

This week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

Mon. EVE OF ALL SAINTS – ALL HALLOWS

2:00 - 2:45 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Silent Prayer.
3:00 pm 1st Mass of All Saints. Int: All who dabble in the occult.
(Rev. 7 v. 2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3 v. 1-3; Matt. 5 v. 1-12)

Tues. ALL SAINTS

9:30 am Sung Mass & Address. Int: The Parish & Congregation.
10:30 am - 12:30 pm Coffee Morning in Church.
6:30 pm Said Mass & Address.
(Rev. 7 v. 2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3 v. 1-3; Matt. 5 v. 1-12)

Wed: ALL SOULS – Day of Prayer for all the Dead

9:30 am Mass of Requiem & Address.
6:30 pm Sung Mass of Requiem & Blessing of Graves in the Churchyard
Shared refreshments in Church after Mass.
(Is. 25 v. 6-9; Romans 5 v. 5-11; Luke 7 v.11-17)

Thurs. St Victorinus, Martyr

9:30 am Mass. Int: Bible Societies
(Phil. 3 v. 3-8; Luke 15 v. 1-10)

Fri. St Charles Borromeo

9:30 am Mass. Int: Christian Renewal
(Phil. 3 v. 17 - 4 v.1; Luke 16 v. 1-8)

Sat. 10:00 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: The Bereaved.

(Readings as on Sunday)
4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.

NEXT SUNDAY: 32 of Year C

9:30 am Parish Mass, Address & Blessing of Candles for the Dead.
(II Macc. 7 v. 1-2, 9-14; II Thess. 2 v. 16 - 3 v. 5; Luke 20 v. 27-38)

NOTICES:

1. Please observe All Saints and All Souls. Note Sung Mass of All Saints will be on Tues at 9.30am, but 6:30 pm on All Souls (Wednesday), with a shared party after – the last until Candlemass in February.
2. Hazel Lockwood's funeral is on Tues 8 Nov at 1:30 pm.
3. Remembrance Sunday is 13 Nov at 9:30 am.
4. Magazine available for November.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
Dedication Festival or Feast of Consecration of our Church

THEME: Today we celebrate the Feast of Consecration of our Church. When thinking of a Church we think of the Church building, but the Church is all of us – the People of God. Therefore, this feast does not just celebrate bricks and mortar, but the people who make up the Church and the communion which the Church shares throughout the world.

ENTRANCE HYMN 427 v 1-3 BLESSING OF CANDLES FOR DEPARTED PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us when we fail to make relations and be united with each other. Lord have Mercy.

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

Celebrant: Forgive us when we are blind to the Holy Spirit working in us and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Christ have mercy.

People: **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us for the times we block the work of God's Spirit in ourselves, in others, and in the community. Lord have mercy.

People: **Kyrie Eleison**

Dom Gregory Gloria (words on yellow card)

OPENING PRAYER: Father, each year we recall the dedication of this Church in your service. Let our worship always be sincere and help us to find your saving love in this Church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: Genesis 28 v.11-18: This reading shows the value of a building as a sign of the presence and glory of God. In celebrating the feast of Dedication we must remember we form the Church; the building is but a sign.

When Jacob had reached a certain place he passed the night there, since the sun had set. Taking one of the stones to be found at that place, he made it his pillow and lay down where he was. He had a dream: a ladder was there, standing on the ground with its top reaching to heaven; and there were angels of God going up it and coming down. And the Lord was there, standing over him, saying, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. I will give to you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants shall be like the specks of dust on the ground; you shall spread to the west and the east, to the north and the south, and all the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you and your descendants. Be sure that I am with you; I will keep you safe wherever you go, and bring you back to this land, for I will not desert you before I have done all that I have promised you.' Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Truly, the Lord is in this place and I never knew it!' He was afraid and said, 'How awe-inspiring this place is! This is nothing less than a house of God; this is the gate of heaven!' Rising early in the morning, Jacob took the stone he had used for his pillow, and set it up as a monument, pouring oil over the top of it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 18

® **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of hosts.**

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| 1. My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. ® | 2. The sparrow herself finds a home
and the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays here young by your altars,
Lord of hosts, my King and my God. ® |
| 3. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you,
they walk with ever growing strength. ® | 4. One day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
The threshold of the House of God
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.® |

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3 v. 9-13, 16-17: This passage should help remind us that the Church is not just a building but people.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Hymn: 427 v 4 & 5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I shall make my home above them says the Lord; I will be their God, they shall be my people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 4 v. 19-24: Today's Gospel reminds us that it is not the place, but the outlook of our hearts which make worship genuine and acceptable to God.

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, 'I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

ADDRESS CREED – Nicene Creed

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Gathered together as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us call to mind God's many blessings bestowed on us in this place, and ask him for all the graces to meet the future needs of our Church and world.

Reader: Let us pray for all in authority in Christ's Church that they may always remember that the Church is the people and that they are her living stones, based on Christ himself, who is the cornerstone.

Let us pray for a greater dedication to the Church among the community – may we see the Church not merely in terms of bricks and mortar, but as the living

body of Christ, which grows through the holiness of life and to which we renew our dedication.

Let us pray for our Government that they may continue to look on the Christian faith as an essential part of the nation's life, and so help the Church authorities to continue to provide buildings dedicated to worship and education.

Jesus cleansed the Temple of all evil – we pray that we, God's Church, may be kept free from evil.

Let us pray for all who have been Baptised and Confirmed here. Help them to be faithful to their promises.

We pray for the healing of the sick and all who have been anointed and administered to in our Church during the past year. For Marjorie Rousseau, Julie Gray, Lucy Muskett, Jan Robinson, Jan Ross and all included in Shrine Prayers.

We pray for the dead – that they may enter through the sanctuary of Jesus Christ and come into the glory of God's presence – especially all whose funeral rites were held at our church during the past year and for James Smy, Stanley Bartrum, Winifred Goodall, Marjorie Pitt, Michael Dansey, Frank Mawson, Mary Gray, Donald MacDonald, Alan Parks, Joseph Tinsley, Molly Thurston, John Herron and Hilary Fenning whose anniversaries are this week.

We pray with Mary, Mother of the Church - **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: Father, we have made our prayers in the name of the Church; we ask that whatever is lacking in our faith may be made up in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: **On Sheet v 1-2** **Offertory Prayers**

Blessing of Friends of St. Mary's boxes **Hymn v 3 to end**

Dom Gregory Sanctus.

Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in Excelsis! Mass cont. 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.

Lord's Prayer **Dom Gregory Agnus Dei**

Hymn at Communion: 167, 169. **Post Communion Hymn: 623**

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

Recessional Hymn: 472