

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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In Touch

Worth Abbey Parish News

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Sunday of Pentecost (C)

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This Weekend we launch our new Parish Development Plan. It will be sent in two parts to everybody with an e-mail address then at weekend Masses the report itself will be offered to all, with the Implementation Suggestions available as a hard copy on the Welcome Desk. It will be the template for parish development for the next five years. The umbrella idea is that we become more clearly a Benedictine Parish. What that means is in part obvious and in part complex. But what it certainly means is that to some extent we will be invited to share in the Benedictine charism. That will mean essentially looking at the great Rule of St Benedict, and see what we can learn from it about how we can live our lives more fully. After the presentation on Sunday by Deacon Chris, Fr James will spend a little time introducing us to the ancient document of the Rule of St Benedict written in Monte Cassino in the first half of the 6th Century.

Today there is a retiring collection to offset the costs of the visit of Pope Benedict in September.

Next Thursday's Mass is at 6.40pm

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday and the re-commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers will take place at the 9.30 Mass followed by a short reflection hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 11.45 till 12.45. This will be introduced by Fr James and led by David Patterson of Balcombe. David with his wife Angela run a monthly Traidcraft after the Saturday evening Mass and David is himself an Extraordinary Minister.

Ecumenical Service – There will be an Ecumenical Service at St Leonard's Turners Hill on Sunday 30th May 2010 at 10.30am. Revd Gordon Parry will be presiding with Deacon Chris Dobson preaching. All are welcome.

Changed Email Address – If anyone has changed their email address recently please would you kindly inform Mandy Horton at the Parish Office on 01342 710313 or at mhorton@worth.org.uk

Our Parish's Response to the Bishops' Letter on Clerical Abuse – All are invited to meet at the Abbey Church 7.30 to 8.30pm on the Fridays in May for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction.

Mass on Saturday morning 29th May – There will be no Mass because it is speech day in the school.

The Big Silence – The new TV programme featuring Abbot Christopher and the Jesuit community of St Bueno's will be on BBC 2 the week beginning 21st June. The day and time are unknown as yet.

What Happens when we close the Church? – The Unity room will be the monastic oratory where nothing else will take place. All Masses, weekday and Sunday will be in the Narthex. Thursday Mass will always be at 5.25pm with half the school. The altar will be in front of the present bookshop with a tabernacle in the bookshop space itself; the bookshop will move to the Ambulatory – the corridor leading to the parlours. The Narthex will be locked at night. Junior Churches will occupy spaces in the Ambulatory.

First Communion – This is on Corpus Christi, Sunday 6th June. There will be a bumper 25 candidates who have been working with two catechists, Rachel Davies and Ellen Pannell for the last nine months. The church will be very full that day.

Confirmation – Our parish will present 9 young candidates for confirmation with Worth School on May 13th 2011 at 8.00pm. Are there any more

candidates for the preparation course beginning in October of this year? You must be 15 years of age by the Confirmation date and not older than 18. Over 18s can join the Faith Group for their own preparation.

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.

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 (katyrussell@hotmail.co.uk). The cost of the weekend is £74 but subsidies may be available so please ask to find out more.

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

Faith Today is a new magazine in a joint venture between Alive Publishing and the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Archbishop Vincent Nichols says 'The launch of Faith Today is an important moment in the life of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.' If you would like to subscribe to Faith Today, information is available on www.alivepublishing.co.uk/faith-today.

New Home Mission Desk – In recognition of the ways in which the Media can be used as a tool of evangelisation, a newly created Home Mission Desk now sits within the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) office. The Desk is manned by the Home Mission Advisor who serves as a point of reference for evangelisation in dioceses, movements and organizations in the Catholic Church

in England and Wales. Since the Desk was started in January 2010 a snapshot of the work includes: supporting secular documentary makers seeking clarity about possible Catholic content; advising groups wanting to evangelise through the visual arts; contributing Catholic content to websites, podcasts and newspapers to encourage people to engage in Home Mission; signposting and advising parishes about outreach strategy and resources. For more information please Tel: 020 7901 4818; E-mail: homemission@cbcew.org.uk.

Part-time Vacancy at Worth School

– Worth Society, the association for former pupils of Worth School (known as Worthians) is looking for a new Secretary to work 18 hours per week at the School. The Secretary is in place to manage Worth Society (a not for profit limited company) and Worth Old Boys' Society (charitable trust); to support the Directors, Trustees and Committee, the Worth Society Sporting Clubs, Worthians in general; to create a link between Worthians and the Society, the School and Worthians, the Abbey and Worthians; to produce an annual magazine; manage the website and business networking facility (LinkedIn); prepare year-end accounts; organise social reunions and business networking functions. Anyone interested in the role or wanting more detail and seeing a full job description should contact Olivia Henley Tel: 07941-804277, or E-mail worthsociety@worth.org.uk.

Strollers - Date for your Diaries

– This is an early warning for our next walk as it will be the last one under present management and it would be lovely to have a big turn out. As you know Chris will be away from September studying for the priesthood, so as well as losing a good companion we lose our map reader. On July 18th we are walking to The White Hart near Turners Hill and it would be lovely if you can join us. (Sue Garner)

Anniversaries: Abbot Victor Farwell, Kathleen Maddock, Brian Fenn, Tina Bryant, Eloise Powell, Jo Wetz and Gareth Belcher.

Next Week's Gospels: **Monday** - Mark 10:17-27; **Tuesday** - Matthew 7:21-29 St Bede the Venerable; **Wednesday** - Mark 10:32-45; **Thursday** - Matthew 9:35-38 St Augustine of Canterbury; **Friday** - Mark 11:11-26; **Saturday** - Mark 11:27-33.

Next Week's Readings:

The Most Holy Trinity (C)

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Before the earth came into being, Wisdom was born.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud, The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries — and the waters will not invade the shore — when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 8(9):4-5. 6-7. 8-9 R.v.2

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5.

To God, through Christ, in the love poured out by the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel: John 16:12-15.

Everything the Father has is mine; all the Spirit tells you will be taken from what is mine.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

From the Opening Prayer of today's Mass

Father of light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds.

Loosen our tongues to sing your praise in words beyond the power of speech, for without your Spirit man could never raise his voice in words of peace or announce the truth that Jesus is Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.