

## 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 ***
18.45	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

07:30	Morning Prayer
09.30	Sung Mass
18.00	Evening Prayer

\*\*\* N.B. Mass at 17.20 on Thursdays in School Term. See page 1 or 2 for further details and other variations.

### Weekend Masses:

Worth Abbey:  
5.00pm 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

**Assent** - This is a catechism group for children following on from FOG. So the children will be 11 to 14. It meets monthly, on Saturday mornings in St Benedict's. Contact: Fr James or just turn up.

**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 8.00pm to 9.00pm each Wednesday in the Unity Room. Contact: Geraldine Constable Tel: 01342 317886 or E-mail: [Geraldine.constable@btinternet.com](mailto:Geraldine.constable@btinternet.com).

**Confirmation** - Courses are run every two years for 14-18 year olds. Details will be in 'In Touch' and on the Parish Website. Contacts: Catherine Goodridge Tel: 07788592036 or Julia Newton Tel: 07714 270959.

**Faith Group - RCIA** - For those who are interested in the Catholic Church meets weekly in term time to understand what church membership means. Contact: Fr James if you would like to join.

**Fertility Clinic** - Dr Kevin McCarthy, a parishioner GP, has a consultation to treat married couples suffering infertility and recurrent miscarriage. Because of time restrictions, this consultation can handle only bona fide parishioners of Worth Abbey Parish as patients. Please ring Mandy Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm for an appointment.

**FOG** - The 'Follow On Group', for those following on from First Communion. FOG, a catechism class happens on the first Saturday of the month from 10.00 until 11.00am. Contact: Rosemarie D' Cruz E-mail: [rosemariedcruz@hotmail.com](mailto:rosemariedcruz@hotmail.com).

**House Groups** - Ten House Groups operate within the Parish. They meet weekly or fortnightly in term time to reflect on the Gospel of the coming Sunday, and to pray together. These groups are small and operated locally within the Parish. Contact: Fr James.

**Junior Church** - With songs and worship is available for children: Pre-School in the Unity Room & those at school, in the in the Seminar Room (Choir Vestry). For further information come along during a service or Contact: Rachel Davies Tel: 0780 169 6354.

**Lectio Divina** - A group meets every Tuesday evening in Parlour 1 from 8.20 to 8.55pm. Contact: Fr Aidan on 01342 710225 or [amurray@worth.org.uk](mailto:amurray@worth.org.uk).

**Lost Property** - If you have lost anything recently in the Abbey Church or anywhere at Worth, ring the Parish Secretary to make enquiries Tel: 01342 710313.

**Marriage Preparation** - The Parish runs a one day course in the Spring for all marriages in the twelve months following. Contact: the Parish Office to book a place on the next course.

**Parish Necrology** - The list of deceased is on the Welcome Table 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 to 11.15am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, on the first Sunday of the month. The next services - 5th February & 4th March.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - The sacrament is offered on Sundays before the 9.30 Mass and during a Service of Reconciliation on the last Saturday of each month at 4.00pm.

**Silent Adoration** - From 30th September, 7.00pm to 8.00pm, Friday Evenings in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You would be most welcome for a few moments or for the whole hour.

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

**Youth Ministry** helping the Parish youth to grow in their catholic identity through Fun, Fundraising, Faith, Fellowship and Food! Contact: Sean Cahill [scahill@worth.co.uk](mailto:scahill@worth.co.uk).

**Parish Priest - Fr James** Tel: 01342 710313 or 0798 162 5150 E-mail: [jcatts@worth.org.uk](mailto:jcatts@worth.org.uk)

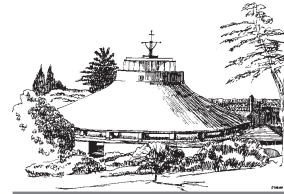
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# In Touch Worth Abbey Parish

28th/29th January 2012 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) No 859

*Guard your lips from harmful or deceptive speech. Prefer moderation in speech and speak no foolish chatter, nothing just to provoke laughter (Rule of St Benedict 4: 52-53)*

**To All our Visitors** - You are very welcome to Sunday Mass in our Abbey Church, and we hope you enjoy the experience. Would you like to gift aid your donation by taking a yellow envelope from the Welcome Table? Thank you.

**Last week's collection** raised £822.29 of which £361.85 was Gift Aided.

**Retiring Collection** this weekend is for the Catholic Education Service. This is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education.

**Wednesday February 1st** - Our Emmaus Group is for anyone who has recently been received into the Catholic Church. As the name suggests we aim to explore aspects of our life's 'journey of faith' in Christ's company. The next meeting will be led by Fr Rod and we'll consider Purgatory. 7.45pm start in St Benedict's, finishing before 9.00pm so that those who wish can join the monks for Night Prayer.

**February 2nd** - The Feast of the presentation of the Lord (Candle Mass). Evening Mass will be with the school at 5.20pm.

**February 6th** - The next baptism classes will be starting, with the Baptism Service on 11th March. For more information please contact Mandy Horton Tel: 01342 710313 or E-mail: [mhorton@worth.org.uk](mailto:mhorton@worth.org.uk).

**Irundu News** - Cynthia returns to Irundu next week, taking with her money donated by parishioners for various projects: £4000, an individual donation for the running expenses of the medical centre, £447.47 from the collecting tins to pay for the construction of school benches, and £180 in sponsorship for places

in the Vocational School. Thank you all for these generous donations and good wishes to Cynthia for this trip.

