

# 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  
17:25 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: 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.

**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.

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# In Touch

## Worth Abbey Parish News

4th/5th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) No 800

Let us open our eyes to the light that comes from God, and our ears to the voice from heaven that every day calls out this charge: "If you hear his voice today, do not harden your hearts" (RB: Prologue 9-10)

**Thursday Masses** – This Thursday Mass will be at 6.40 pm. After that, unusually, all Thursday Masses will be at 5.25 pm.

**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 has. 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. 01342710313 ore-mail: mhorton@worth.org.uk.*

**Readers at St Dunstan's** – We have excellent readers in the Chapel, but don't, as at the 9.30 Abbey Mass, insist on weekly practices. However, we occasionally get together to make sure we are giving due honour to the Word of God. This Saturday morning at 11.00am we are gathering in the chapel to do that. It will be short and sweet.

## First Reconciliation and Communion

– 7-8 years of age.

**FOG** – Following on from First Reconciliation and Communion until 11 years of age.

**Assent** – A new group for those 11 to 14 years

**Confirmation** – 14 – 15 yrs of age.

*Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for these groups.*

**Children's Catechism** – How vital it is to continue our learning about our faith to make it strong and durable. When First Reconciliation and Communion are over we then have programmes to take the children through to Confirmation. They will meet for an hour on Saturdays once a month. Parents simply drop off the children and trained catechists take over to make the sessions informative and enjoyable.

**Monastery News** – Fr Mark has returned to Cambridge for his final term working for his PhD. Fr Christopher took part in a debate against the philosopher A C Grayling and Peter Tatchell in London on Wednesday last with Polly Toynbee of the Humanist Society in the chair. With Worth former pupil, Austin Ivory, Fr Christopher was defending the visit of the Pope as a State Visit. Br David Jarmy made his Simple Profession on September 2nd.

**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 the parish with the things of God. He is 41 years of age, a teacher moving into full-time youth ministry. He will continue with supply teaching work in the area. He comes from and lives in Hayward's Heath and he hopes to have the opportunity to meet you soon.

**House Groups** are preparing for the start of a new season. If you would like to think about joining one of our ten groups in the parish please contact Christina Fitzsimons on CFitzs3287@aol.com or on 01444 415557.

**Retiring Collection for the Pakistan Flood Victims** – The collection

taken last week raised £2273.76 which has been forwarded to the Cafod campaign for the Pakistan Flood.

### **Message from Fr Stephen Mudoula in Irundu our Friendship Parish**

– Dear Fr James Cutts, Many greetings from Irundu. We are fine and trying our best. I would like to offer my appreciation for your efforts in trying to strengthen and sustain our two sister parishes. I would like to ask you to convey my best regards to all people of good will who are tirelessly sacrificing their resources and time to change Irundu. May God bless you all. Best regards once again to your brother monks. Fr Stephen

*George Fitzsimons leads a group to Irundu in October. They include Christina, his wife, and Lana Peile, Roland Pickering and Fr Peter. The indefatigable Cynthia Haynes will be out there to meet them.*

**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 £2.00, a reduction from the usual £2.50, courtesy of the Abbey Bookshop.

**Mid Sussex LIFE Group** holds its AGM on Monday 13th September, 7.30 pm at St Edward's Church, Keymer. Les Whittaker will be talking about his epic bike ride to Auschwitz. All welcome – contact Priscilla and Robin Williamson Tel: 01444 811519.

**Notes from Irundu** – When I arrived in July the medical staff were on their knees! Victims of their own success. Out patients, in patients and deliveries were keeping some of them up for 24 hours so we quickly appointed two more staff. I wish you could see the clinic, it's so different from here, with three or four relatives staying with a patient to cook, wash and care for them so there are pots and pans and people all over the floor plus the bushes are littered with

their washing! A real family affair. It gets interesting when we have six in-patients and four beds - end to end! We have started a programme of immunisation which we shall take to far flung villages as part of a general mobile service. When I go in October we shall move into larger premises and our ward will be for male and female adults plus pre and post operative patients. Fr Stephen will be taking two more children with disabilities for operations next week and eventually all the post-op children will come back to us for care. Wear your necklaces with pride as money from the sales is used to pay for these children. Please remember all our patients in your prayers. (CH)

**Yoga lessons** will begin again on Monday 6th September. Please note that they will take place in the Day Centre in Compass House, Mondays 7.30 to 9.00pm. More information from Patricia Wallace Tel: 01444 458324 or from Fr Ian Tel: 01342.710324.

**Anniversaries** – Rorie Duncan, Bridget Cheal Snelling, Norman Maddock, Alexandra Church, Charles Hurdman, Michael Burke, Matthew Lovell, John Blake, Anton Wasykiw, Ambrose Bristow, Zofia Tywonska, John Ovenden, John Johnson and Mr Pannett.

### **Next Week's Gospels:**

**Monday** - Luke 6:6-11;  
**Tuesday** - Luke 6:12-19;  
**Wednesday** - Matthew 1:1-16. 18-23  
Birthday of Our Lady;  
**Thursday** - Luke 6:27-38;  
**Friday** - Luke 6:39-42;  
**Saturday** - Luke 6:43-49.

### **A prayer for peace in the world**

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace; and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy love: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Francis Paget (1851-1911)*

## **Next Week's Readings:**

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

#### **First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14**

The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord. 'Lord said "why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand?'

Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So Yahweh relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50(51):3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R Luke 15, 18**

#### **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 (Short Version)**

There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

The tax collectors and the sinners, meanwhile, were all seeking his company to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'