

## 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 17.25 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. Please 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. For details 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. Please contact: Catherine Goodridge 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. Please contact Fr James if you would like to join.

**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. Details from 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. Please contact Fr James.

**Lectio Divina** – A group meets every Tuesday evening in Parlour 1 from 8.15 to 8.50pm. 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 the Open Cloister to make enquiries Tel: 01342 710318.

**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, usually on the first Sunday of the month. *The next services will be on 4th September and 2nd October.*

**The Junior Church** – With songs and worship is available for children: Pre-school in the in the West Ambulatory (past the Book Shop). 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 and during a Service of Reconciliation on the last Saturday of each month at 4.00pm.

**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

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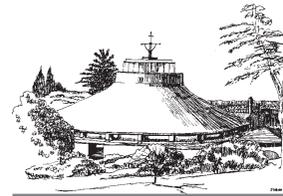
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# In Touch

## Worth Abbey Parish

3rd/4th September 2011 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) No 841

*What is not possible to us by nature, let us ask the Lord to supply by the help of his grace (Rule of St Benedict: Prologue, 41)*

**All Visitors** – You are very welcome to our Abbey Church and we hope you enjoy your visit. Would you like to gift aid your donation by taking a yellow envelope from the Welcome Table? It will be much appreciated. Thank you.

**The New Translation** – Well it is here with us. As we plunge in it will all be a little difficult for us at first but soon it will become the familiar and the old, the unfamiliar. Please do tell us if you can think of any ways to improve the way we are implementing it. All the spoken words are from the new translation except the three special prayers of the Mass, for which, in the new form, we must wait until Advent.

**Phased introduction of the New Translation – From 3rd September:** We will start to use the **New Translation with old Collects**, as printed in the **Interim Missal**. All the new dialogues between priest and people (e.g. "The Lord be with you" etc.) will be **sung** to the melodies printed in the red booklet and in the weekly Order of Service. Since we will be singing the response after the Gospel, **there will be no repeat of the Gospel Alleluia after the Gospel.**

We will initially continue to use our **current Mass settings** (in the old translation) for Gloria, Sanctus, etc. The **spoken Creed** will be in the new translation from the red booklet or the laminated card that will be available for all. We will use **Eucharistic Prayer III** throughout.

**Community Mass** – With the start of the school term community masses on Thursdays often have an altered time. So this Thursday, 8th September, the Mass will be at 6.40pm.

**FOG** – Mistakenly, we said last week that FOG would recommence in September. The first Fog of the new season will, in fact, be on Saturday 1st October at 10.00am.

**Solemn profession** - This coming Saturday, 10th September will see the solemn profession of Brother Gabriel. After some years in temporary vows, he will be taking lifelong vows to the monastic community at Worth Abbey. The ceremony takes place within the Eucharist, which commences at 10.30am. This means that there is no 9.00am Mass - all are welcome at 10.30.

**Rosemary's health** – Rosemary Sanders has made a remarkable recovery from her fractured skull, and by the time we read this she should have left hospital for home.

**Parish Open Day** – We are almost there, with the Open Day taking place this Sunday between 2.00pm and 6.30pm. We had hoped for fine weather, but the forecast in the middle of the previous week doesn't leave us with much optimism for a fine day. Please come along and support us and go on one of the tours of the church, the monastery grounds, and some of the rooms in the old house. See also all the parish activities on display in the narthex, have a cup of tea and biscuits, listen to the Abbey Choir and D'Arcy Trinkwon as well as seeing Fr James, Fr Luke and Christina Fitzsimons fielding questions from our visitors.

**Lourdes** - The parish is in Lourdes on Monday of this week. 19 parishioners are flying out of Gatwick heading for Lourdes in time for lunch. Rosemary was to have led this group with Fr James as chaplain,

but Fr James has taken over the leadership which wasn't difficult because Rosemary had the things so well organised in advance. The group will return on Friday.