**Conferences and Workshops** - Starting in March there is a series of Conferences and Workshops on "Life, Living and Death Issues" to include topics on abortion, contraception, sexuality, euthanasia etc. The Conference input will be given by two well-known teachers from Womersley and Chichester College.

**Christian Unity Week** ended last Wednesday with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. It was celebrated in St Margaret's, West Hoathly with a joint service put together by the world Council of Churches and the Pontifical Commission. The vicar Lionel Whalley led the service and Fr James preached on the theme of the Marriage Feast of Cana, calling on us Christians to be like the water at the feast waiting expectantly to be changed into wine. Fr Bede preached at a Joint Service in St Leonards Turners Hill.

**Monastery News** - Brother David Jarmy has returned to St John's, Colledgeville, Minnesota for his final term of studies in the US. Last Saturday, Brother John Haynes made his simple profession in the Abbey Church. This commits him to staying a further three years in our monastery, and commits us as a monastery to keep him for the same length of time. He will then be free to leave or, if accepted, to take solemn or final vows for life. Brother John has been with us already for 15 months during which time he has completed the first year of his Novitiate. Before joining the monastery he completed a mathematics degree at Sussex University. His family from Sutton

joined us for the ceremony. As part of the ceremony Brother John received the monastic cowl, the topmost garment worn by a monk in choir.

*RIP* – A former parishioner, Michael Stimpson, died in New Zealand on 24th January. Many of you will remember him as a collector on Sunday mornings, as the rider of Harley Davidsons, and as a husband of Jane.

*Sponsored Sleep-Out* – This weekend Nick Horton will once again be sleeping outside in a cardboard box to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless and to raise funds for two charities – Emmaus Medway and the Alzheimers Society. Please consider sponsoring him for these worthwhile causes. Do so online at <http://www.justgiving.com/mhs-homes-Staff> (with Nick's name in the message) or by contacting Mandy in the Parish Office Tel: 01342 710313. Thank you for your support.

*Support of the Bereaved* – Saturday 11th February, 9.30am – 12.30pm DABCEC, Crawley: A morning to meet and reflect, with particular input on the sensitive subject of supporting those affected by death by suicide. Please E-mail: [katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org) or Tel: 01293 651152 or E-mail: [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org) or Tel: 01293 651161.

*Sunday 26th Feb - The Strollers* – Our next walk will be on Sunday 26th February. We will meet at 10.45am at St Benedict's parish office and walk to the White Hart pub (just north of Wakehurst Place) for lunch at 12-30pm. The walk each way is just under 1hr 30mins. Anyone is welcome to walk and/or lunch. Please see [www.whitehartardingly.co.uk](http://www.whitehartardingly.co.uk) for menu info & prices. Please let me know in advance if you are having lunch, so numbers can be booked. Contact Mike Tel: 01444-417184 or E-mail: [mikeagius@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeagius@hotmail.com).

*Parish Retreat* – Following the very successful retreat last year, there will be a weekend for parishioners on 'Sharing Monastic Wisdom with Thomas Merton' from Friday, 22nd June - Sunday, 24th June in St Bruno's at Worth Abbey. The cost all inclusive per person for the weekend will be £84 for a single room and £68 for a shared room and there are 16 rooms available. Please contact Mandy

Horton Tel: 01342 710313 or E-mail: [mhorton@worth.org.uk](mailto:mhorton@worth.org.uk) to book a place.

*Lost Property* – To make it easier to claim and collect lost property there is now a changed procedure. Should you find anything, please leave it in the porch at St Benedict's porch. If you would like to make an enquiry or claim your property please contact the parish office Tel: 01342 710313.

*Missals with the New Translation* – The New Sunday Missal retailing at £18 and the New Daily Missal (which includes Sundays) at £45 are now available in the Bookshop.

*News Items for In Touch* – If you are organising anything for the parish or the Church in general and would like to promote it, please send information to the editor (not the Parish Priest) by the Thursday before the weekend of publication. For contact details see the bottom of the back page.

*Anniversaries* – Tony Brailey, Kathleen Dorrington, Patrick Board, Arthur Figg, Violet Levett, Philippa Watelin, Heather Levett, Bill Mitchell, William Hyde Hills, William Brown, Mike Brayshaw, Maurice Johnson, Mrs Rutherford, Alice Yaldren, Joseph Curran, John Hull and Ernest Walker.

*Next Week's Gospels* – **Monday** - Mark 5:1-20 St John Bosco; **Tuesday** - Matthew 10:28-33 St Alban Roe; **Wednesday** - Mark 6:1-6; **Thursday** - Luke 2:22-40 Presentation of the Lord; **Friday** - Mark 6:14-29; **Saturday** - Mark 6:30-34.

### *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Everybody is looking for Christ.

Christ gives meaning to our lives.

Without him life would be no better than hired drudgery, but with his spirit in us all our service of others is done for love of him.

It is a service which brings us perfect freedom. The world needs Christ and it is our duty to bring him to everyone.

From Psalm 118

Keep me, Lord, from the way of error  
and teach me your law.

The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold.

## *Next Week's Readings:*

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

#### **First Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7**

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146(147):1. 2-4. 5-6. R.v.3**

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23**

I should be punished if I did not preach the gospel.

I do boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

#### **Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, he went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you'. He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came'. And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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