

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.

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 10.00am until 11.00am. Contact: Rosemarie D' Cruz E-mail: 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 8.20pm to 8.55pm. 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, 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 service - 4th March.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - The sacrament is offered on Sundays before the 9.30am 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.

Parish Priest - Fr James Tel: 01342 710313 or 0798 162 5150 E-mail: jcults@worth.org.uk

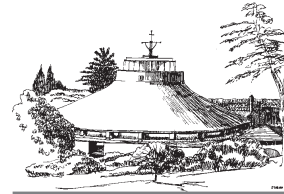
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In Touch Worth Abbey Parish

11th/12th February 2012 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) No 861

Never lose hope in God's mercy (Rule of St Benedict 4: 74)

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 £349.38 of which 54% was gift aided; retiring collection for Catholic Education Service £136.96.

Life, Living and Death - Parish Conferences and Workshops March, April and May. This spring we are focusing on some modern moral problems. On the subject of Birth we will look at IVF and abortion; when considering Living we will look at human sexuality, marriage, contraception, homosexuality; and topics related to Death we will include ageing, euthanasia, assisted dying, suicide. It should be an interesting series.

Looking Ahead - The Autumn 2012 season of Conferences and Workshops will be the first of several seasons featuring the documents of the Second Vatican Council. This will tie in with a diocesan four-year programme leading up to the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton in 1965.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - A Service of Reconciliation with individual confession is held on the last Saturday of every month in the Abbey Church at 4.00pm. The next service will therefore be on 25th February; and the Reconciliation Service for Lent with several priests available will be on March 24th.

Thursday 16th February - Mass at 5.30 pm.

New Church Furniture - The new furniture is experiencing some drying out and cracking along joints. The problem is being investigated by both the furniture designer and the manufacturer, and remedial work will follow. Can we for the moment, therefore, take the utmost care?

Taken the Tablet? - The Tablet is a weekly Catholic magazine/journal which features news, informed opinion and reviews of what is happening at home and abroad. After a promotion of free copies for the last four weeks, The Tablet continues to be on sale each week in the Bookshop.

Monastery News - Brother Anthony is having trouble keeping his greenhouse warm in the cold weather. Father Alex was away last week on a Monastery Guest Masters' Conference at Douai Abbey, and this week he accompanies his mother to Goa for two weeks.

Sunday February 12th - Our sister parish in Irundu will be hosting a Day of Prayer for the Sick, which will be attended by 200 clergy, Medics and some Patients. The Bishop will be celebrating Mass which will be followed by lunch in The Friendship House grounds in true African style with accompanying speeches, dancing and spontaneity lasting throughout the day. Let us join our prayers with those of our sister parish for the sick of Irundu and here at Worth.

February 19th - The next Faith 2012 Evening for young people (Confirmation age to young adults) will be at the Friary Church in Crawley on Sunday February 19th starting at 4.30pm. Fr Terry Martin will be talking to us and then celebrating Mass afterwards.

After Mass there will be some refreshments in the parish hall and a chance to meet other young Catholics from across the area. The first Faith 2012 Mass in January was really successful and we are hoping it will build into something really amazing and positive for young people. Please come along and/or encourage any young Catholics you know to come along.

Sunday 26th Feb - The Strollers – Our next walk will be on Sunday 26th February. We will first meet at 10.45am at St Benedict's parish office. We will 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 &/or lunch. Please see 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.

March 7th – next meeting of the Emmaus Group starting at 7.45pm, considering the role of Our Lady in the Church, and led by Fr Rod.

Going to Lourdes this Year? – There are usually a small number of Worth Abbey Parishioners going to Lourdes each year with the Diocese. This year the pilgrimage runs between 26th July and 3rd August, and is led by Bishop Kieran. It can be a wonderful time for pilgrims, with very pleasant accommodation close to the Grotto, and it would be an opportunity to pray, reflect and meet with others. Please see the poster on the parish noticeboard and take an application form from one of the stands on the Welcome Table.

