

# 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  
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  
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:  
8.00am, 5.30pm (Concelebrated)  
& 7.30pm

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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 a location to be announced.

**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: rosemariadacruz@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.

**Parish Necrology** – The list of deceased is on a table at the car park side of the Church (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 after Christmas.**

**The Junior Church** – With songs and worship is available for children: Pre-school in the in the West Ambulatory (past the Gent's toilets). For further information please come along during a service or contact Rachel Davies Tel: 0780 169 6354.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – The sacrament is offered on Sundays before the 9.30 Mass in a Parlour at the far end of the West Ambulatory on the School side of the Narthex Church.

**The Rosary** – Is prayed each Saturday morning at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel at the Abbey, following the 9.00am Mass.

## Fr James - The Parish Priest

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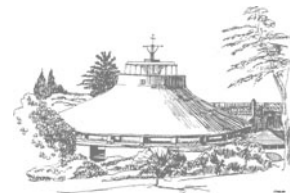
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# In Touch

## Worth Abbey Parish News

28th/29th August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) No 799

*First of all, every time you begin a good work, you must pray to him most earnestly to bring it to perfection (RB: Prologue, 4)*

## Parish Notices

**Retiring collection for Pakistan Aid Relief** – The CAFOD Diocesan office sent us this request which the parish is delighted to endorse. "In what has been described as a "slow motion tsunami" by the UN, the people of Pakistan are facing a disaster like few the world has ever seen. The devastating floods that now stretch for more than 600 miles have killed at least 1,600 people and left up to 20 million in need of emergency help. People have lost homes, crops and livestock, and are now at risk from deadly water-borne diseases such as cholera. Because the need is so urgent, we would like you to consider holding a special collection in your parish on the weekend of 28/29 August for the CAFOD Pakistan Floods appeal. I know that many parishes have already decided to hold an appeal, thank you to all who have done so." **The collection will therefore be taken after Mass today.**

**Parish Residential Retreat- Benedictus** – This is a first. A weekend retreat for our parish using St Bruno's. Lots of groups use this excellent facility here, but our own parish never have. Accommodation is good and the food splendid. It will be a spring weekend, the 13th – 15th May next year and it will be called Benedictus. It will be a retreat with time for personal prayer and reflection; participants will join the monks for their round of prayer; Fr James will be leading the weekend and other monks will be speaking on aspects of Benedictine spirituality. There are 16 double rooms available and the cost will be £78 for a single and £64 for a double. Concessions for students.

To book please contact Mandy in the Office Tel:

01342 710313 or e-mail: mhorton@worth.org.uk

**Sean Cahill** – From 1st September for a two year period, Sean will be employed by the Parish as a Youth Minister. He will work for the equivalent of two days a week trying to inspire the young people of our parish with the things of God. He is 41 years of age, a teacher with supply teaching work in the area. He comes from and lives in Hayward's Heath and he hopes to have the opportunity of meeting you soon.

**First Communion** – These classes begin again in November for a June 2011 ceremony. If you are seven by the start of the classes you are welcome to join by contacting Mandy in the office.

**Parish Open Day Saturday 3rd September 2011** – This idea came from the Religious Affairs Group (RAG) and is now up and running. There will be stalls featuring parish activities, talks, refreshments and tours of church and gardens. Hopefully it will allow the curious to be satisfied and act as a showcase for our Christian and non-Christian neighbours.

**Abbatial Blessing** – Tickets will be distributed shortly to all those who have requested them.

**Mary McDermott** – There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of Mary McDermott on Tuesday 31st August at 2.00pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend if they are able.

**PPC Nominations** – Names of those who would like to stand for election are required with a proposer and seconder. You should be registered with the parish secretary by the beginning of October for the election at the Parish Meeting on the 24th October.

**St Benedict and his Rule** – In preparation for the autumn programme of Formation, copies of the Rule

will be available as a special offer in September at £2, a reduction from the usual £2.50, courtesy of the Abbey Bookshop.

### ***Dates for your Diary***

**2nd September – Brother David Jarmy’s Simple Profession** during Mass which starts at 5.00pm on Thursday - you are welcome to attend this special event.