*Next Sunday* – This will be the first Sunday of the school term and because of the numbers of pupils and their parents who are expected a special Mass later in the morning has been arranged. The 9.30 Mass will be as usual, but presided over by Fr James on his own.

*Junior Church* resumes on 11th September.

*David Barwell RIP* – David died in the early hours of last Sunday. His funeral will be on Monday, 19th September in the Abbey Church at 1.30pm.

*First Communion Classes* – These are being slightly reorganised for First Communion in June 2012. Instead of the classes beginning in October of this year, they will start in January 2012 and the classes for both students and parents will last from 10.00am until 11.15am on Saturday mornings.

*Welcome to the Abbey Church* – All are welcome to the community's celebration of the Eucharist and Divine office, the times of which can be found on the back page of In Touch. But we especially welcome parishioners to our daily Eucharist at 5:30pm (except on Thursdays in term time) and to evening prayer (Vespers) at six o'clock on Sunday evenings. Booklets for these services are available so that parishioners can follow and participate in the celebration.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation* – Regular Parish Services of Reconciliation will now be held on the last Saturday of each month at 4.00pm. The Service will be just five minutes long with priests available afterwards to celebrate the sacrament. The next Service will be on Saturday 24th September.

*Yoga classes* will recommence on Monday, 4th Sept 7.30pm - 8.50pm in the Unity Room. For further information, please contact Patricia Wallace 01444 458324.

*The Parish Events Group* is organising its next event at the Theatre Royal, Brighton. 'An Inspector Calls' is a matinee thriller to be held on Saturday 5th November. The tickets plus coach hire to and from Worth will be £27. There will be an optional dinner at the Italian restaurant El Duomo after the performance. Please contact Bernie Laird on 01342 323313 by 9th September.

*Digital Champion required!* – Many people will be eligible for practical help from the BBC's Switchover Help Scheme when we all move to digital TV next spring and we need volunteers to spread the word. Each church is being asked to find a 'Digital Champion' who would be willing to attend a training session in September and to spread the word to those parishioners who visit the elderly or give communion to the housebound. Volunteers need to be able to access a computer, to use email and ideally they need to be able to travel around the parish. For more details click on the link: <http://www.ruralsussex.org.uk/events/event/110/>.

*Conferences and Workshops* – The second Tuesdays of the months of September, October and November will feature Conferences on The Mass. This is a series about the nature of the Mass and has nothing in content to do with the new translation of the Mass. The three Conferences are:

- The Mass as the Word of God
- The Mass as Sacred Meal
- The Mass as Sacrifice

Input will be offered by David Paterson. Corresponding workshops will be on the last Thursdays of the same months and will be led by Adam Kendry, Michael Oakley and Adrian Sparks.

*Anniversaries:*

Reg Parker, Rorie Duncan, Bridget Cheal Snelling, Norman Maddock, Alexandra Church (18 years), Charles Hurdman, Michael Burke, Matthew Lovell and John Blake.

*Next Week's Gospels:* Monday - Luke 6:6-11; Tuesday - Luke 6:12-19; Wednesday - Luke 6:20-26; Thursday - Matthew 1:1-15. 18-23 Birthday of Our Lady; Friday - Luke 6:27-39; Saturday - Luke 6:43-49.

## *Next Week's Readings:*

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

**First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 (Sirach 27:30-28:1-7)**

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things too, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102(103):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R.v.8**

**Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9**

*Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

*I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times..*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you". But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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*Diocese of Arundel and Brighton YOUTH GATHER* – "Sunday 2nd October – Come and join hundreds of young people in day of Fun, Faith and Friendship, involving a sponsored walk, Mass and Prayer, live music stalls art drama etc. This year it takes place at the Towers Convent School in Upper Beeding. Please contact Sean Cahill (Youth minister) for details at [scahill@worth.org.uk](mailto:scahill@worth.org.uk)". Come and join hundreds of young people in day of Fun, Faith and Friendship, involving a sponsored walk, mass and Prayer, live music stalls art drama etc.