

Tea / coffee in Church after Please stay.
11.30 approx. Teach-in on the Mass.

27th November 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
ADVENT SUNDAY – YEAR A

This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 1

Mon: 9:30 Requiem Mass – Those who have committed suicide.
(Is. 4 v.2-4; Matt 8 v 5-11)

Tues: 9.30 Mass Requiem Mass. 1st Anniversary – David Morgan, Warden
of Guild of All Souls
(Is. 11 v 1-10; Luke 10 v 21-24)

Wed: **ST. ANDREW. APOSTLE. MARTYR (Feast)**
9.30am Mass. Int: Mission of Church overseas
(Romans 10v. 9-18; Matt 4v.18-22)

Thurs: 9.30am Requiem Mass – December Anniversaries
(Isaiah 26 v.1-6; Matt .7v.21, 24-27.)

Fri: 9:30 Mass (Isaiah 29v.17-24. Matt.9v.27-31.)
Int: Those who are blind or partially sighted

Sat: **St. Francis Xavier**
10:00 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Mission in our Parish
(Readings for Sunday)
3:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Next Sunday : ADVENT II (A)
9.30am Parish Mass & Address
(Is. 11 v 1-10; Romans 15 v 4-9; Matt 3 v 1-12)
11:30 Teach-in on the Mass

NOTICES

1. List on table for Monday's Requiem for names those who have died by suicide
2. List for providing & serving soup, coffee, cake etc for Tuesday mornings.
3. Our Christmas Draw is on Sunday 18th Dec after Parish Mass – Draw prizes would be appreciated.
4. List on Table for Carol Singers – 18th Dec.
5. Friends of St. Mary's Soup & Music – URC Chapel – 12:00 - 3:00 - 10th Dec.

THEME : “The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect”. These words of Jesus are a call to vigilance – to recognize that it is our lifetime which is the time of our salvation. A time, as St. Paul proclaims, for joyful repentance.

Entrance Hymn: **110 v 1 -3**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to come to you to cure our ills, to teach us how to take new heart, to free us from fear and anxiety; when we fail to allow you to take away our guilt. Lord have mercy.

People: (sing) Kyrie Eleison (Ukrainian setting)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we cling to past faults and lose hope; when we are blind to your closeness and care; when we doubt that your kingdom is within us and we grow weary of watchfulness. Forgive us when we are fearful of the future. Christ have mercy.

People: Christe Eleison

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, for our lip-service; for talking too much and seldom listening; for being engrossed in materialism. Lord have mercy.

People: Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness : No Gloria in Advent

OPENING PRAYER : *Let us pray that we may take Christ's coming seriously. All powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Isaiah 2 v 1-5. In the first reading the prophet looks forward to a better age. This hope is founded on his understanding of what God is like.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 121

® I rejoiced when I heard them say: “Let us go to God's house”.

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And now our feet are standing

Within your gates, O Jerusalem. ®

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set in the thrones of judgement of the house of David ®
® **I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house"**.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: "Peace be in your homes!
May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!" ®
For the love of my brethren and friends I say, "Peace upon you."
For the love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. ®

Second Reading – Romans 13 v 11-14 Paul develops the theme of light. At all times Christians must live in such a way that Christ's coming will find us ready. **You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.**
Gospel Hymn:- **110 v 4**

Acclamation (all) **Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

Gospel - Matthew 24 v 37-44 The day when Christ comes must not catch us unawares. We must be watchful and alert.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.
'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Prayers for the departed commemorated by candles.

Blessing of Advent Wreath. Lighting of Advent candle. Hymn **536 v1**

Address Creed p7 of Hymn Book (Nicene)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: During this season we are reminded that Jesus is always present. We pray that we, His people may be awake, sensitive and open to Him.

Reader: Jesus was born in darkness, that people might hope in the dawn. We pray that we, as his people of hope, can bring good news to those who are sorrowful.

Let us pray that Isaiah's vision will come true: that nation will not lift up sword against nation and that there will be no more training for war. We pray especially for Ukraine.

Let us pray that the Lord will awaken our sleeping hearts; that we may take responsibility for the world He has given us, so we can rejoice in what is good and oppose what is evil.

Let us pray for all who suffer – mentally, physically and spiritually; for those who see no further than immediate material comforts and do not realise their spiritual poverty.

Let us pray for the sick especially Marjorie Rousseau, all anointed at our healing service and all remembered daily at Shrine prayers.

Lord we look to you as watchmen look for the dawn. You are the sun that will wake the dead to new life, we remember especially Fr Anthony Yates, Geoffrey Clarke, Wally Kemp, Alfred Lockwood, Janet Finbow, Julia Finbow, Marjorie Saunders, William Jackaman, Leonard Chamberlain, Gladys Tyte, Catherine Hendry, Geoffrey Welch, Samuel Bruce, Frank Hardy, John Hammond, Eileen Jackson, Jennifer Meadows, Peggy Taylor, Cliff Godart Brown, John Riley and Sydney Hales, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May Mary, Mother of Jesus and of us all, teach us to be children of God and brothers and sisters to each other. **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: God of love and mercy, listen to our prayers. May your son at his coming dispel the darkness of our hearts, and enable us to live as children of the light. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord

Offertory Hymn : **112 v. 1 – 2.** Offertory Prayers : **v. 3 - 5**

SANCTUS: John Allen setting Mystery of Faith No. 3 pg 10 of Hymn book

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

AGNUS DEI: John Allen 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.

Hymn at Holy Communion. Please join in : **196; 145**

Hymn at Ablutions: **233**

Post Communion Prayers Angelus.(front of hymn book) Notices

Recessional Hymn : **439**