

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 **second Wednesday of each month** at St Benedict's. Contact: Jill Carter E-mail: jill@carterclan.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.

Marian Prayer Group - Meets every 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at ????

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 June & 6th July.

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.

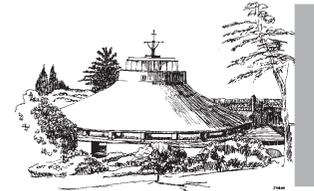
Silent Adoration - 7.00pm to 8.00pm, Friday evenings in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

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In Touch Worth Abbey Parish

17th/18th May 2014

Fifth Sunday of Easter(A)

No 964

Listen carefully, my son, to the master's instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart. This is advice from a father who loves you: welcome it, and faithfully put it into practice (Rule of St Benedict Prologue, 1)

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.

Next Thursday's Mass will be at 6.45pm.

Next Saturday there will be no morning Mass because of Speech Day for Worth School.

Baptisms - This Sunday afternoon five young children will be baptised. They are: Leo Ewen, Havana Hayes, James Hyde, Millie Kirk, Henry Matthews and Summer Wilcocks. Their parents have been through the preparation sessions now led by Charlie Tibble assisted by Brenda Ellison.

Last week's collection came to £859.75, of which 66% was gift aided. Thank you.

Counting the Sunday Collection - Four parishioners take it in turns to count the Sunday collections. They are: John Fitzpatrick, Jim Brophy, Peter Casartelli and John Cooper. We are very grateful for their work which can sometimes take up a whole morning. Work is slowed up sometimes by things discovered in the collection. Take, for example, the collector's report last week: "The 100 peseta piece was not the strangest

thing. As well as 50p pieces from before the last downsizing of the currency (which did serious damage to the coin counter) and the usual bunch of foreign coins which are still currency (and which I shall put in the foreign coin machine at Gatwick on my way to Spain and account for the sterling equivalent when I next count) and the coins which must have been dug up from someone's garden, so disfigured are they. We had: a pendant, a Waitrose token (which I have put in the Waitrose box) and a re-entry token to a nightclub in Brighton."

The Pope's Visit to the Middle East - Bishop Kieran would like all parishes in the diocese to observe an hour of Adoration from 3-4pm on Sunday 25th May 2014 for the Christians of Palestine. This is to coincide with the Pope's visit to the Holy Land and his visit that day to Bethlehem. However, the Abbey church is already in use at that time for another booked event. What we will offer instead is and adapted Vespers on that Sunday evening starting at 6.00pm with the Middle East as the intention and prayers for peace in that region.

Confirmation Preparation - On Saturday 30th May after the 5.00pm Vigil mass and on Sunday 31st May after the 9.30am Mass, Alice and Julia will be in the Narthex to talk to anyone who would like to discuss the possibility of confirmation with

us. They will stand by the Welcome Desk.

Good Cause – I am running a stall for St Catherine's Hospice on Saturday 14th June at the Mannings Heath Village Fun Day which will take place on the village green between 12.00 and 5.00pm. I am in urgent need of good quality bric a brac, (no clothes or electrical goods, please). If you have any items in good saleable condition, please leave them for me in the Parish Office porch for collection by Thursday 12th June. If you have any questions please contact me Tel: 07780 366575 or E-mail lynnf01@hotmail.co.uk Thank you for helping support our local hospice.

Lynn Fletcher

A Day for Women – "Give me an undivided heart" – by Jennifer Rees Larcombe. The Catholic Bible School invite women young and old to be inspired by the preaching and teaching of Jennifer Rees Larcombe. Saturday 24th May, 10.00am-3.30am, at the Catholic Bible School, Farm Lane, Nutbourne, Chichester PO18 8SD. Tel: 01243 371766 E-mail: livingword@catholic-bible-school.org Suggested donation £15.

Food Bank – thank you for your donations to the Food Bank. Please continue your leave non-perishable food in the bins outside the parish office.

Church Furniture – Please don't think that nothing is being done to rectify the cracks that have appeared and continue to appear in the church benches and kneelers. It is a long process to accurately diagnose the problem, determine responsibilities and get it put right. Please be sure that everything necessary is being done and as quickly as possible to get it solved.

A Concert for Outreach Peru – The internationally renowned choir, The Sixteen, will be performing at Worth Abbey as part of their Choral Pilgrimage Tour 2014 on Sunday 15th June 2014 at 7.30pm. Please see a

member of the organising committee at the end of Mass if you would like to buy tickets. Or you can book your tickets from the Box Office Tel: 01904 651485 or online at www.ncem.co.uk/thesixteen

Early Call for the Faith Group – The Faith Group will meet on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays next term, starting on 1st October. Anybody interested – even vaguely - in the Catholic Church is welcome to come along and find out more. Please contact the parish office. Two of this year's group, Margaret and Paul, who were received into the church at Easter, will finish when the course ends at Pentecost, leaving three to continue next year in addition to those who newly join the group. The sessions last 1¼ hours and include a look at the Gospel of the following Sunday and discussion on a structured topic, ending with Prayer at about 9.20. Nobody should feel inhibited about their possible ignorance – we can all be ignorant together.

Invitation Still Open – If you wish to attend church services other than Sunday Mass the options being encouraged in the parish are the 5.30pm weekday mass with the monks (except Thursdays) and Sunday Coped Vespers at 6.00pm (Anglicans would call this service Evensong).

Church First Aid – Materials are available in the kitchen area of the Narthex, along with a defibrillator.

Prayers please for Ian Lynch who is unwell.

Anniversaries – Please pray for the souls of: Emma Brackpool, Russell Brailey, Jacque Dickenson, Abbot Victor Farwell and Kathleen Maddock. 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 - John 14:21-26; Tuesday - John 14:27-31a; Wednesday - John 15:1-8; Thursday - John 15:9-11; Friday - John 15:12-17; Saturday - John 15:18-21.

Next Week's Readings Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

The Holy Spirit restores us to life. After his resurrection Christ promised that he would send the Holy Spirit on his Church. It is the Spirit of Christ which is the source of our joy and helps us to do great things in the Lord's Name. We are healed by the Spirit and are called to take part in the healing mission of the Church.

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8.14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65(66): 1-3. 4-5. 6-7 / 17, 20 R.v.1

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people

who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him."

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