**18th September – ‘A Musical Treat for a Late Summer’s Evening’** at St Mary’s Church, Balcombe on Saturday 18th September at 7.30pm, performed by the Tyburn String Quartet, from the Royal Academy of Music, recently heard on Radio 3, and other talented local musicians. Tickets £10 in aid of St Mary’s maintenance. Please Tel: 01444 811370.

**Friday 24th September - Wren Churches** –The Parish Events group has arranged an excursion with a guided tour by Trish Evans to nine churches built by Sir Christopher Wren in the City of London. Meeting at 11.00am in the City, the tour takes one and a half hours. £6 per person to the Open House charity. Optional lunch afterwards at the Paternoster pub.

For more details contact soonest: Rosemarie D’Cruz Tel: 01342 811960 or E-mail: rosemariedcruz@hotmail.com.

### ***Other Notices***

**Irundu News** – Just heard from Fr Stephen that he has taken a little boy with two club feet, for surgery paid for from the sales of the necklaces, this will completely change his life. Many thanks from his family. The sponsored students are beavering away at their various activities; the carpentry students are really enjoying the luxury of space in their new workshop which was built by a generous donation from a parishioner. School attendance can be a bit erratic in Irundu with students disappearing for a term to get married, have a baby, look after a sick relative, etc but they do come back to finish the course - eventually! Even the start of term is a moveable feast with students arriving anytime within the first two weeks. The core funding for Ox-Plough loans was kindly given by a parishioner and I was able to make a further 35 loans to the farmers who are really benefiting from this opportunity to open up more land - previously they just

used hoes which restricted the amount of land they could cultivate. I also made 34 business loans to bakers, traders, millers, etc. News of our very busy health centre next week. Do pray for the little boy.

**Rosary Recycling** – The nuns at St Cecilia’s Abbey, have a small Rosary workshop and can turn old Rosaries, even just bits of broken ones, into new ones for the missions. If you have anything we might be able to use please send to Mother Mary Charles OSB, St Cecilia’s Abbey, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 1LH.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation*** – Fr Charles is available for Confessions in parlour 1 from 9.10am each Sunday.

***The Great North Run*** – Sunday 19th September will help to raised much-needed funds for The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. If you feel able to sponsor a runner, please contact Fr Charles after Mass for more information.

***Recent Masses*** – John Kelly and Frederick Hornfeck.

***Anniversaries*** – Albert Sullivan, Veronica Tritton, Agnes Trinham, Dom Benedict Sankey, Peter Grace, Margaret Owers and Reg Parker.

### ***Next Week’s Gospels:***

**Monday** - Matthew 13:44-46 St Rose of Lima; **Tuesday** - Luke 4:31-37; **Wednesday** - Luke 4:38-44; **Thursday** - Luke 5:1-11; **Friday** - Luke 22:24-30 St Gregory the Great; **Saturday** - Luke 6:1-5.

***For those affected by sudden calamity***  
O God, I remember before you those on whom at this time disaster has come: Bless those whose dear ones have been killed, and those whose dear ones lost their lives in seeking to save the lives of others. Bless those who have lost their homes, those who have seen all that they toiled for a lifetime to build up lost in an hour. Help us always to remember those whose job it is to risk their lives to rescue others or to keep them safe—those in the fire service, in the police service, in the medical service. We shall forget this disaster, but we ask you always to remember those who will never forget, because life for them can never again be the same. This we ask for your love’s sake.

*William Barclay*

# ***Next Week’s Readings:***

## **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

### **First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18**

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

‘What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.’

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89(90):3-6. 12-14. 17. R.v.1**

### **Second Reading: Philemon 9-10. 12-17**

You have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him—I could say—a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

***Fr James’s Commentary on next Sunday’s Gospel*** – *Scripture is written as history, as moral story, as poetry, as legend. All these different forms occur in both testaments, and what we as readers need is the nose to tell the difference. “Hate your father and mother” from the Gospel next week is where we need this discernment. It is not to be taken literally, but it is nevertheless true in the sense that we are to prefer Christ above all things, even over our dearest and nearest.*

### **Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish”. Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’