

Tea and coffee in church after Mass. Please stay if you can.  
"Prayer is the oil that keeps the lamp of faith burning brightly."  
Mother Teresa.

16<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Year C**

**This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 1.**

- Mon:** **St. Ignatius of Antioch**  
9.30 Mass. (Eph. 2 v 1-10: Luke 12 v 13-21)  
Int.: Persecuted Christians
- Tue:** **ST. LUKE (Feast)**  
10.30-12.30 Coffee and Cake in Church  
1.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Silent Prayer  
2.30 Mass (II Tim. 4 v 10-17: Luke 10 v 1-9)  
Int: The sick and Healing Ministry.
- Wed:** 8.00 Mass. (Eph. 3 v 2-12: Luke 12 v. 39-48)  
Int: Readiness for Christ's coming.
- Thurs.** 9.30 Mass (Eph. 3 v 14-21: Luke 12 v. 49-53).  
Int: Divided Families.
- Fri:** 9.30 Mass (Eph. 4 v 1-6: Luke 12 v. 54-59)  
Int: All Prisoners
- Sat:** 10.00 00 First Mass of Sunday. Readings as Sunday.  
Int: Walsingham  
4.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Next Sunday:** **30<sup>th</sup> of Year C**  
9.30am Parish Mass and Address  
(Ecclesiasticus 35 v 12-14, 16-19: II Tim. 4 v 6-8,16-18: Luke 18 v 9-16)

**NOTICES:**

1. Please support our healing service on St. Luke's day -Tuesday.
2. Please order November candles for the dead to burn in daylight hours through November, £8. Please put money in pink envelopes and mark "Nov. Candles". Next Sunday is the last day for ordering them.
3. Friends of St. Mary's Boxes are returned for dedication on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October
4. The Friends of St. Mary's would welcome draw prizes for Quiz night in the U.R.C. Chapel on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm.

**Theme:** Prayer is a good test of our commitment to Christ. How often do we pray? Do we pray only for material things or when we are in trouble? We pray too seldom, for everything else seems to come before prayer and even when we pray, often our hearts are empty and our minds distracted by other things.

**Entrance Hymn:** 253 v. 1 - 4.

**Penitential Rite**

- Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when we set limits for how far we'll go along with you. Lord have mercy. **People:(sing) Kyrie Eleison** (*Ukrainian setting*)
- Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when we try to hide what we dislike about ourselves. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**
- Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when we think you are far from our troubles. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**  
Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

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

**Opening Prayer:** *Let us pray for the gift of simplicity and joy in our service of God and man.* Almighty and ever-living God, our source of power and inspiration; give us strength and joy in serving you as followers of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**Liturgy of The Word Of God**

**First Reading - Exodus 17 v. 8 - 13:** We hear in this reading how Moses had to persevere in his prayer for it to be heard.

*The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

® **Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. ®

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. ®

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right hand he stands.

By day the sun will not smite you nor the moon in the night. ®

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. ®

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**Second reading - 2 Timothy 3 v. 14 - 4 v. 2:** Paul instructs Timothy to remain faithful to the sound doctrine which has been taught since childhood and to be zealous in preaching the message of Jesus.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

**Gospel Hymn: 253 v. 5 & 6.**

**(All) Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

**Gospel - Luke 18 v. 1-8:** Jesus urges his disciples to pray continually and never to grow discouraged.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

**Address Creed.** (Nicene - page 7 in hymn book.)

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** Jesus told his disciples about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. In obedience to His instructions let us pray now for our own needs, for the needs of the Church and those for all the world.

**Reader:** Let us pray that we may have unlimited confidence in God's unfailing love for us and that he is with us in all our trials.

Let us pray that we may be convinced of the value of prayer and always make room for it in our daily lives.

We pray for all who administer justice: that they may deal with those who come before them with wisdom, patience and fairness.

We pray for widows and all who know the pain of solitude; that the Lord will fill their lives with his loving presence and care. We pray for Hazel Foster and family in their

bereavement.

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world; may Christians proclaim to the world the value and sanctity of human life revealed to us in the incarnation of Christ our Saviour.

Let us pray for the doctors and staff of our hospitals, especially for midwives and those who care for the lives of unborn and newborn children; may the grace of God help them to care for all in need and reveal in their work the compassion of Christ.

We pray we may make use of our talents; may we realise that we are all members of one family, and that each contribution we make to each other is great when we do it in the name of Jesus.

Let us pray that our Parish may be a community of prayer, love and support, and that we may minister to those in need. Let us pray all to be anointed at our healing service on Tuesday. We continue to pray for those who are sick; for Jan Robinson, Lucy Muskett, Jan Ross and all prayed for at Shrine prayers

Let us pray for those who have gone before us in death, that they may receive the glory of eternal life in heaven with your saints, especially Bill Foster, who was buried on Friday, (pause whilst a candle is lit) and Bertie Woods, Willie Burnley, Jessie Tasker, Violet Probert, Nellie Prout, Edith Bowling and Mary Greensmith, whose anniversaries occur this week.

Let us pray that Our Lady's prayers may inspire us always to offer unselfish service. **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**

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**All: Lord, may your love ever direct our hearts, for without your grace, we are nothing. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Offertory Hymn: 294 v. 1.**

**Offertory Prayer: 294 v. 2 – 4.**

*Mass continues on page 9 of Hymn Book*

**Sanctus** Sanctus setting.

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

*Mass continues on page 11 of Hymn Book*

**Agnus Dei** Sanctus setting.

*Holy Communion is now given in 2 kinds. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice, please bow your head as it passes by. Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant, you are welcome to go to the altar rail for a blessing; please carry a hymn book.*

**Hymns at Holy Communion: 189 and 257.** (Please join in).

**Hymn at Ablutions: 501**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Angelus**

**Notices**

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: 7**