Parish Residential Retreat – If it is at all possible for you, why not get away for a weekend retreat here at the Abbey in the very comfortable retreat centre of St Bruno's? Follow the monastic round of the hours and engage with the retreat which we are calling "Sharing Monastic Wisdom with Thomas Merton". The weekend is Friday, 22nd June from 4.00pm till after lunch on Sunday, 24th June. 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 to book a place.

Children's Books Giveaway – The parish has acquired a large number of new or nearly new children's books. They are on show in the Narthex. Please help yourselves to as many as you can carry away and usefully use.

March 3rd - How to Reach Non-Church Going Catholics – It is estimated that at least two-thirds of the baptised Catholic community in England and Wales is non-churchgoing which equates to approximately four to five million people. This makes for a significant constituency of people who, in most cases, self-identify as Catholic, but never or rarely attend Mass. The event will consider ways to reach these people. Christian Education Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, 10.30am – 430pm. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. More info on www.dabnet.org/Events.

Sunday March 25th Lourdes Live – a concert at Worth in aid of A&B Lourdes Sick Fund: professional and amateur musicians from the diocese will be performing a varied programme of vocal and instrumental music to raise funds urgently needed to continue taking our sick and disabled to Lourdes. The concert, which will be opened by Bishop Kieran, will include a short address delivered by Adam Simon, A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, and his Eminence Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor will be in attendance. Tickets cost £12 for adults and £6 for children and students/unemployed are available in each parish from Sally Nicholls or Philippa Smith. Unsold tickets may be available at the door. For more information contact Sally Nicholls salnicholls@hotmail.co.uk.

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.

The parish website <http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk> includes the full diary,

Next Week's Readings: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19. 21-22. 24b-25

I it is, who must blot out everything.

Thus says the Lord: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises. Jacob, you have not invoked me, you have not troubled yourself, Israel, on my behalf. Instead you have burdened me with your sins, troubled me with your iniquities. I it is, I it is, who must blot out everything and not remember your sins.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps: 40(41):2-5. 13-14. R.v.5

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Jesus was never Yes and No; with him it was always YES.

I swear by God's truth, there is no Yes and No about what we say to you. The Son of God, the Christ Jesus that we proclaimed among you—I mean Silvanus and Timothy and I— was never Yes and No: with him it was always Yes, and however many the promises God made, the Yes to them all is in him. That is why it is 'through him' that we answer Amen to the praise of God. Remember it is God himself who assures us all, and you, of our standing in Christ, and has anointed us, marking us with his seal and giving us the pledge, the Spirit, that we carry in our hearts.

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

The son of Man has authority on earth to forgive us.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum some time later, word went round that he was back; and so many people collected that there was no room left, even in front of the door. He was preaching the word to them when some people came bringing him a paralytic carried by four men, but as the crowd made it impossible to get the man to him, they stripped the roof over the place where Jesus was; and when they had made an opening, they lowered the stretcher on which the paralytic lay. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, 'My child, your sins are forgiven'. Now some scribes were sitting there, and they thought to themselves, 'How can this man talk like that? He is blaspheming. Who can forgive sins but God?' Jesus, inwardly aware that this was what they were thinking, said to them, 'Why do you have these thoughts in your hearts? Which of these is easier: to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven" or to say, "Get up, pick up your stretcher and walk"? But to prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,'—he said to the paralytic—I order you: get up, pick up your stretcher, and go off home.' And the man got up, picked up his stretcher at once and walked out in front of everyone, so that they were all astounded and praised God saying, 'We have never seen anything like this'.

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daily readings and lots more.

Anniversaries – Please pray for the souls of: Peter Whelpton, Alison Rawlins, Eamon Michael Litten and Marjorie Beck. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen*

Next Week's Gospels:

Monday - Mark 8:11-13; **Tuesday** - Luke 10:1-9 SS Cyril & Methodius; **Wednesday** - Mark 8:22-26; **Thursday** - Mark 8:27-33; **Friday** - Mark 8:34-9:1; **Saturday** - Mark 9:2-13.