to make new friends, play silly games and discuss life as a teenager with like-minded people. You are particularly welcome if you have not attended one of these

weekends before! For more details please contact Katy Russell (E-mail: katurussell@hotmail.co.uk). The cost of the weekend is £74 but subsidies may be available so please ask to find out more.

**Change for Irundu** - Thank you for your change in the beer cans provided at the Welcome Desk. All money is going to pay for school benches in our friendship parish in Uganda. Several thousand pounds have already been sent from money raised this way. However, the cans cannot cope with foreign coins. They block up the counting machines in the bank and could cause ill feeling. Drachmas appeared in good numbers last week – in response to the present Greek financial crisis?

**Marian Service - Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead** – On Friday 21st May 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.

**Day of Relection - This Wednesday, 19th May at St Cuthman's Retreat Centre.** Led by Fr Charles Jeffries on the theme of 'The Beauty of God's Creation'. Fr Charles' deep love of God's creation enables him to use St Cuthman's wonderful grounds as a source for reflection and contemplation. 10.30am - 4.00pm. The cost: £25, includes refreshments, lunch and tea. Prior booking is essential (although last minute bookings are possible) - phone 01403 741220, or see the Events page of the website at [www.stcuthmans.com](http://www.stcuthmans.com).

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

**Note from Midge Adams** – Could you help our lovely gardener, who will shortly become homeless? He is a fantastic worker and can turn his hand to almost anything. Ideally he would like a room in return for gardening, lawns, hedges, fences, terrace & path construction etc. Contact Midge Tel: 01342 810468.

**Anniversaries:** Emma Brackpool and Russell Brailey.

**Next Week's Gospels:**

**(Seventh week of Easter)**

**Monday** - John 16:29-33; **Tuesday** - John 17:1-11; **Wednesday** - John 17:11-19; **Thursday** - John 17:20-26; **Friday** - John 21:15-19; **Saturday** - John 21:20-25.

## Next Week's Readings:

### Pentecost Sunday (C) (Mass during the day)

#### First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. "Surely," they said, "all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome — Jews and proselytes alike — Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God."

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103(104):1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 R.v. 30

#### Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

*Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, suffering so as to share his glory.

#### Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*

Jesus said to his disciples "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. "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."