

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.

23rd October, 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
30th Year C

This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 2.

- Mon:** 9.30 Mass. (Eph. 4 v.32-5v.8: Luke 13 v.10-17)
Int.: Ministry of healing
- Tue:** 9:30 Mass. Int: Mission of Church
(Eph 5v.21-33; Luke 13v.18-21)
10.30-12.30 Coffee and Cake in Church
7:30pm Deanery Synod
- Wed:** **S.S. Chad & Cedd**
8.00 Mass. (Eph. 6 v.1-9: Luke 13 v. 22-30)
Int: Additional Curates Society.
- Thurs.** 9.30 Mass (Eph. 6 v 10-20: Luke 13 v. 31-35).
Int: Tyrannical Rules.
- Fri:** **S.S. SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES. (Feast)**
9.30 Mass (Eph. 2 v 19-22: Luke 6 v. 12-19)
Int: Our Bishops
7:30 Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night – URC Chapel
- Sat:** 10.00 First Mass of Sunday. Readings as Sunday.

CLOCKS CHANGE TONIGHT. ONE HOUR EXTRA IN BED

- Next Sunday:** **FEAST OF DEDICATION**
9.30am Sung Mass, Address & Dedication of Friends of St. Mary's
Boxes.
(II Chron 5 v.6-11, 13-6 v.2; I Cor 3 v.9-13,16-17; John 4v.
18-24)

NOTICES:

1. The Friends would be glad of support for the Quiz Night & Blessing of Friends of St Mary's Boxes.
2. Please note – All Saints (1st Nov) – 9:30 Sung Mass 6:30pm Said Mass. All Souls (2nd Nov.) – 9:30 Said Mass, 6:30 Sung Mass.
3. This is the last Sunday for ordering Nov Candles. They will be blessed next Sunday at 9:30.

Theme: The Pharisee in today's Gospel is self-sufficient. He does not need God. The tax-collector admits his poverty – his need of God. God can only help those who ask his help because they know their need of him.

Entrance Hymn: 60 v 1-3

Penitential Rite

Celebrant: Lord, forgive our pride and self-sufficiency. Lord have mercy.

People:(sing) Kyrie Eleison (*Ukrainian setting*)

Celebrant: Lord, help us always to admit our need of you. Christ have mercy.

People: Christe Eleison

Celebrant: Lord, lead us by your power and not our own, to new life. Lord have mercy.

People: Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

Gloria -Dom Gregory setting. (Words on yellow card.)

Opening Prayer: *Let us pray for the strength to do God's will.*

Almighty and ever-living God, strengthen our faith, hope and love. May we do with loving hearts what you ask of us and come to share the life you promise.

Liturgy of The Word of God

First Reading - Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19: God shows no partiality for the rich and powerful but listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33

®**This poor man called; the Lord has heard him**

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. ®

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress .®

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

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Second reading – 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18: Paul, now a prisoner in Rome, feels his death is drawing near. But his confidence is unshaken and his hope of ‘the crown of glory’ is bright.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

(All) Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 18 v. 9-14: Jesus tells the parable of the pharisee and the tax-collector

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: ‘Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, “I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get.” The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: With humble but trustful hearts, let s pray for our own needs and the needs of the church and the world.

Reader: Let us pray for our churches: may they be places where sinners can experience the healing mercy of God.

We pray for all in authority: that they may have the humility to acknowledge their mistakes and the courage to correct them..

We pray for all, like tax collectors, who do unpopular but necessary jobs.

Let us pray for the grace to come before God exactly as we are, with our virtues and sins, our successes and failures.

Let us pray for the sick – that through the laying on of hands and anointing, the Lord’s love may strengthen and heal them. We pray for Marjorie Rousseau in hospital, for all anointed at Tuesday’s healing service, for all prayed for at Shrine prayers and for Margaret Maundrell who received Holy Communion last week.

We pray for the dead, that they may be cleansed of their failures and weaknesses, especially Bill Foster, Mary Greensmith, Sylvia Morphew, William Bunn, Jenny Dean, Lilian Ruggles, Edwin Drayson, Walter Fisher, Angela Cubitt, Sidney Gardner, Diana Hammond and Geoffrey Smith, whose anniversaries occur this week.

Because of her humility Mary was raised up by God her Saviour. Encouraged by her example let us now 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: Lord, give us the humility not to hide our weaknesses, the wisdom to learn from our mistakes and the courage to face life difficulties. Let us know that your grace will be sufficient for us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn: **264 v. 1.** **Offertory Prayers: Hymn 264 v 3**

Mass continues on page 9 of Hymn Book

Sanctus Dom Gregory 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 Dom Gregory 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: **227 and 19** (Please join in).

Hymn at Ablutions: **165**

Post Communion Prayer

Angelus

Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: **260**