

Coffee and tea in Church after Mass ~ All welcome.

4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST.MARY THE VIRGIN MENDLESHAM**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> of Year C**

**THIS WEEK ~ Divine office ~ Psalter Week 3**

**Mon:** 9.30am Mass (1Cor.5v.1-8; Luke 6 v. 6-11)  
Int: All who are disabled

**Tues:** 9.30am Requiem Mass – September Anniversaries  
(Wisdom 3v.1-6,9. Matt.14v.22-33)  
Int: The departed - September anniversaries  
10.30am-12.30pm Coffee in Church

**Wed:** 9.30am Mass (1Cor.7v.25-31. Luke 6v.12-19)  
Int: All starting school and higher education

**Thurs:** **BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY (Feast)**  
9:30am Mass (Micah 5v.1-4. Matt.1v.1-16,18-23.)  
Int: The Society of Mary

**Fri:** 9.30am Mass (1Cor.9v.16-19,22-27. Luke 6v.39-42)  
Int: Our Christian discipleship

**Sat:** 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday (readings as Sunday)  
Int: Those that feel excluded from the church  
9.00am-5.00pm Ride and Stride  
5.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Next Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> of Year C**

9.30am Parish Mass and Address  
Ex 32 v. 7-11,13-14; 1 Tim 1 v. 12-17; Luke 15 v. 1-32

**NOTICES:**

Ride and Stride next Saturday. Anne is grateful to all those who have sponsored her so far. If you haven't but would like to, her form is at the back of the church. & the online link is

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anne-gray-88>

**THEME:** Possessions are not always material. Sometimes we cling too strongly to our families, friends, status, power, fame, success, reputation. Often we worship at the altar of other men's opinions. Christ tells us in today's Mass that whatever it is that keeps us from God, we must give up. Only God is true wisdom.

**Entrance Hymn :** 60 v 1 ~ 3

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot break free from the trivialities of the world. Lord have mercy. **People:(sing) Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we mistake material freedom for freedom of Spirit. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when our cares and anxieties overburden us. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**  
*Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.*

**GLORIA:** 'Sanctus' setting- words on the laminated card

**OPENING PRAYER:** Let us pray that we may realize the freedom God has given us in making us His sons and daughters. God our Father, You redeem us and make us Your children in Christ. Look upon us, give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading ~ Wisdom 9 v.13~19** In this first reading from the book of Wisdom, the sacred writer praises God who has sent his Spirit to enlighten the minds of mankind.

*What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.*

*It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?*

*As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?*

*Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.*

**Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 89**

**® O Lord, You have been our refuge from one generation to the next**

You turn men back into dust  
and say: "Go back, sons of men"  
To Your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone  
no more than a watch in the night. ®

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the  
morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers.  
By evening it withers and fades. ®

® **O Lord, You have been our refuge from one generation to the next**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent. Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. ®

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give us success to the work of our hands. ®

**Second Reading ~ Philemon 9 v. 10, 12-17** As brothers and sister in Christ, how can one be the slave and another the master? St Paul asks us to accept one another into our homes and hearts.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**Gospel Hymn:** 60 v 4 & 5

**Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

**Gospel ~ Luke 14 v. 25-33** Jesus' teaching is uncompromising. He calls for total commitment from His followers.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**Address Creed:** P 7 Hymn Book on Sunday (Nicene)

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** It is not easy to be a Christian. We ask the Lord that He will give to the church all the graces she needs to make true disciples of all her followers.

**Reader:** Let us pray for ourselves, that we may never allow possessions to become more important than our commitment to Christ.

Let us pray for the leaders of the Church; may they lead us by the example of their own lives, especially in their care of the poor.

Let us pray for all who work for civil rights; may they seek to abolish slavery in all its forms and be given the grace and courage to speak out boldly against oppressive systems and nations.

Let us pray for young people beginning another school year; that they may learn to follow Christ.

Let us pray for those who have never heard the Good News that the missionary activity of the Church both here and abroad may reach them so that they too may become disciples.

Let us pray for our families, that through difficulties and in good times we may continue to live the life Christ has asked of us.

Let us pray for the sick, especially for all prayed for at the Pilgrimage for Healing at Walsingham on Monday and Lucy Muskett, John Mabbs, Jan Robinson and Julie Gray

Let us pray for the departed, especially Grace Brown, Rose Hammond, Annie Cutting, Mary Warren, Edric Tasker, Mary Clements, Marjorie Payne, Elsie Gray, Emma Tyler, Peter Clements, Ethel Marner, Ernest Lawton, Annie Old, Pauline Potte and Geoffrey Elliott, whose anniversaries of death are at this time. May God forgive them their sins and failings and welcome them into the communion of saints.

Mary stood at the foot of the cross sharing the suffering of her Son. May we gain strength from her example as we say ~ **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**

SILENCE

**All:** Heavenly Father, help us to know ourselves as we truly are, utterly dependent on You for all we have. As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, bring us to make a gift of our lives in the service of others, like Your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 279 v.1 & 2 Offertory Prayers: Hymn: verses 3 - end

**Sanctus:** Sanctus setting Mystery of Faith Sanctus setting

**Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis**

**Agnes Dei:** Sanctus setting

Hymn at Holy Communion 401; 126 Please join in.

**Hymn at Ablutions 166 Post communion Prayer Angelus**

**Notices Blessing Recessional Hymn ~ 188**