

Tea & Coffee in Church after Mass. All welcome.

Divine Office - Psalter Week 2

This week:-

Mon: Presentation of B.V.M. in Temple

1.30-2.25 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for silent prayers and meditation.

2.30 Mass. Laying on of hands and anointing for healing.
(Zach. 2 v.14-17. Matt 12 v.46-50)
Int: The sick and Healing Ministry

Tues: St. Cecilia

9.30 Mass (Hosea 2 v. 16-17, 21-22. Matt.25 v. 1-15)

Int: Walsingham

10.30-12.30 Coffee in Church.

Wed: St. Clement

9.30 Mass (1 Peter 5 v 1-4; Matt. 16 v.13-19).

Int: Persecuted Christians.

Thurs: St. Andrew Dung-Lac

9.30 Mass (1 Peter 3 v.14-17. Matt 10 v. 34-39)

Int: Church in Vietnam.

Fri: St Catherine of Alexandria

9.30 Mass (1 Cor. 1 v. 26-31 Luke 9 v. 23-26)

Int: All in prison

Sat: 10.00 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Our observance of Advent

Readings as Sunday.

12.00-2.00 Spud Bash in U.R.C. Chapel in aid of the friends of St. Marys-
Church Restoration Fund

4.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday: ADVENT – Year A

9.30am Parish Mass, Address, Blessing of Advent Wreath.

(Is.2 v.1-5; Romans 13 v.11-14; Matt. 24 v.37-44)

NOTICES

1. Please support the Spud Bash next Saturday in aid of The Restoration Fund
2. Friends of St. Mary's are having a Grand Christmas Draw on Sunday 18th December at 12.00 noon approximately.
3. Please note our Santa and Carol Evening is on Sunday 18th December 5.00-7.00. We shall be collecting for St. Martins Norwich for the homeless.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

Feast of Christ the King (C)

THEME: The kingship of Christ in Luke's account is compassionate, caring for the needy and oppressed and draws all people into a kingdom of justice, love and peace. Christ is King, not as a human monarch is, but as universal Lord who presents all creation to his Father.

Entrance Hymn: 56 v 1 – 4

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we do not realise that your day is here and it is now. Lord have mercy.

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

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our weaknesses and sinfulness for not remembering you in our lives. Christ have mercy.

People: **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for not asking for your strength and grace in order to endure to the end. Lord have mercy.

People: **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

Gloria: Sanctus setting (words on card)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that all men will acclaim Jesus as Lord. Almighty and Merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ; the King of the Universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5 v 1-3. The young man David had been called by God to be the leader of Israel and so the leaders of all the tribes acclaim him as their king and he is anointed.

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 122:1-5

® I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's House"

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to Gods House."

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. ®

Jerusalem is built as a city, strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of God ®

For Israel's Law it is, there to praise the Lord's name

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David

Second Reading: Colossians 1 v 12-20. In the kingdom of Christ we gain true freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. The role of Christ is a unique one in both creation and redemption.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Hymn; 56 v. 5

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 23 v. 35-43

Calvary reveals the true nature of Christ's kingship. A criminal on a cross recognises Jesus has a kingdom and is rewarded with the promise of Paradise.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Prayer for the departed. ADDRESS CREED -Apostles (hymn bk p8)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: As we come to the close of the Churches year, let us consider the meaning of the kingship of Christ as shown in his life and pray that all mankind may come to His kingdom.

Reader: Let us pray for all kings, queens, presidents and leaders of nations that they may rule in justice and fairness – especially Charles our King

Let us pray for the church, that we, its members may realise that we are spreading the kingdom of God when we do our ordinary work well both at home and outside the home.

Let us pray for those who do not acknowledge Christ as their Saviour and King, that they may discover him in his followers.

Let us pray for all convicted of crime and all in prison: that they may see in the person of Jesus the offer of true forgiveness and the promise of true peace.

Let us pray for all those who are dying that they may be ready to enter the fullness of God's heavenly kingdom

Let us pray for the healing of the sick, all who will receive the laying on of hands & anointing in our healing service tomorrow and for Margaret Maundrell, Marjorie Rousseau and all prayed for at Shrine prayers..

We remember all our dead and pray that they will enjoy the everlasting presence of the one for whom they were created. Especially Stephen Exley, John Dennis, Charles Lockwood, Ted Scruby, Caroline Stepancic, Ken Sanderson, Freda Foreman, Jean Hails and Cyril Davey, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us turn to Mary, who by the grace of God was without sin and ask her to pray for us sinners - **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: Father, so change your people by your healing love that they may hear your Son say: **You will be with me in Paradise. We make our prayer in His name, Jesus for ever. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: 270 v 1-2, **Offertory Prayers.** Hymn 270 v 3 and 4

Mass continues on Page 9 of the Hymn Book

Sanctus: Sanctus setting. (see card). Mystery of Faith: Sanctus setting

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosannas, Hosannas, Hosannas, in Excelsis

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei: Sanctus setting

Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant and would like a blessing, please bring a hymn book to the altar rail

Hymns at Holy Communion: Please join in; 84 and 500

Hymn at Ablutions: 308

Post Communion Prayer **Angelus** **Notices**

Hymn: As Sacrament is exposed – 373

Hymns in Procession – 260; 311

Hymn 375 before Benediction

Benediction (at end – STAND): Blessed and Praised etc. x 3