

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 - 2nd March & 6th April

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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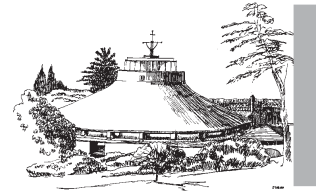
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In Touch Worth Abbey Parish

22nd/23rd February 2014

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time(A)

No 952

The fourth step of humility is that in this obedience under difficult, unfavourable, or even unjust conditions, his heart quietly embraces suffering and endures it without weakening or seeking escape (Rule of St Benedict 7:35-36)

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in Worth Abbey church prior to the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Collections last week - First Collection: £652.22 (60% Gift Aided) Second Collection: £301.85 (Catholic Education Service).

Retiring Collection - Lourdes Fund - Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. This is the fund enabling sick people and their helpers to go on the annual Diocesan pilgrimage.

Irundu Presentation - 35 people came last Monday evening to see and hear a presentation on our Friendship Parish in Uganda by Fr James and his companions on their recent trip. There will be another opportunity of seeing the photographs that were taken on the visit.

Thursday Community Mass will be at 5.10 pm with Worth School students.

Marriage Preparation - Three couples from our parish who are to be married took part in this day-long event last Saturday. It was led by George & Christina Fitzsimons and Alan & Frances Tilanus.

Lent in Our Parish - Ash Wednesday, 5th March, will be soon upon us. Ashes will be distributed as usual at the 8.00am and 5.10pm Masses in the Abbey with Worth School and at St Margaret's Church West Hoathly at 7.30pm, where we are sharing in an Ecumenical Ashes Service. Then each Monday evening during Lent there will be a Lent Discussion Group beginning at 7.30pm. It will be using material provided by the Diocese, looking at Pope Francis' apostolic letter, The Joy of the Gospel. The group will be led by Fr James and others.

Stations of the Cross - There will be a service of Stations of the Cross in the Abbey Church on the first six Fridays of Lent starting on 7th March at 8.15pm after 7.00pm adoration and finishing at 9.00pm in time for Compline.

Ecumenical Lent Course in Balcombe will be run weekly at St Mary's Church. It will follow The York Course: Build on the Rock, Faith, Doubt and Jesus. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays 12th, 19th & 26th March, 2nd & 9th April, and will be led by ministers of St Mary's and Fr James.

Finance Committee - The Parish Finance Committee met last week and finalised the budget for the current year. The Committee comprises Nicholas Hely-Hutchinson (Chairman), John Cooper, Mandy Horton, Rosemary Sanders and Fr James.

HCPIT - The Pilgrimage Trust Lourdes Appeal coffee morning will take place on Thursday 27th February at the home of Angela Bellord

at Stonecote, Birch Grove - to raise money to send a child to Lourdes at Easter. £750 is needed to cover each child's fare and accommodation. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle. **Donations of cakes would be most welcome.** Please park off the track so that the dustcart can pass. Tel: 01825-740269.

Sad News about Cabrini – Cabrini Children's Society was the name of the organisation replacing the Catholic Children's Society when adoption agencies in the Catholic Church seemed to be being derailed by the legal need to accept same-sex partnerships on equal terms as heterosexual for adoption purposes. Cabrini has come adrift with reported deficits in their working budgets over some years. It will either be amalgamated with another charity or simply close. That is very sad because Cabrini seemed to be doing such good work.

The Sixteen comes to Worth – There will be a concert for Outreach Peru given by 'The Sixteen' in Worth Abbey on Sunday June 15th at 7.30pm. They are one of the finest choirs in the UK and we are very privileged to have them at Worth. Tickets went on sale on The National Centre for Early Music Box Office (www.ncem.co.uk/thesixteen or Tel: 01904 651485) on January 13th. Please book your tickets soon for this very special event. More information: Fr Bede (bhill@worth.org.uk).

Change of Venue, 8th March – The day of talks and reflection on 'The Divine Life Revealed' with leading Dominican theologian Fr John Farrell OP **will now take place on from 10.00am-3.30pm at The Friary, Haslett Avenue West, Crawley, RH10 1HR** (not at St Paul's College) For more information E-mail: admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk or Tel: 07975 845193. Donation-only event. Please bring a packed lunch.

Syrian Struggles – The situation in Syria remains bad especially for the many Christians and the millions of refugees outside the country. As previously mentioned, there are links to charities such as CAFOD who are working there.

Below is a prayer for Syria from the Melkite-Greek Catholic Patriarch Gregorios III. Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to Paul your apostle in the sky of Damascus, and appeared to Ananias in his house.

Just as you gave them your love, power and peace, so we ask you, through their intercession, to save our homeland Syria from every evil. We beseech you, through the intercession of your mother, the Virgin Mary, to whom you never refused grace, to give Syria the gift of affiliation to its homeland so that its people would be always righteous, honest and pious citizens, and so that they would play their part effectively in building this homeland which you made the starting point for your light and love to the whole world. May it become once again the land of peace, love, brotherhood and stability, that it would be a lighthouse to the entire world. Amen.

The next Diocesan Festival in readiness for the Jubilee will be on Sunday 29th June 2014. Put the date in your diary. More information will follow in the months ahead.

Taizé – If you are considering going to Taizé this year with the deanery trip, there is an information evening at the Friary Church in Crawley (St Clare's Chapel) on Wednesday February 26th at 7.00pm. The trip is open to anybody in school year 10 or above. Upper age limit of 30. Contact J.Regan@stwilfrids.com for more details.

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

Save your Stamps for the Alzheimer's Association please. Rachel Davies thanks everyone who has donated used stamps - please keep up the good work. There is a box under the notice board to collect them or they can be given direct to Rachel.

Food Bank – Thank you for your generous response to the appeal for food for homeless or destitute people; anything non-perishable can be placed in the bins outside St Benedict's

Next Week's Readings

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

I will never forget you.

For Zion was saying, 'Yahweh has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me'. Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

**Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 61(62):2-3. 6-9. R.v.6**

**Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 4:1-5**

The Lord will reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts.

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted: the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes; he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

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on Saturday/Sundays. All donations welcome.

Prayers please for Ian Lynch Sister and for Sr Joan who is suffering with back pain.

Anniversaries – Please pray for the souls of: Mrs Maynard, Cornelius Faber, Stephen Loftus, Josephine Burrige, Audrey Lane, Kitty Adams, Karen Rozum, Roy Hemming, Anthony Francis,

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Do not worry about tomorrow.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are we not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Albert Mason and Peter Reeve. 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 - Mark 9:14-29; Tuesday - Mark 9:30-37; Wednesday - Mark 9:38-40; Thursday - Mark 9:41-50; Friday - Mark 10:1-12; Saturday - Matthew 5:13-16 St David.