

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.

Junior Church - With songs and worship is available for children: Pre-School in the Unity Room & those at school in the Parlours off the West Ambulatory. 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 8.20 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 - 6th November & 4th December.

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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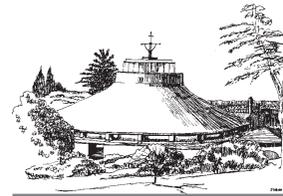
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In Touch Worth Abbey Parish

8th/9th October 2011

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

No 846

The brothers are to express their opinions with all humility, and not presume to defend their own views obstinately (Rule of St Benedict 3:4)

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.

Worth Parish Conference - This Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Instead of the advertised input, Fr James will offer thoughts on "The Mass as Sacrifice." Dr David Paterson is indisposed.

Irundu - Selection from the Report of Cynthia on her Visit to Irundu 31st July to 17th August 2011 - In the St Matia Malumba Health Centre III, finally numbers are picking up again after a good harvest in July. The disastrous harvest in January left many people too poor to send their children to school or to come to the health centre. Not an easy problem to address as if you start giving free medicines then no-one will pay.

Through the efforts of our nurses when they go on Outreach many more people have been persuaded of the benefits of ante-natal care so our clinics are very busy, we have about 60 births a month so we have made a real impact on infant mortality and maternal deaths.

Patients come from a government clinic (often perched precariously on a boda-boda (bicycle) just before giving birth!) because they get such poor attention there and they really appreciate the kindness of our staff and the quality of our equipment.

They also bring their prescriptions to us as the government clinic only gets supplies of medicines every three months and they have usually run out by the end of one month.

As with India, Africa has a brilliant health service on paper but a useless one in practice. Our laboratory assistant and other members of staff are being trained by an NGO backed by US Aid so we shall shortly apply for a licence to prescribe ARV drugs. Through the Diocese we have been approached and approved by a Dutch NGO which invited us to apply for funding so we have asked for funds to run a full mobile service. We have had some funding from generous parishioners but we must follow up every offer of funds other than from Worth so that the clinic does not depend on us for ever. We also receive an amount of funding from the government which has to be spent as they dictate - accounting for this requires masses of paper work but we can't have the next tranche until they are satisfied.

Meridian Radio at the Parish Open Day - Krys O'Brien presented a very good hour-long programme last Sunday afternoon and it featured: the choir singing, D'Arcy on the keyboards and interviews with Martin Harewood, Christina Fitzsimons and Helle and Paul Yeates among others.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - This was last Friday, and a retiring collection is being taken this weekend. Please use the envelope for your donation and remember if you're gift aiding it (25% extra) you must include your name and address.

Concert in aid of National Charity LIFE - A concert of traditional Music of Britain and Ireland played on unusual instruments by Joy Lewis and Derrick Hughes at St Wilfrid's Catholic Church Burgess Hill at 7.30pm on Friday 14th October. Tickets are £10 including interval refreshments,

from Priscilla Williamson tel: 01444 811519 or at the door.

Worth Abbey Choral Society – There will be a concert of music thematically linked by ‘LIGHT’, ending with Vivaldi’s brilliant setting of the ‘Gloria’, here in the Abbey church on Sunday 16th October at 7.30pm. This is the first choral concert back in the newly finished Abbey Church, so should be a terrific occasion! ALL are welcome – so please bring along friends and relations to what will be a very good evening of attractive music – choral (plus small instrumental group) & organ solos. Retiring collection... for charity

Treatment of Infertility and Recurrent Miscarriage – Acinlic using Na Pro (Natural Procreativity) Technology is being set up to treat married couples suffering with infertility and recurrent miscarriage. Infertility affects up to 1 in 6 couples and causes them considerable distress. Na Pro is a non-invasive treatment, with conception occurring naturally. The clinic will be professionally run by a GP parishioner, Dr Kevin McCarthy, MB, BCh, BAO, DRCOG, DCH, CFCMC on Saturday afternoons in the Parish Centre. The doctor is highly qualified in this field, and with a busy GP practice to run is currently in a position to offer the service only to a very prescribed clientele. We are therefore fortunate that he has agreed to run the clinic for Worth Abbey parishioners only. Appointments can be made through Mandy, the parish secretary in the parish office on mornings, Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Parish Residential Retreat – This is early warning of next year’s weekend parish retreat in St Bruno’s. It will run from Friday, June 15th to Sunday the 17th and, continuing the theme of Benedictine spirituality, next year it is “Sharing Monastic Wisdom with Thomas Merton”.

This Thursday - This coming week there will be a memorial service for Matthew Boughton, a young teacher in the school who died recently. This is at 5.20pm and will be followed at 6.40 by conventual mass.

APF Red Mission Boxes – The time is

drawing near for box holders to empty and count the contents. The deadline to send cheques is late October and the address is: APF Mill Hill, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU. Please quote ARU 128 on the back of cheques.

Junior Church – School Age Junior Church has now moved back downstairs to its former classrooms. As of next Sunday pre-school children will meet in the Unity Room and those already at school will meet in the Seminar Room (Choir Robing Room), both on the East side of the church.

Theatre Outing – The Parish Events Group have organised to see the classic JB Priestley thriller “An Inspector Calls” on the 5th November 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 7 tickets remaining, so if you are interested please contact Bernie Laird ASAP. Tel: 01342 323313

Collection Last Weekend – The first collection raised £825.76.

Prayers Please – Mary Lovell, Pat MacDonald, David Paterson, and Sue Law.

Anniversaries:

Mary Mason, Jack Harwood-Davis, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Arthur Maynard and Jenny Frost

Next Week’s Gospels:

Monday	- Luke 11:29-32;
Tuesday	- Luke 11:37-41;
Wednesday	- Luke 11:42-46;
Thursday	- Luke 11:47-54;
Friday	- Luke 11:12:1-7;
Saturday	- Luke 12:8-12.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

The Lord has prepared a banquet for me. God invites us all to share in the wedding feast of his son. He knows our poverty and wants to share his riches with us. In this banquet we will be happy and every tear will be wiped away from our eyes.

Next Week’s Readings:

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95(96):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10ac R.v.7

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

You have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

Then the Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap him in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar— and to God what belongs to God’.

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