

This week - Divine Office - Psalter Week 4

Mon: 9:30 Mass. Int: All refugees..
(Gen. 12v.1-9. Matt. 7v.1-5)

Tues: **St. Cyril of Alexandria**
9:30pm Mass. (Gen. 13 v.2. 5-18; Matt 7v.6,12-14)
Int: Forward in Faith/The Society
10:30 – 12:30 Tea /Coffee etc in Church.
7:30 Archdeacon's Visitation at Buxhall

Wed: **EVE OF S.S. PETER & PAUL**
7:30pm Sung Mass & Address. Int: The Parish & Congregation
Shared refreshments in Church after.
(Acts 12v. 1-11; 2 Tim 4v. 6-8, 17-18; Matt 16v.13-19)

Thurs: **S.S PETER & PAUL (Solemnity)**
9:30 Mass Int: All preparing for ordination
(Acts 12 v.1-11; 2 Tim 4 v.6-8, 17-18; Matt 16 v.13-19)

Fri; **1ST Martyrs of Rome.**
9:30 Mass. Int: Persecuted Christians.
(Gen 17v.1, 9-10, 15-22; Matt 8v.1-4)

Sat: Bishop Norman's Ruby Jubilee at Walsingham (Mass at 12.00 noon in Walsingham Parish Church)
6:00pm. 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Bishop Norman

NEXT SUNDAY: **13th of YEAR A**
9.30am Parish Mass and Address
(2 Kings 4v.8-11, 14-16; Rom 6v.3-4,8-11; Matt 10v.37-42)

NOTICES:

1. Please remember to bring items for the Stowmarket Food Bank.
2. Confirmation will be on Thurs 6th July at 7:30pm
3. Please observe S.S. Peter & Paul on Wed & Thurs. Shared refreshments after evening Mass.
4. Andrew & Jess are laying on refreshments after the Archdeacon's Visitation on Tues. Please let them know if you intend to go.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
(12th of year A)

THEME: When we gather here, we celebrate the great truth that Jesus believed we were worth dying for - in His eyes we are worth His life. There is no need to be afraid; we are of greater value than many sparrows.

Entrance Hymn: 472 v. 1 - 3

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us for the times we do not declare ourselves for you.

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

Celebrant: You tell us not to be afraid, but quite often we are. Forgive us for the times our fear keeps us from you. Christ have mercy.

People: Christe Eleison

Celebrant: Forgive us for the occasions when we put the opinion of men before your opinion of us and we disown you. Lord have mercy.

People: Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

Sanctus Gloria. (words on card).

OPENING PRAYER - Let us pray that we may grow in the love of God. Father, guide and protector of Your people, grant us an unfailing respect of Your name, and keep us always in Your love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD First Reading – Jeremiah 20 v. 10 - 13. The prophet Jeremiah reflects on the suffering and isolation his preaching has brought him. What helps him to persevere is his deep belief that the Lord is at his side.

‘Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me,

“Terror from every side!” Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall: ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!’ But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.’

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 68 **® In Your great love, answer me, O God.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
that I have become an alien to my own Mother's sons,
I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me ®

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails;

Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. ®

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give Him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. © **In Your great love, answer me, O God.**

Second Reading - Romans 5 v. 12 - 15. Paul develops his understanding of how Jesus is the second Adam. The overwhelming grace of God's act in the death and resurrection of Jesus has far outstripped the original offence of Adam.

'Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.'

Gospel Hymn: 472 v. 4

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10 v. 26 -33. Christ exhorts his disciples to bear witness to the Gospel openly and fearlessly. He encourages us in the words 'Do not be afraid'.

'Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

WELCOME into the local church family of Matilda and Frederick Cowderoy, Baptised recently in Scotland.

ADDRESS CREED – Nicene Creed. P.7 of hymn book

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us pray to God, from whom comes everything that is good.

Reader: Let us pray that Christians may have the courage and conviction to proclaim the Gospel boldly, openly and uncompromisingly to all people, so that they can come closer to Christ.

Father, we pray that we may all be true to our vocation and fulfil whatever task you created for us.

Let us pray for Matilda and Frederick, recently Baptised and welcomed today into the local church family; that they may continue to grow in the faith and love of Christ.

Let us pray for all in positions of authority, that they may witness to Christ by the concern they show for others, especially the weak who cannot speak for themselves.

Let us pray for those who work with the terminally ill, that their compassion may help those who are afraid of death to achieve peace and serenity.

We pray for the bereaved, especially Jeremy Lind and his son Jaimie.

We pray for all who are in pain and sickness - that they may find Christ alongside them in their suffering; for Angie Wilson in hospital, Jim Wilson, Julie & Andrew Gray Ferdi Vincent & Marjorie Rousseau. May the Lord give them an increase in faith, hope and love.

Let us pray for forgiveness for the departed, especially Cindie Lind, recently departed (*pause while a candle is lit*) and Henry Allen; Evelyn Kitchen; Russell Fenning; Frank Taylor, Hilda Riley, Nancy Fenning, Herbert Spalding, Colin Skilling, Maldwyn Williams and Ron Abbott, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us ask Our Lady, who stood beside the cross when others had run away, to pray with us. **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: Lord God, our Father, you give all good things. Give your people confidence to proclaim your living word to all mankind. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Mass continues on p8 of hymn book

Offertory Hymn: 262 v. 1 - 2 **Offertory Prayers:** (P.9) 262 v. 3 - end.

SANCTUS: Sanctus setting AGNUS DEI – Sanctus setting.

After the Eucharistic Prayer we sing:

**Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in Excelsis.**

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

Hymn at Holy Communion. No. 179 & 444. Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 75

Post Communion Prayer Angelus. (*Front of Hymn Book*)

Notices Blessing **Recessional Hymn:** 49 v 1 and 2

PRAYER AT SHRINE OF SACRED HEART

Father, we have wounded the heart of Jesus your Son, but he brings us forgiveness and grace. Help us to prove our grateful love and make amends for our sins. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

All: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. (x 3)

Hymn: 49 v. 3 and 4