

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 (Not Thursday)

Saturday

06:20 Office of Readings
07:30 Morning Prayer
09:00 Conventual Mass
13:00 Midday Prayer
18.45 Evening Prayer
21:00 Vigils of Sunday

Sunday

07:30 Morning Prayer
09.30 Sung Mass
18.00 Evening Prayer

*** N.B. Mass at 17.15 on some 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: Vigil Mass 7.30pm
8.00am, 5.30pm (Concelebrated)

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Regular events in the Parish

Adult Faith Formation - Conferences and Workshops each month in term time. Contact: John Cooper Tel: 01342 825540 or E-mail: john.cooper630@gmail.com.

Car Share - For requests and volunteers for getting people to Mass on Sundays. Contact: Jill Carter Tel: 07836 316525.

Emmaus - Meets at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month at St Benedict's. Contact: Nick Horton E-mail: nicholas.horton@ts-p.co.uk.

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. Contact: Caterina Brown E-mail: caterina.brown@ntlworld.com Tel: 01737 211728.

Confirmation - Courses are run annually for 14 - 18 year olds. Details will be in In Touch and on the Parish Website. Contacts: Julia Newton Tel: 0771 427 0959, E-mail: julia.newton@uclmail.net or Alice Pack: Tel: 07798 863108, E-mail: alice.pack@dsl.pipex.com.

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.

Healing Service - First Wednesday each month at 7.15pm in Abbey Church led by Fr Rod.

Junior Church - With songs and worship is available for children: Pre-School in the Unity Room & those at school, in the Seminar Room (Choir Vestry). For further information Contact: Rachel Davies Tel: 0780 169 6354 or E-mail: rfrmaison@gmail.com.

Lectio Divina - A group meets every Tuesday evening in Parlour 1 from 8.20pm to 8.55pm. Contact: Fr Aidan E-mail: amurray@worth.org.uk.

Lost Property - If you have lost anything recently in the Abbey Church or anywhere at Worth, ring the Parish Secretary to make enquiries Tel: 01342 710313.

Marriage Preparation - The Parish runs

two one day courses 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. Next services - 1st December & 5th January.

Prayer Vigil for Vocations to the Monastery - This takes place on the first Friday of every month in the Abbey Church from 9.00pm till 6.00am. Monks will pray before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on a half hourly rota through the night, and look to parishioners and visitors to support this prayer vigil. Come at any time during the night or morning for as little or as long a time as you wish.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - The sacrament is offered on Sundays before the 9.30am Mass.

Silent Adoration - 7.00pm to 8.00pm, Friday evenings in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Rosary is prayed each Saturday morning at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel, following the 9.00am Mass.

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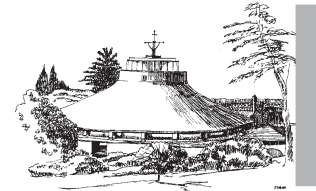
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There are times when good words are to be left unsaid out of esteem for silence. For all the more reason, then, should evil speech be curbed so that punishment for sin may be avoided (Rule of St Benedict 6:2)

Welcome to all our visitors - Please join us in the Narthex for coffee, tea and a chat after the Sunday morning Mass. If you would like to gift-aid a donation, please pick up an envelope from the welcome desk in the Narthex.

Christmas Mass Times:
Tuesday, 24th December - Christmas Eve No 8.00am Mass. 6.45pm Evening Prayer (First Vespers of Christmas) in Worth Abbey - **10.30pm Christmas Carols and Organ music** to prepare for 11.00pm Concelebrated Midnight Mass in Worth Abbey. **Wednesday, 25th December - Christmas Day 9.30am Christmas Day Parish Mass** in Worth Abbey - **11.15am Christmas Parish Mass** in West Hoathly - **6.00pm Evening Prayer** (Vespers of Christmas) in Worth Abbey.

Collection last week amounted to £963.60 (51% Gift Aided). Many thanks.

Monastery News - The community has been in retreat this week.

Christmas Gifts - Should there be any panicked last minute Christmas shoppers in the congregation (statistics say this is usually the men, please forgive the gender bias) that the CAFOD website is a hidden resource. For example, for only £4 one can buy your loved one a Queen Bee to assist a village in making honey (a nice idea for one's "honey") or for £100 one can buy their loved one a cow to be donated to a worthy group. Type CAFOD Christmas Gifts into your web browser or dial 0808 14 000 14. Refer to "World Gifts."

Family Christmas Carol Service starts

at 4.00pm this Sunday in the Abbey. A few hundred people are expected and we will be offering them refreshments afterwards. This is a charitable event with proceeds going to Mary's Meals. Turn up early to ensure a parking space and a seat in the Abbey!

Traidcraft Christmas presents, cards, wrapping paper and more are available from our Traidcraft Stall. Please support Fairtrade as it creates positive changes for people in developing countries.

Junior Church will resume after the holidays on Sunday 12th January.

Irundu Christmas Sale - A huge 'thank you' to those who made and bought jams, chutneys and other preserves sold in the last two Sundays in aid of our friendship parish in Irundu. The total raised will be announced in the next edition.

Thursday Community Mass will be at 5.30 pm and thereafter until 9th January.

