

Tea and coffee in church after Mass – All welcome

**This week - Divine Office - Psalter Week 4**

- Mon: 9.30am Requiem Mass – November Anniversaries  
Isaiah 35v.3-6.10. Matthew 14 v.22-33
- Tues: 9.30am Funeral Requiem Mass - Hazel Lockwood  
(Is.49v.8, 13-16. John 14v.1-6)  
10.30 – 12.30 Coffee in Church  
1.30pm Funeral Service for Hazel Lockwood  
3.45pm Cremation at 7 Hills Crematorium (family only)
- Wed **Dedication of St John Lateran - First Christian Church (Feast)**  
9.30am Mass (Ezekiel 47 v1-2, 8-9, 12; John 2 v13-22)  
Int: All Church Preservation Societies
- Thurs **St Leo. The Great**  
9.30am Mass. (Ecclesiasticus 39v.6-10. Matthew 16v.13-19)  
Int: The Guild of All Souls  
AGM of Guild of All Souls at 6.00pm St. Stephen,  
Gloucester Road London
- Fri: **St. Martin of Tours**  
9.30am Mass (Isaiah 6v.1-3 Matthew 25v.31-40)  
Int: St. Martin's Housing Trust, Norwich  
10.40 School Remembrance service  
Coffee after service
- Sat. 10.00 Mass of Sunday – 33<sup>rd</sup> of Year C  
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)  
(Mal.3v.19-20; 2 Thess.3v.7-12; Luke 21v.7-10)

**NEXT SUNDAY: Remembrance Sunday**

9.30am Solemn Mass of Requiem for fallen in war

**NOTICES:**

1. Thank you to all who supported the Friends of St. Mary's Quiz Night – raised £298 before expenses
2. Next Healing Service – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 2.30pm
3. Service of Light – 11.00 on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November – for parents and relatives of children who have died, at whatever age and from whatever cause.

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM****32nd of Year C**

**THEME:** Today's liturgy presents thoughts about life after death, an appropriate subject for November, the month of the dead We pray that all the dead may receive the joy of everlasting life.

Hymn: 363 v 1-4

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** Lord forgive us for the times we destroy each other through hatred, violence and lack of love and reconciliation.

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

**Celebrant:** Lord forgive us when we cut off the living from the dead and do not rejoice in the communion of saints. Christ have mercy.

**People: Christe Eleison**

**Celebrant:** Lord forgive us when we are afraid to let go of this life. Lord have mercy.

**People: Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

**GLORIA: St Thomas setting** (words & music on paper)

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray for health of mind and body.* God of power and mercy, protect us from all harm. Give us freedom of spirit and health in mind and body to do your work on earth.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

1st Reading: Maccabees v. 1 – 2; 9 – 14 Our hope as believers is in God: he has promised that we shall rise with him to new life.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 16 ® **I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.**

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. ®

I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps.

I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.

Turn your ear to me; hear my words. ®

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings

As for me, in my justice I shall see your face

and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. ®

**2nd Reading:** II Thessalonians 2 v. 16 - 3 v. 5: St. Paul tells us to persevere to the end. The Lord will give us the strength necessary to see that his will is done.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Hymn: 363. v 6

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 20 v. 27-38: Jesus reminds us that our God is a God of the living and all men must be alive to him.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

**ADDRESS**

Everyone has been given a candle. These are now blessed as a sign of prayer for our departed relatives and friends. We take them to the Lady Chapel to light and place on the altar. Hymn in procession: 28

**CREED** Apostles Creed

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

*Celebrant:* Let us turn in prayer to God who is rich in mercy to all who call upon him. Let us pray for the Church and all the needy.

*Reader:* Let us pray that the Church may show real faith in the resurrection of Jesus and so lead all men and women from the death of sin to a new life in Christ.

Let us pray for those who have the care of the dying. We pray especially for St. Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich and St. Nicholas at Bury. May they be strengthened in their work of preparing people to meet Christ their Saviour.

Let us pray for all those who do not believe in the resurrection, that they may come to share our hope in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the Life.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick, especially all prayed for at Shrine Prayers. May they be healed and comforted.

Lord, we pray for all our relatives and friends who have died. Fulfil your promises in them and bring them to everlasting life We also pray for Hazel Lockwood, whose funeral is on Tuesday (pause while a candle is lit) and William Cameron, Joyce Taylor; Paul Watson; Marjorie Greensmith; Dorothy Reid, Rhoda Jackaman, Brian Everett, Ada Cracknell, Betty Sadd & Luther Greensmith, whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Let us ask Mary to pray for us now and at the hour of our death. **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: Almighty and ever-living God, may you support us all the day long, 'til the shadows lengthen and the evening falls; the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done; then in your mercy Lord, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn:** 622 v 1

**Offertory prayers** v 2 & 3

*Mass continues on page 9 of Hymn Book*

**SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS/ MYSTERY OF FAITH:** St Thomas setting

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

**AGNUS DEI:** St Thomas setting.

Hymn at Holy Communion, please join in – 145

Hymn at Ablutions: 153

**Post Communion Prayer**

Angelus

Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 302