

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

8th/9th May 2010

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

No 791

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.

PDP Launch Weekend 22/23rd May

– The plan is completed and has gone to the printer. It will be launched on Sunday 23rd May after the 9.30 Mass. The meetings will be followed by a shared picnic. (Please bring food to share as well as crockery, glassware, rugs, picnic tables and chairs.)

PDP Documents – There are two parts to the publication. The plan proper will be distributed on Pentecost Sunday with In Touch. The other, the Implementation Suggestions, gives details of ways in which the main headings of the plan can be implemented and will be made available on the Website and sent individually to everybody with an internet link. Hard copies will be available from the Welcome Desk.

No Mass at St Dunstan's on Pentecost Sunday to allow everybody to attend the meeting.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Ascension and there is a retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network, the organisation which handles press relations on behalf of the Bishops.

Next Thursday's Mass is at 6.40pm

Flowers in the Abbey Church – Anne Kibble has for many years assumed sole responsibility and set a beautiful standard for flowers in the Abbey church but now feels she would like the task to be shared. One or two experienced volunteer flower arrangers are, therefore, needed to join a rota which Christine Barwell is organising. NB there are no flowers in Advent or Lent, commitment would be about once a month and all costs are covered. If you

would like to help please contact Christine Tel: 01342 323330 or E-mail: barwell66@googlemail.com “

A day out in France! – Saturday 22nd May. Cost is £25.00. There are still seats left for the Parish Events Group excursion. Coach departs Worth Abbey at 7.00am sharp and returns by 9.00pm. Enjoy a lunch arranged at a typical restaurant - pay on the day. Have fun, take a stroll, enjoy the atmosphere, buy some goodies to take home. Send names with your cheque payable to Worth Abbey Parish to: Martin Harewood, Burleigh Ridge, Sandhill Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4LB. Tel: 01342 716847 - E-mail: martin@nordicflyer.com.

Papal Visit – We know for sure now that the Pope will be making a public appearance in London (probably in Hyde Park) on Saturday 18th September beginning around 5.00pm. It will be a ticket only event, and Fr James will pass on information about how these can be obtained when they are available.

Mid Sussex LIFE is holding its annual Mini-Market in the Martlets Library, Burgess Hill on Wednesday 12 May 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Books! Plants! Cakes! Tombola! Raffle! Tea and Coffee! Come and help support LIFE Charity. Any contributions to our stalls very welcome – please contact Priscilla Williamson Tel: 01444 811519.

Crawley Down Open Gardens in aid of St Catherine's Hospice Sunday 16th May. Tickets sold from 11.00am outside Crawley Down village shops. Gardens opened from 1.00pm until 5.00pm. Entrance £4. Enquiries please to Lana Tel: 01342 712738

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

Marian Service - Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead – Friday 21st May 2010 there will be Mass at 6.00pm followed by the Rosary Pageant at 7.00pm. It will be led by Year 5 pupils from The Towers Convent School, Upper Beeding, who will be performing the Luminous Mysteries in a Rosary Pageant at the Church of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. All welcome.

Concert in Aid of CAFOD – St Joseph's Epsom – The Surrey Youth Choir and the Surrey Youth Jazz Orchestra will be performing from 7.30pm on 14th of May 2010 in aid of CAFOD. For more information contact Julian Edwards on enj.edwards@btinternet.com.

Traidcraft Saturdays – There will be a Traidcraft Stall after evening Mass on the First Saturday of every month.

The High Sheriff of West Sussex aka Liz Bennett, one of our own parishioners, is, amongst other things, a long standing Citizens Advice Bureau adviser. Liz has agreed to speak to us about the work of the CAB and its role in assisting **Justice and Peace** locally. She may also be persuaded to tell us a little of her role as High Sheriff. Please join us for this most local and interesting **Justice and Peace Group evening**, Thursday 13th May in the Unity Room 8.00pm–9.30pm. Coffee, Tea, and refreshments will be served from 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Papal Visit – The Secular Society has an online petition opposing the Pope's visit which has already attracted over 20,000 signatures and yet a petition supporting the visit only has 1,200 signatures. You are asked to visit the website (www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html) and sign the supporting petition as we welcome the Holy

Father to our country. Please support this and spread it to others who may not know, by e-mail and word of mouth.

Thank You – The money from the Irundu tins keeps coming in steadily. One huge campaign tin turned up this week full of coins – special thanks to the long term saver.

For Information – You can access the Papal Visit website and also the Catholic Bishops' Conference document 'Choosing the Common Good' from the Home Page of the Parish website. You can also buy the document from the Abbey Bookshop for 25p.

Vocations Week-end for Young Women interested in Religious Life – Date: May 28th – 30th 2010. Venue: Stella Maris, Broadstairs, Kent (Faithful Companions of Jesus). Information: Sr Lynnefcj Tel: 0151 7335475, E-mail: lynnefcj@hotmail.com.

Crawley Cricket Club is looking for cricket players **boys and girls** to join them for the summer. Training and matches for all who join. **Training days are 5:30-7:70pm on Monday** - Girls only; Thursday - U12's mixed; Friday - U13' & U16's boys. Contact Toni Brands E-mail: ajbrand1@pgen.net for more information.

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

Anniversaries:

Jim Kilduff, Hilary Walker, Sam Bryant, Stan Bogacz, Pamela Kennedy and Mrs Neve.

Next Week's Gospels:

Monday - John 15:26-16:4;

Tuesday - John 16:5-11;

Wednesday - John 16:12-15;

Thursday - John 16:16-20;

Friday - John 15:9-17 St Matthias;

Saturday - John 16:23-28.

Prayer (from the opening prayer of Mass on Sunday morning) – Ever-living God, help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate.

Next Week's Readings:

The Ascension of the Lord (A-C)

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

He was lifted up while they looked on.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth'.

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46(47):2-3. 6-9. 8-9. R.v.6

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

As he blessed them, he was carried up to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.