

ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM

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You are welcome to worship at any
of our services.

SUNDAYS

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass & Address

First Mass of Sunday:

Saturdays: 10.00 am

(PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME.)

Daily Mass: *see calendar on back
page & check porch notice &
bulletin.*

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer
see porch notice.

For Pastoral visits, Baptism
(Christening), Marriage, Anointing
of the Sick & Holy Communion
from the Reserved Sacrament,
contact Fr Philip

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4.00 pm on Saturdays
or contact Fr Philip



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WHAT IS OF SPECIAL NOTE THIS MONTH

Mass offered daily. Sunday Parish Mass is also LIVESTREAMED

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3rd Oct	9.30 Parish Mass & Blessing of good clothing, bedding, toiletries for St Martin's Housing Trust Norwich (night shelter)
5th Oct	9.30 – Mass: 10.30 – 12.00 – Coffee morning in church
9th & 10th Oct	HARVEST THANKSGIVING: 9.30 Parish Mass All our harvest produce will go to St Martin's Norwich for the homeless. Vegetables, tins and packets of food welcome
11th Oct	9.30 Requiem Mass – October Anniversaries
12th Oct	9.30 – Mass: 10.30 – 12.00 – Coffee morning in church
18th Oct	ST LUKE: 2.30 pm Mass & Healing Service
19th Oct	9.30 – Mass: 10.30 – 12.00 – Coffee morning in church
22nd Oct	7.00 pm: Soup and Soul Evening in URC for Friends of St Mary's
23rd Oct	10.00: First Mass of Sunday 11.00: A Memorial Service for all our parishioners who died during the pandemic and so were unable to have a proper funeral service. They will be remembered by name and a candle placed on the altar for each of them. ** See list of names on notice. Please contact Fr Philip if there are others to be remembered. Coffee & Tea will be served after the service.
24th Oct	FEAST OF DEDICATION 9.30 Parish Mass & dedication of Friends of St Mary's boxes at the end. We need more to join the Friends. Please ask Jean Martin for details
26th Oct	9.30 – Mass: 10.30 – 12.00 – Coffee morning in church
30th Oct	BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS Clocks go back;1 hr extra in bed!
31st Oct	ALL SAINTS/ALL HALLOWS 9.30 Parish Mass & blessing of November candles for departed loved ones (£6 for month) to burn each day in Holy Cross Chapel. Please order by Sunday 24 th Oct. 2.00 – 3.00 pm: Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for all who dabble in occult practices. Some people get locked into superstition and astrology, when all they need is Jesus Christ. If, as we believe, God was completely in Christ, then the salvation offered by Christ is complete. So many people today are obsessed by ouija boards, tarot cards, palmistry or psychic phenomena. It is important we remember Jesus is more powerful than all of them

Father Philip writes...

This month we celebrate the dedication festival of our parish church. Many people value St Mary's

for its history and architecture but it is not a museum piece. It is actively serving the spiritual needs of the community and we hope and pray it will continue to serve the needs of Mendlesham for many generations to come.

We must never lose sight of the fact that St Mary's is at the spiritual heart of the community as well as a valuable, historical and architectural resource. Clifford Knowles in a book on the work of Lincoln Old Churches Trust writes these



words: "I am attracted by the different styles of architecture, the various locations, the stories the buildings tell. The skills of craftsmen who built them and not least by the service they have rendered to the local communities down the centuries. Simply by being there they witness to God every minute of every day. Their presence is symbolic and a visual reminder to the secular world of the 21st century that God is at the heart of human life just as they have been at the heart of their communities for a considerable time. Churches, large or small, ancient or modern, famous or obscure possess the priceless ability to raise the human spirit and make us look beyond ourselves to that indefinable presence whom Christians call God."



Please give generously to the 'Friends of St Mary's' on the Dedication Festival and ask for a collection box to raise money during the year.

I hope people feel welcome at St Mary's. Someone wrote: "Such perfect churches there may be, but none of them are

known to me. But still, we'll work and pray and plan to make our own the best we can."

The Church must serve the needs of others. If we come to Mass and receive Holy Communion but ignore the needs of other people, our worship is incomplete. This month we shall have a service for those bereaved during the pandemic. We shall also be collection and taking food and clothing at Harvest to St Martin's Norwich for the homeless. All year we support Stowmarket FoodBank.



I believe meeting and receiving Jesus in the Mass empowers us to work to heal the brokenness of society and human relationships and to grow in a spirit of self-giving to others. Mother Teresa said, **“Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough; money can be got, but they need hearts to love them.”** An ancient Jewish saying is:

“God dwells wherever we let Him in.”

I suggest we pray:

“Father, help us to be like Jesus. Inspire us by his love and guide us by his example”

THANK YOU

As the Community Payback team has been unable to attend to manage the Churchyard, we are especially grateful to all those volunteers who have freely given time to tend it: to Adrian Palfrey, Graham Baker, Andrew Muskett, Jonathan, to Richard Giffen & Chris who are working hard to prepare and establish a dedicated wildflower and wildlife area and to Andy of Wetheringsett Garden Machinery who has kindly lent and speedily repaired and serviced equipment.