

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 ***
18.45 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

07:30 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.

Fertility Clinic - Dr Kevin McCarthy, a parishioner GP, is offering consultations to treat married couples suffering infertility and recurrent miscarriage. Because of time restrictions, he can take only bone fide parishioners of Worth Abbey Parish as patients. Please ring Mandy Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm for appointments.

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 in the Seminar Room (Choir Vestry) - 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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Parish Secretary - Mandy Horton Tel: 01342 710313 E-mail: mhorton@worth.org.uk

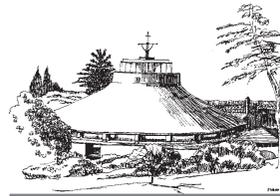
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In Touch

Worth Abbey Parish

22nd/23rd October 2011

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

No 848

Go to help the troubled and console the sorrowing (Rule of St Benedict 4: 18-19)

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.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday - It is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Thanks to the sacrifice and witness of missionaries the Catholic Church is growing; many churches can now take care of themselves. However, over 40% of the Church in the world is still 'missionary' and needs our help. By supporting Missio you will be directly helping over 1000 dioceses in these young Churches, bringing hope and new life to people thirsting to hear of God's love for them. Through Missio, the Holy Father invites every Catholic in the world to contribute to a special collection today. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes provided.

Presentation of Baptismal Candidates - Today (Sunday) the following candidates are being presented: Emilia Swarbrick, Evie Whittaker, Bertie Donaldson, Jemima Donaldson, Daisy Donaldson, Emma Free, Olivia Legate-Kowal and Ciara Shaw. They will be baptised next Sunday afternoon.

Mass this Thursday - Being half term, Mass will be with the monks at 5.30pm.

Volunteers needed for the Traidcraft Stall - Please contact Patricia Wallace Tel: 01444 458324 or patriciawallace@btinternet.com.

Edited Notes from Cynthia on her Visit to Irundu this Summer - Unfortunately the house inverter was tampered with by a guest, not one from UK, so we ran out of both water and power again! Costly. We are always having to replace door locks, handles, cistern parts, taps, etc

because everything is of such poor quality that it gets broken very easily. Fr Peter had a very successful visit in June and is planning to return next year with 30 or so students from Worth School to help rebuild a classroom - wonderful. George Fitzsimons led a group of six later in June. Sadly Rosemary is not able to come in November having started planning her visit a year ago. Fr Aidan's cousin, Pat Devlin, is coming in October for a month to prepare a programme for the parish of Irundu in respect of two Diocesan initiatives: Adult Literacy and Gender Domestic Violence. Pat is well qualified to do this and will expect to return for much longer periods in the future to implement her programme. Fr James is coming in November with four parishioners and Joe O'Dwyer is hoping to come out in November at some point.

CRB Checks - I would like to remind everyone to make sure they are CRB checked if they are members of any committees that have or may have contact with children/vulnerable adults. These groups include the 8 groups of Young People at Worth (0-18), Marriage Preparation, Emmaus, Eucharistic Ministers, SVP, PEGS, and any similar groups from St Dunstan's in West Hoathly. Anyone not checked will be unable to continue to serve on their committee until a CRB check is completed

To help in this process, could I ask the leaders of each of these groups to ensure their members have all been CRB checked by me?

Renewals will begin hopefully before the year ends. There will be a deadline on these simpler checks. However, if the deadline is missed then a complete CRB check will take place again, no matter when the original CRB check took place!

Thank you all for supporting me in this endeavour. Rachel Davies, CRB Rep., Bishop's House, Arundel & Brighton Diocese.

Flower Power! – Have you ever considered joining the team that arranges the flowers for the Abbey Church? Why not have a go? Help will be available. Ring Christine Barwell for more information on 01342 323330. Recently many of the flowers used have come from the new Abbey Church cut flower garden. Why not combine Mass attendance next weekend (29th, 30th October) with helping to prepare the garden for next year's crop? Come along, with suitable attire, and meet BrAnthony at St Benedict's on Saturday at 2.30pm (until 4.15pm) or Sunday at 11.00am (until 12.30pm). Refreshments and tools supplied.