Medjugorje - 10th to 19th May 2014 - Accept Our Lady's invitation to join our Pilgrimage on a journey of spiritual well-being, prayer and reflection, with Fr Roderick as our Chaplain and local Guide, Zeljka, a cousin of one of the visionaries. We stay in family run ensuite accommodation and fly from Gatwick to Dubrovnik. For best airline prices, early booking is advised. Please contact Helen Sweetman Tel: 01342 719913, E-mail: hsweet11@btinternet.com or Mervyn Thomas Tel: 01342 716021, E-mail: mervynthomas@uwclub.net.

Diocesan Jubilee 2015 - The Bishop invites everyone to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese with a Festival Day on Sunday

5th July 2015 at the Amex Community Stadium in Brighton. As part of the preparations, there will also be a mini-Festival on Sunday 29th June 2014 at St Wilfrid's School in Crawley, to which people are also invited. Bishop Kieran would be grateful to know of any parishioners who might be able to offer their expertise, e.g. conference, exhibition or audio-visual professionals. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for the Festival(s), please email them to festival@dabnet.org.

Bible Study Days – As a useful complement to the Jubilee material on Divine Revelation, three study days are being offered around the diocese which will help participants to gain an overview of the narrative history of the Bible from Creation to the beginnings of the Church. The day will use the 'Great Adventure' material with teaching input by DVD from Jeff Cavins, renowned Bible Teacher & Evangelist. The first is on 8th February in Horsham and Crawley parish is running the course over eight Thursday evenings from 30th January 2014. To book a place contact David Wills Tel: 01293 651157 or E-mail: david.wills@dabnet.org.

Website Update – Would those in charge of organisations and activities in the parish like to take a look at their relevant page on the parish website worthabbeyparish.co.uk and see if they would like to update it, and send the results to Meg Rew at megrew@btinternet.com.

Food Bank – Thank you for your generous response to the appeal for food for the poor; anything non-perishable can be placed in the bins outside St Benedict's on Saturday/Sundays.

'Evangelii Gaudium' – In his just-published Apostolic Exhortation 'Evangelii Gaudium' Pope Francis encourages every Christian to rediscover the joy of a personal encounter with Jesus and then to engage with renewed vigour in the mission of spreading that joy of the Gospel and becoming spirit-filled evangelizers. Copies of *Evangelii Gaudium* will shortly be available in the Abbey Bookshop at £4.95 each copy.

Mothers' Prayer Group meets weekly in Forest Row, each Tuesday at 12 noon. We pray for our children and grandchildren in a supportive and confidential space. All mothers and any women who

wish to pray for children are most welcome. For further information, see www.mothersprayers.org. Please call Marie Murphy for details on 07860845658.

Save your Stamps for the Alzheimer's Association please. Rachel Davies thanks everyone who has donated used stamps in the past year. Please remember to save your stamps during the Christmas period. There is a basket on the Welcome desk to put stamps in or they can be given direct to Rachel.

Young Adults Retreat - Dying and Rising in Christ: Worth Abbey 7th - 9th February – Talks from Monks of Worth Abbey and The Wellspring Community. Weekend includes talks, space, Mass, Adoration and Friendship. For more info or to book contact: TOC@worthabbey.net or call 01342 710318.

Redshirt Recruitment Lourdes 2014 – Ray Mooney, Diocesan Youth Adviser would like to hear from students in years 10 or 11 (or age equivalent) interested in being considered as Redshirts on the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage. All former Redshirt are also called to take part in the celebrations for its 10th Anniversary Contact Ray Tel: 01293 651158 or E-mail: ray.mooney@dabnet.org

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage – 'Host a Roast Day' 1st March 2014 a brand new fundraising event for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Sick Fund. See the Diocesan website for details.

Volunteers needed – PACT, the Catholic charity working in criminal justice, is looking for volunteers throughout our diocese. Free training is provided for people interested in supporting ex-offenders to enable them to make a fresh start. For an information pack, please email justpeople@prisonadvice.org.uk. This initiative is a partnership with Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust and volunteers are supported to work safely and professionally. The charity has a website at www.prisonadvice.org.uk.

The Open Cloister runs a successful programme of retreats at Worth Abbey. This attractive work environment has vacancies for two domestic assistants: primary responsibility for cleaning, laundry and general assistance with the Open Cloister and Church. Two people work together for six hours on Sundays. Starting times as agreed, earliest at 11.00am. You can request an application form and

Next Week's Readings

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (A)

First Reading:

Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7. 14-17

He who fears the Lord respects his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 127(128):1-2. 3. 4-5. R.cf.c.1

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:12-21

Family life in the Lord.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms

job description for the above position from the HR Department: Tel: 01342 710277 or E-mail: doboyle@worth.org.uk

Anniversaries: Please pray for the souls of: Josephine McLoughlin, Alec White, John Hall, Joanna Mackey, Jack Mantelow, Stanley Pitt, Joy Argent, Veronica Lamarche, Ambrose Rigby, Eve Dodwell, John Edward Clarke, Mrs Duncan, Hugh Vredenburg, Revd George

and hymns and inspired songs to God: and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel:

Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

Take the child and his mother and escape into Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him." So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead." So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

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Church, Paul Rubridge, Donald Nicolson *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*

Next Week's Gospels – Monday - Luke 1:57-66; Tuesday - Luke 1:67-79; Wednesday - The Nativity of the Lord - Midnight - Luke 2:1-14; - Dawn Luke 2:15-20; - Day John 1:1-18; Thursday - Matthew 10:17-22; Friday - John 20:1a. 2-8; Saturday - Matthew 2:13-18.