

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 8.20 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 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 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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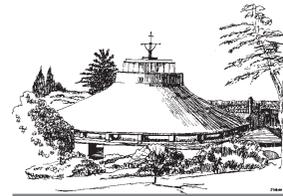
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In Touch Worth Abbey Parish

24th/25th September 2011 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) No 844

Share alike in bearing arms in the service of the one Lord, because whether slave or free,
we are all one in Christ (Rule of Benedict 2: 20)

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.

RIP - The death is announced of Michael McLoughlin of Copthorne. His funeral will start with a short service in the Abbey on Thursday 29th of September at 11.30am.

Next Sunday October 2nd The Parish Annual Meeting will be after the 9.30 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 that Sunday, there will be no Mass at St. Dunstan's

Collection Last Weekend - The first collection raised £938.72 of which 49% was gift aided. The retiring collection for CASE raised £241.69

Assent got off to a flying start last Saturday morning with the first four recruits for this catechism class for 11 to 14 year olds. Fr James led the children in a series of explorations into who Jesus was, starting with the stories about his birth. The sessions will go on to look at his home life, his baptism, his mission and finally his death and resurrection. And then we will ask who was he really? The next Assent is Saturday 22nd October at 11.30 am, so please come along if you are 11 to 14 years of age.

Fish on Fridays - Bishop Kieran states that the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are asking people to do something special on Fridays. This would be a small penitential act to remember

the death of Jesus; and it could be doing without something, or taking on something extra or abstaining from meat. So this is not, therefore, a return to pre-Vatican days of an insistence on no meat on Fridays, but it is an underlining that some penitential act is required of us all on that day.

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

Daily Mass - Every other week in term time the 5:30pm Mass moves to 6:40pm; on the alternate weeks the Mass with the school is at 5:20pm. This coming week it is the turn of Mass at 6:40pm

Worth Parish Conferences and Workshops - 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? The first workshop is led by Adam Kendry, Head of Divinity at Ardingly College and himself a former Worth parishioner. On Thursday 29th September at 7.30pm 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.

Saturday 1st October - Quiz Night in aid of St Catherine's Hospice Haven Centre, Crawley Down 7.00pm £7.50 to include ploughman's. Bring your own drink. Further details contact Lana Tel: 01342 712738

5th November - Theatre Outing organised by the Parish Events Group to see the classic J B Priestley thriller 'An Inspector Calls', at the Theatre Royal, Brighton. A matinee performance will be followed by an optional dinner at the Italian restaurant Al Duomo. The tickets, plus coach hire to and from Worth, will be £27 each. There are 10 tickets remaining, so if you are interested please contact Bernie Laird asap Tel: 01342 323313

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

8th October - The Human Quest for the Divine – A seminar day on this theme is being held by Fr Tony D'Souza SJ, a friend and student of the late Fr Tony de Mello, who is visiting the UK. The seminar is on Saturday October 8th and begins at 10.00am and ends at 4.00pm. The venue is "The Barn", The Old Farmhouse, Farnham Road, Elstead, GU8 6DB. Please bring a packed lunch. If you need any more information, please contact Robert Millar Tel: 01932 352289 or E-mail: brinmaur@aol.com. The day is being organised by the Secular Franciscan Order Fraternity based at Ladywell Convent.

14th October - Concert in aid of National Charity LIFE – A concert of Traditional Music of Britain and Ireland played on unusual instruments by Joy Lewis & Derrick Hughes at St Wilfrid's Catholic Church, Burgess Hill at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10, including interval refreshments from Priscilla Williamson Tel: 811519, or at the door.

21st -23rd October "Weird or Wonderful?" – Why do Catholics do strange things?! Retreat for Teenagers. If you are in school

years 9-13, you are invited to the come along to make new friends, play lots of games, ask some of those "big" questions about life, explore your faith and eat lots of cake! The retreat is run by trained youth leaders from the Lay Community of St Benedict in St Bruno's, Worth Abbey. The cost of the weekend is £76 but subsidies are available. For more info and booking forms, please contact Katy Russell E-mail: katurussell@hotmail.co.uk or Tel: 07919 163894).

28th-30th October- Young Adults Retreat (18-35) at Worth Abbey. God is calling you by name! The retreat offers an opportunity to tune-in more deeply to the call of Christ in your life, to discern His will for you, and to grow in the trust and freedom to respond generously to the Gospel. The weekend will include talks and the opportunity for Reconciliation; space, silent prayer and reflection; discussion and fellowship. For more information contact Jo Gilbert E-mail: joziegilbert@hotmail.com. This retreat is offered by the Arundel and Brighton Vocations Service: www.calledbyname.org.uk.

Please note the start dates for the following groups: **Baptism:** Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm **First Communion:** Saturday 14th January 2012 at 10.00 – 11.15am (Please note these classes are commencing in January 2012) For further information, please contact Mandy Horton Tel: 01342710313 E-mail: mhorton@worth.org.uk **FOG:** Saturday 1st October @ 10am (9 – 10/11 year olds) This is a catechism class on the first Saturday of every month for children after First Communion up to age 11. It is run by Rosemarie D'Cruz with the assistance of Erica Ballard and takes place in St Benedict's

Prayers Please for Joan Edey and Mary Lovell *October 2nd Arundel and Brighton Youth Gather* – 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 School in Upper Beeding, Nr steyning. please contact Sean Cahill (Youth minister) for details at E-mail: scahill@worth.org.uk

Anniversaries: Revd Francis Hunter, Dr Bob Jackson, David Leslie, Zofia Tywon'ska, Barry Pierce, Peter Burrows, Ada

Next Week's Readings:

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the Soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79(80):9,12 13-14. 15-16. 19-20. R. Isaiah 5:7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

The God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives'. Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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Fieldwick, Nellie Tester, Terence Crannigan, Dom Joseph Marshall and Archbishop Peter Amigo. 9:46-50: **Tuesday** - Luke 9:51-56; **Wednesday** - Luke 9:57-62; **Thursday** - John 1:47-51 St Michael & All Angles; **Friday** - Luke 10:13-16; **Saturday**

Next Week's Gospels: **Monday** - Luke - Luke 10:17-24.