Collection Last Weekend – The first collection raised £1006.00 of which 52% was gift aided. In addition, of course, each week there are all the contributions of those who donate by standing order. The parish is grateful for the generosity of all our parishioners, and the good news is that parish accounts this year will show a surplus instead of the negative budget which had been forecast

Come and see where Deacon Chris is studying! – On 27th November at 3.00pm, the seminary at Womersley is holding an 'open day' with Advent Concert, mince pies and mulled wine! Please let Chris know if you can come Tel: 0775 459 2899 or E-mail cnydobson@hotmail.com.

'An Inspector Calls' – All tickets are now sold. The coach leaves Worth Abbey at 12:30pm, meal booked for 5:00pm and coach leaves Brighton for Worth Abbey at 7:00pm. Theatre tickets will be issued on the coach. Any queries please contact Bernie Laird Tel: 01342 323313.

Worth Parish Workshop – This Thursday at 7.30pm in St Benedict's there will be the second workshop in our season on The Mass, and features the topic Music in the Mass. It will be led by the school's director of music, Michael Oakley.

Altar Servers' Mass – On Saturday 15th October Bishop Kieran held the annual St Stephen's Altar Servers Mass at Arundel Cathedral. It was a splendid occasion, in wonderful weather, attended by 140 servers from around the diocese, all vested in their various albs and cassocks. 8 servers received their bronze guild medals from the Bishop during Mass, of whom three were from Worth: Mary Killick, Fergus Atkinson, and Joshua Higgs.

Missals with the New Translation – From November 24th the New Sunday Missal retailing at £18 and from January the New Daily Missal, which will include Sundays, retailing at £45 will be available from the bookshop.

Emmaus Group – The Emmaus group is a monthly meeting for those who have been received into the Catholic Church in the last five years. It will be led by Jill Carter and Nick Horton on the first Wednesday of each month in St Benedict's. There could be up to 20 people attending but it would be more like 6 to 8. Wednesday 9th November is the first meeting starting at 7:45pm and ending with night prayer at 9.00pm (unusually St Benedict's is booked on the 2nd).

Change of Date Parish Residential Retreat Next Year – This is early warning of next year's weekend parish retreat in St Bruno's. It will run from Friday 22nd of June to Sunday, 24th June; and continuing the theme of Benedictine spirituality, its theme is "Sharing Monastic Wisdom with Thomas Merton".

Cabrini Children's Society Christmas Cards - On Sale Now! – Our 2011 Christmas Cards are now available for you to purchase. See webshop www.cabrini.org.uk/shop or contact Ann Hoggan Tel: 020 8668 2181 or E-mail: ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk to request a catalogue to be sent to you.

Parish Carol Service – Sunday 18th December at 4.00pm in the Abbey Church. Parishioners are invited to bring their voices, family, children, grandchildren, friends and neighbours to our Parish Carol Service. The children of the parish will be involved and it will last for about an hour. Refreshments afterwards too! For more information please contact Christina Fitzsimons, E-mail: cfitzs3287@aol.com.

Carol Concert at St Edward the Confessor's, Hillcrest Close, Pound Hill, Crawley. 4.00pm to 5.00pm, Saturday 17 December with Bishop Kieran. The concert is to raise money to be shared between an orphanage in Bethlehem and HCPT the Pilgrimage Trust, Group 117 Crawley.

Prayers Please – Mary Lovell, Patsy Wilson. Sue Law.

Anniversaries – Cecily Evans, Miss Millet, Cecily Hallack, Alexander Duncan, Audrey Sherwin, Lady

Next Week's Readings: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b. 8-10

But you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse you very blessing.

You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130(131)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9. 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News, but our whole lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any

one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Then addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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Next Week's Gospels – Monday - Luke 13:10-17; Tuesday - Luke 13:18-21; Wednesday - Luke 13:22-30; Thursday - Luke 13:31-35; Friday - Luke 6:12-19 SS Simon & Jude; Saturday - Luke 14:1, 7-11.

Dora Wilkinson, Gerry McGiven, Jean Whigham, May Lane, Kathleen Rogers, Moy Steel, Albert Marchant, Hdmayoun Djavadezadeh, John Elton, Deidre Sweetman, Caterina Brenninkmeyer, William Toomey, John Bonner, Mabel Grant-Collie, Peter Seamons,