

Coffee/Tea in Church after Mass - all welcome.
Thank you to Fr. John for celebrating Mass & preaching today. No services till next Sunday.

28th August 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

22nd of Year C

This week - Divine Office - Psalter Week 2

Mon. Martyrdom of St. John Baptist

Pilgrimage for Healing and Renewal at Walsingham.
(1 Cor 2v.1-5; Mark 6 v.17-29) Int: The Walsingham Pilgrimage

Tue. 10:30-12:30 Coffee in Church

(1 Cor 2 v.10-16; Luke 4 v.31-37) Int: Ministry of Deliverance

Wed. (1Cor 3 v.1-9; Luke 4 v.38-44) Int: All who reject the Gospel

Thurs. (1 Cor 3 v.18-23; Luke 5 v.1-11) Int: The Mission of the Church

Fri. 1 Cor 4v.1-5; Luke 5v.33-39) Int: All on holiday

Sat. ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

(1 Thess 2v.2-8; Matt 16v.13-19) Int: The Conversion of England
10:00-12:00 Friends of St. Mary's Produce Stall – URC Chapel
2.30pm Tour of Round Towered Churches. Gissing, Shimpling and Long Stratton.

NEXT SUNDAY: 23rd of Year C

9.30am Parish Mass and Address.
Fr Philip resumes ministry today.
(Wisdom 9 v 13-18; Philemon v 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14 v 25-33.)

NOTICES:

1. Anne says thank you to all who have sponsored her for the Ride and Stride Day & will be grateful of any more. Her form is on the table in Church & the online link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anne-gray-88>
2. Please support Produce, Preserves & Cake Sale in the URC Chapel next Sat. In aid of Friends of St Mary's.

THEME: God's ways are not our ways. In today's Readings Jesus teaches us the way of true humility and generosity. If Jesus' love is within us we shall be open to the needs not just of family and friends, but of all God's people no matter how poor and wretched they may be.

Entrance Hymn: 262 v. 1 - 5.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we use people for our own selfish needs. Lord have mercy. **People:(sing) Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of warmth in relationships. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we criticise others for faults we do not correct in ourselves. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**
Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

Gloria - Sanctus setting. (*Words & Music on laminated card*)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that God will increase our faith and bring to perfection the gifts he has given us. Almighty God, every good thing comes from you. Fill our hearts with love for you, increase our faith, and by your constant care protect the good you have given us.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3 v. 17-20; 28-29: This praises the person who is humble and who, being open to God, never rejects wisdom, no matter where it comes from.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 67

® In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.®

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
He leads the prisoners forth into freedom.®

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

® **In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12 v. 18-19; 22-24: This reading is a vivid picture of the glory which awaits the true follower of Jesus. It will not be in the awe and majesty of the old Covenant, but in the freedom and liberty of the children of God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

Gospel Hymn: 262 v. 6 & 7.

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

Gospel: Luke 14 v. 1; 7-14: Jesus urges his followers not to covet places of honour, and always to act out of unselfish motives.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

ADDRESS CREED Apostles (*P8 of Hymn Book*)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: The way of the world is not necessarily the way of Jesus. Let us pray that we may follow his way of gentleness and humility.

Reader: Let us pray for the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first born son' and a citizen of heaven, that all may recognize the dignity to which they are called and that Christians will remain faithful to their Baptismal and Confirmation promises.

Let us pray for the humility to admit that sometimes we have been wrong and for the courage to make amends.

Let us pray for those who are never invited anywhere: for those without friends, the homeless, poor and disabled, that we may always be sensitive to their needs.

Let us pray for our parish, that we may be united together in love and grow with the growth that comes from God.

Let us pray that we may not judge people according to rank or social position, but see Christ present in all, especially those who are poor or undervalued.

Let us pray for our schools and their staff and for all beginning at new schools. May God give his guidance to students and staff that together they may build up the His kingdom.

We pray for those who are sick: that the Lord will draw them nearer to true peace and wholeness – especially our house communicants Hazel Lockwood and Margaret Maundrell, all prayed for at Shrine Prayers and all anointed at the healing service last week.

Lead the dead from darkness into your own wonderful light; in your mercy show them the radiance of your glory –especially Suzannah Wilde, Ida Davis, Grimwood De'Ath, Stanley Tyte, Doreen Stannard, Vera De'Ath, Gladys Mills, Gordon Deverell, Eileen Juby, Lilian Doyle, Percy Blythe-Brook, Millicent Taylor and Louis Giraud, whose anniversaries of death are this week.

Mary in her humility is a symbol of the whole Church. We ask her to pray for the salvation of all. **Hail Mary full of grace, The Lord is with Thee, Blessed art thou among woman, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray with us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

S I L E N C E

All: God our loving Father, teach us the path of true humility that our lives may be transformed by your love and open to the needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 543 v. 1 - 2. **Offertory Prayers** **Hymn:** 543 v. 3 - 5.

Sanctus: Sanctus setting

(All) Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosannah, Hosannah, Hosannah in excelsis!

Agnus Dei: Sanctus setting

Hymns at Holy Communion: 179 Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 104

Post Communion Prayer **Angelus** – front of Hymn Book **Blessing**
Recessional Hymn: 608