

## 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. 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.

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**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, 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, on the first Sunday of the month. The next service - 2nd October.

**Junior Church** - With songs and worship is available for children: Pre-school in the West Ambulatory (past the Gents toilets). For further information 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.

**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.

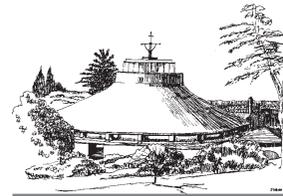
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# In Touch Worth Abbey Parish

17th/18th September 2011 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) No 843

He must lead his disciples ... pointing out to them all that is good and holy more by example than by words ... demonstrating God's instructions ... by a living example. (Rule of St Benedict 2:11-12)

**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.

**Retiring Collection** today is for CASE on Home Mission Sunday. CASE is the Catholic Agency in Support of Evangelisation.

**Silent Adoration** - From Friday 30th September there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday evening at 7.00pm. This is an opportunity to spend time in quiet prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. It is a graced moment when in stillness and silence we are invited to open our hearts to the Lord present before us. Whether for a few moments or for the whole hour you would be most welcome. *Fr Rod*

**Faith Group RCIA** - This is a group meeting weekly in term time for those interested in the Catholic Church. It meets for just over an hour from 8.00pm on Tuesday evenings in St Benedict's and the first session is this Tuesday the 20th September. In each session we look at a piece of scripture and talk about some aspect of the Catholic faith, whether it is the existence of God, the nature and role of Jesus or the moral teaching of the church. Please contact the parish office if you or a friend or neighbour is interested.

**The Parish in Lourdes** - A group of 18 parishioners has returned from a week in Lourdes. An enjoyable time was had by everyone with the group participating in the usual things like the Torchlight Procession, the Blessed Sacrament

procession, washing in the waters, Stations of the Cross and praying at the Grotto. Most of the group were first timers.

**"Our Man in Havana"** - aka Cynthia, has recently returned from Irundu with the happy news that we have had our first "home grown" ordination there by name of Anthony Mugalagala. The occasion was in true joyous African style with brass band accompanying singing, clapping and dancing lasting all day. Fr Anthony's father was one of the first people to engage in the Micro Credit Scheme and has continued to have loans for oxen ever since. He is now engaged in building his own brick built house. Fr Stephen Mudoola is well and sends his love to all Worth Parishioners.

**Worth Parish Conferences and Workshops** - These are an attempt to offer on-going catechesis in our parish. Often, while our secular studies go on till early adulthood our religious education can stop with First Communion or the end of school. Here is an attempt to plug the gap for adults. And this season's theme is a theology of the Mass - what is the Mass, what are the parts of the Mass, what is happening in the Mass? Twenty five people came to the first conference last Tuesday; and the first workshop, a more interactive format, is led by Adam Kendry, Head of Divinity at Ardingly College and himself a former Worth parishioner. On Thursday 29th September at 7.30 in St Benedict's, Adam will lead us in "The Word in the Mass" - about the readings, why the selection, how they should be read, what is their purpose and what is their overall meaning? All are welcome and each conference or workshop is a stand-alone event.

*Sunday October 2nd* – The Parish Annual Meeting will be after the 9.30am Mass at the Abbey. It is a time to hear news about parish events and activities and have the opportunity of offering creative ideas for the future. All are welcome, and there will be no Mass at St Dunstan's.

"There is to be an election for one member of an eight man PPC. If you would like to be a candidate on October 2nd please contact the parish office. It is a two year appointment, and with about five meetings a year. The PPC advises Fr James on developments in the parish."

*Rosemary Sanders* has been delighted to receive so many cards and prayers from friends connected with Worth and would like to thank everyone most sincerely for their kindness. She is slowly recovering and looking forward to the day when she can eventually return to Parish life. But, please, no visitors for the present.

*Justice & Peace Speaker Evening* – David Thomson, Diocesan J & P Specialist Advisor on "What can you do? A call to action" Thursday 6th October, 7.30pm for 7.45 in the Unity Room. All welcome. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

*Dates for the Diary:*

**Please note the start dates for the following groups:**

**Baptism:** Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm

**First Communion:** Saturday 14th January 2012 at 10.00am – 11.15am (Please note these classes are commencing in January 2012)

**FOG:** Saturday 1st October at 10.00am (9 – 10/11 Year Olds)

**Assent:** Saturday 17th September at 11.30am (11-14 Year Olds)

For further information, please contact Mandy Horton  
Tel: 01342710313 E-mail: mhorton@worth.org.uk.

*Crawley Down Harvest Service* – This is on Sunday 25th September at All Saints Church at 10.00am.

*Monastery News* – Br Gabriel made his final vows to the community last Saturday, and he continues with his final year of studies at Heythrop

College this coming year.

*Prayers Please* – For David Paterson who had a mild heart attack on Tuesday and for Matthew Boughton, a teacher at the School, who died on Friday.

*Congratulations* to Toby and Angharad Watkin of Balcombe on the birth of their baby Hew on 12th September.

*Parish Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Benedict 3rd-14th May 2012* –

There are only 2 places now left on this pilgrimage following the life of St Benedict from Norcia (his birthplace), to Rome (where he studied), Subiaco (where he spent time as a hermit) and finally the Abbey of Montecassino. Single and twin accommodation is in Monasteries, Convents and hotels. All-inclusive costs will be in the region of £1,100-£1,200. Please contact Rosemary Sanders as soon as possible if you are interested. Tel: 01342 826819; E-mail: rosemys@fastmail.fm.

*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.

*Anniversaries:*

Mr Pannett, Nathaniel Lane, Victor Avico, Dorothy Neve, Nellie Bond and Dom Thomas Symons.

*Next Week's Gospels:*

Monday - Luke 8:16-18;

Tuesday - Luke 8:19-21;

Wednesday - Matthew 9:9-13 St Matthew;

Thursday - Luke 6:7-9

Friday - Luke 9:18-22;

Saturday - Luke 9:43b-45.

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

God's ways are not our ways. We judge by human standards. If we want our judgements to be the right ones then we must pray for guidance so that we may always judge generously. God rewards everyone individually according to his judgement and not ours. We need, therefore, to see people through God's eyes.

## *Next Week's Readings:*

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

Christ came to forgive sinners.

We all need God's forgiveness and it was for this reason that Christ came humbling himself to the death of a cross. When we renounce sin we will truly live. We remember that we are in constant need of forgiveness and so we must never take our salvation for granted.

#### **First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28**

When the sinner renounces sin, he deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, 'What the Lord does is unjust'. Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 24(25):4-5ab. 6-7. 8-9. R.v.6**

#### **Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11**

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other s people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32**

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today". He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.