

Coffee and tea in Church after Mass – Please stay.

21st August 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST.MARY THE VIRGIN MENDLESHAM
21st of Year C

THIS WEEK - Divine Office - Psalter Week 1

Today Father Philip is officiating at Fordham near Downham Market-Evensong
For Friends of Friendless Churches 6.00pm

Mon: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen

9.30 Mass (2 Thess 1v.1-5,11-12; Matt 23v.13-22)
Int: Walsingham.

Tues St. Rose of Lima

9.30 Mass. (2 Thess 2v.1-3,14-17; Matt 23v.23-26)
Int: All lawyers, magistrates and judges.
10:30-12:30 Coffee and cake in church.

Wed: ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE. (Feast)

1.30-2.25 Silent prayer in front of Blessed Sacrament
2.30 Mass, laying on of hands and anointing for healing.
(Rev. 21 v.9-14. John 1 v. 45-51)
Int: The sick; healing ministry

Thurs: St. Louis

8.00 Mass. (1 Cor. 1v. 1-9. Matt. 24 v.42-51)
Int: Those suffering addiction

Fri: 9.30 Mass (1 Cor 1 v. 17-25. Matt 25v.1-13)

Int: A.C.S. Vocation weekend

Sat: St. Monica

10.00 First Mass of Sunday.
(Ecc. 3 v.17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12 v.18-19; 22-24; Luke 14 v.1, 7-14.)
Int: The Homeless.

Next Sunday - 22nd of Year C

9.30am Parish Mass & Address
(Ecc. 3 v.17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12 v.18-19; 22-24; Luke 14 v.1, 7-14.)

NOTICES:

1. Ride and Stride Day 10th Sept. Please fill in list to sign in visitors into Church. Also, Anne would like sponsors. Please sign yellow form or sponsor online <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Anne-Gray-88>
2. Please support our healing service on Wednesday
3. Friends of St. Mary's are having a produce stall at the U.R.C. on Sat 3rd September 10.00-12.00. They need chutneys, preserves, jams and home grown produce all in aid of the restoration of the Church.

THEME: We are vividly reminded in today's Mass that God wants all people to be saved. He is not a God restricted by race or colour or nationality but is God of all living beings. We are called to make this message known in the world.

Entrance Hymn: 165 v. 1 & 2

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times when our hearts are hardened to you and our brothers and sisters. Lord have mercy.

People: (sing) Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have taken our faith for granted or have wanted it without the cross. Christ have mercy.

People: Christe Eleison

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we think we have put ourselves or others outside God's love. Lord have mercy.

People: Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

Gloria Dom Gregory setting (on yellow card)

OPENING PRAYER: Let us pray that God will make us one in mind and heart. Father, help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world. In our desire for what you promise, make us one in mind and heart.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Isaiah 66 v.18-21. The prophet Isaiah foretells the time when the word of God will be spread to all the people of the world. We are fortunate because we live in this time when the word of God is able to reach us.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 116

® Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

O praise the Lord all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! ®

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. ®

Second Reading - Hebrews 12 v. 5-7; 11-13. The writer in Hebrews points out to us a basic fact of being a Christian: if we hope to grow in our relationship, with God in His church, we must expect to be knocked and knocked hard. This is what Christ went through.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Hymn: 165 v. 3

Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

The Gospel - Luke 13 v. 22-30: Jesus makes it very clear that His message is for all peoples. Fidelity is the basis for entering God's Kingdom. Status and privilege are insufficient.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Creed: Page 8 of hymn book (Apostle's Creed).

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Today we can be particularly aware of the universality of the church. So let us pray for the needs of people everywhere, whatever their creeds, colour or culture.

Reader: Let us pray that all people may be able to play their part freely in building up God's Kingdom of justice and peace.

Let us pray for any who are undergoing any trial or setback in their lives, those who are near to despair and any tempted to suicide, and we pray for the work of the Samaritans.

Let us pray for our community that it may be open to those who do not know Jesus and help them to come to know and serve God.

Let us pray for areas of unrest in the world, especially the Ukraine, Ethiopia, the Yemen and Afghanistan. We pray for all whose lives have been blighted by oppression or who have been manipulated, abused and victimized. May they experience justice and care in healing communities.

Let us pray for Neil and Emily, Christopher and Emma preparing for marriage, that their common paths may be lit by the lamp of true and faithful love for one another and their homes may be places filled with God's love.

Let us pray for all who are sick in mind or body, especially John Mabbs. We pray also for those who care for the sick either at home or in hospital. May each one find comfort and support in the love of those who are near. We pray all remembered at shrine prayers.

Let us pray for all here present: that the Lord will keep us free from deceit and bigotry and enable us to enter the narrow door of His Kingdom.

Grant eternal rest to the dead, bring the whole church together in heaven - we pray especially for Trevor Thorpe, recently departed (pause while a candle is lit) and Malta Lockwood, Frances Brazier, Betty Sanders, Fr Gerald Child, Hilda Lockwood, Christopher Carter, Leonard Chambers, Andrea Robinson and James Pickup, whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Let us ask Mary, the Mother of the universal Church to pray for us.

Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

S I L E N C E

All: God our Father, we thank you for calling us to follow your Son, our Saviour. Give us the grace and strength to persevere in faithfulness to the promises we have made. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 300 v. 1 & 2 Offertory Prayers (p 11): Hymn v.3 & 4

Sanctus –Dom Gregory setting

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.

Mass continues – Lord's Prayer p.11 **Agnus Dei** –Dom Gregory setting

Hymn at Holy Communion: 460 Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions 294

Post communion Prayer

Angelus

Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn – 629