

Tea/Coffee in Church after Mass. All welcome.
TODAY 2.30 pm: Tour of Norfolk Churches: Swanton Abbots, Scottow, Sloley and Westwick

18th June 2023

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
11th of Year A

This Week: Divine Office - Psalter Week 3.

Mon: 9.30 Mass. Int. Peace of the World
(2 Cor; 6 v.1-10; Matt. 5 v. 38-42.)

Tues: St. Alban
9:30 Mass Int. Conversion of England
(2 Cor.8 v.1-9; Matt 5 v.43-48)
10.30-12.30 Coffee cake etc. in Church

Wed: St Aloysius
9.30am Mass Int. Suffers from AIDs and H.I.V.
(2 Cor. 9 v.6-11; Matt. 6 v. 1-6, 16-18.)

Thurs: **S.S. JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE (FEAST)**
8 .00am Mass. Int: Walsingham.
(2 Macc.6 v.18,21,24-31; Matt. 24. V. 4-13).

Fri: **EVE OF ST JOHN BAPTIST**
9.30 Mass
(Is.49 v. 1-6; Acts 13 v. 22-26; Luke 1 v. 57-66, 80.)

Sat: **BIRTHDAY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST**
10.00 1st Mass of Sunday. Int. All preparing for Marriage.
Readings as on Sunday.

Next Sunday: 12th of Year A
9.30am Parish Mass & Address.
(Jer. 20 v. 10-13; Romans 5 v. 12-15; Matt. 10 v. 26-33.)

NOTICES:

1. The Archdeacon's Visitation is on Tuesday 27th June at 7.30pm Our Churchwardens are re-admitted to office.
2. On Wednesday 28 June we are having a Sung Mass for St Peter and Paul at 7.30pm followed by a shared supper in Church.
3. Bishop Norman's Ruby Jubilee of Ordination is on 1st July at Walsingham. St Mary's Parish Church Mass at 12.00 noon.
- 4 Sung Mass and Confirmation at Mendlesham on 6th July at 7.30pm.
- 5 Next P.C.C. 9th July at 11.30 in Church

THEME: In today's Mass, we hear how Jesus sent out his disciples with authority to proclaim the good news. He continues to send disciples to make his word known and to heal the sick. We all share this mission wherever we are. Let us open our hearts once more that we not only hear his word but also share it.

Entrance Hymn: 331 v. 1 – 4.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us for the times that we forget you are our Father.

Lord have mercy. **People** (*sing*) **Kyrie Eleison** (*Ukrainian setting*)

Celebrant: Forgive us for the times that Christ, our brother, died to make our peace with you, Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us for the times we don't give freely what has been given to us.
Lord have mercy. **People Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

GLORIA – St Thomas setting (words and music on sheet.)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray for the grace to follow Christ more closely.* Almighty God, our hope and our strength, without you we falter. Help us to follow Christ and to live according to your will. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Exodus 19 v. 2 – 6: We hear how God chose the people of Israel, a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation, to make his love known.

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 99 ® **We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness, come before him singing for joy. ®

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. ®

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. ®

Second Reading: Romans 5 v. 6 – 11: We have been reconciled to God through the death of Christ. We can have no doubt about the love of God for us.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Hymn: 331 v. 5 & 6.

All: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9 v. 36 - 10 v. 8: The Lord is full of compassion for the people in need of a shepherd. He sends disciples in his name.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Address Creed - Nicene (Page 7 of Hymn Book.)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Jesus taught us by word and example that we should pray to the Father. So let us now pray to him with one heart and voice, for the Church and all mankind.

Reader: Lord, You told your Apostles to go to the lost sheep of Israel to proclaim the good news. Help us to proclaim this news to those where we live and work.

Let us pray that the Lord will send labourers into the harvest of souls. We pray for our bishops and priests. May more young men respond to his call to the priesthood.

Let us pray that lay people will continue to sacrifice their time, talents and money unselfishly in the service God and others.

Let us pray for all fathers and grandfathers, especially our own, whether living or departed.

Let us pray for Nikita and James and Flo and Aaron preparing for marriage, that their love will go from strength to strength.

We pray for those in our parish who are depressed or lonely. Through those around them, may they find comfort in the compassion of Christ.

Let us pray for the sick that they may find healing and wholeness – especially Jim Wilson, Angie Wilson, Julie Gray and Marjorie Rousseau and all anointed at our healing service last Thursday. May the Lord give them an increase in faith, hope and love. May they be assured of forgiveness and be brought to the fullness of life.

Let us pray for those who have died. May they know the peace of Christ forever, especially Ernest Abbott, Frederick Aldridge, Fr John Drew, Joan Rogers, Keith Clarke, Eileen Gray, Arthur Clements Christopher Wilson, Elsie Smith, John Howard, Monica Kellner, Bill Donze, Jack Mason, Ada Clark, Kim Warren, Edith Algy, May Hadley, Burleigh Payne and Ronald Hales, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us pray with Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother also: **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 our Father, your people come to you in humble prayer confident in your unfailing love. Hear the prayers we make today and grant them in accordance with your will, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 508 v. 1. **Offertory Prayers** Hymn v. 2 & 3.

Sanctus & Benedictus + Mystery of Faith: St Thomas setting

After Eucharistic Prayer: **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.**

Mass continues – Lord's Prayer (page 11 of hymn book).

Agnus Dei: St Thomas setting

Communicants of other Christian denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If, instead, you would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding a hymn book.

Hymns at Holy Communion 19 and 41. Please join in.

Hymn during Ablutions: 119. **Post Communion Prayer** **Angelus**

Notices **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 15 v. 1 & 2;

Prayer at Shrine of Sacred Heart of Jesus

All: Father, you make your love known to us through the heart of Jesus. As we walk through the valley of darkness may we experience the warmth of his love. Hear this through the same Christ our Lord.

Fr Philip: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. **All: Have mercy upon us - (x3)**

Hymn v. 3 - end.