

Coffee and tea in church after Mass, all are welcome. Please stay.

2nd July 2023

This week: Divine Office - Psalter week 1

Mon. St. Thomas – Apostle (feast)

9.30am Mass (Eph.2v.19-22. John 20 v.24-29) Int: Our Bishops

Tues. St. Elizabeth of Portugal

9.30am Mass (Gen.19v.15-29. Matt.8v.23-27) Int: Peace of the world

10.30 -12.30: Coffee and cake in church. All welcome.

Wed. Restoration of the Shrine of Our Lady Walsingham

8.00am Mass (Is.7v.10-14. 8v.10. Luke 1v.26-38)

Int: Thanksgiving for Walsingham

Thu. 7.30pm Sung Mass and Confirmation Int: Our Confirmation Candidates
Readings in Service Book

Fri. 9.30am Mass (Gen 23 v1-4,19 24 v1-8,62-67 Matt 9 v9-13)

Int: All searching for faith

4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

6.00pm Wedding Rehearsal

Sat. 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday

2.00pm Wedding James Ince and Nikita Pereira

Next Sunday - 14th of Year A

9.30am Parish Mass & Address

(Zech. 9 v 9-10; Romans 8 v 9,11-13; Matt 11 v25-30)

11.30am approx.. PCC Meeting and lunch in church

NOTICES:

1. Please support Mandy and Joe to be confirmed Thursday We would be grateful for refreshments for after Mass: List on table
2. PCC members – meeting on Sunday July 9th – 11.30am over shared lunch
3. Next Healing Service: Tuesday 18th July – 2.30pm

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

13th of Year A

Theme: The message of today's Mass is "welcome". God shows us the meaning of hospitality. Let us open our hearts to God and welcome him in whatever way he comes to us. He is here in our midst.

Entrance Hymn: 260 v 1 - 3

PENITENTIAL RITE.

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when so often we prefer the things of this world and look for the life the world gives. Lord have mercy.

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

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we turn people away. Christ have mercy.

People: **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we do not follow your example. Lord have mercy.

People: Kyrie Eleison

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Gloria: St Thomas setting (on paper sheet).

Opening Prayer: Let us pray that Christ may be our light. Father you call your children to walk in the light of Christ. Free us from darkness and keep us in the radiance of your truth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4 v 8-11, 14-16. Hospitality was considered an important virtue in biblical times, especially when extended to someone doing God's work. The widow is rewarded with the promise of new life.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103 ® **"I will sing forever of your love, O Lord."**

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever,
that you truth is firmly established as the heavens. ®
Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. ®

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

® “I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.”

2nd Reading: Romans 6 v 3-4, 8-11. If we die and rise with Christ in Baptism, it is only the start of a life-long process of dying to sin and living the new life of the Gospel.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Hymn: 260 v 4

Acclamation: **Alleluia! alleluia; Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 10 v 37-42. The Gospel is quite uncompromising. We are to make Jesus welcome in those whom he sends among us.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me.

Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.

Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Anointing of Andrew & Chris as Churchwardens **Address**

Creed - Apostles Creed: Hymn Book P8

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God our Father invites us to bring our needs before him. With confidence we pray for the Church and the world.

Reader: Lord, the woman who welcomed Elisha had no children. We pray for those who long for children but have none and for those who are considering abortions.

Let us pray for all who have been hurt by criticism and hasty judgement, by ungenerous actions and by a lack of forgiveness. May our words and actions and those of other people reflect the love and generosity of God.

Let us pray for Mandy and Joe to be Confirmed on Thursday. May the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation strengthen them in their Christian faith and renew them in their Baptismal commitment.

Let us pray for James and Nikita to be married on Saturday. May they walk in the Light of true love.

Lord, may we may try to give each person we meet some small sign of recognition and the same hospitality and love that you give to us.

Let us pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit: that the Lord in his goodness will grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart; especially Angie Wilson, Jim Wilson, Jimmy Jubly, Julie & Andrew Gray and Ferdi Vincent.

Let us pray for all being ordained at Petertide.

Let us pray for those who have died. May they find peace in their welcome into the house of our heavenly Father, especially June Martin and Robert Robinson, recently departed (*pause while candles are lit*) and Jack O'Brien, John Fisher, William Hendry, Robert Knock, Ernest Rodwell, Rose Gable, Peggy Knock, John Sawyer, Mildred Moore, Phyllis Jackaman, Keith Forsdike, Len Howlett, Dorothy Sykes, Kathleen Pollard, Robert Molyneaux, Fr Basil McAllister, Ian Scott and Mildred Driver, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Let us ask Mary, who pondered God's message in her heart, to help us keep God's words to us in our hearts - **Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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 have brought salvation to the world through your Son Jesus Christ. May all who have been baptised in your name remain faithful to his word through the working of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mass continues on pg 9 of hymn book.

Offertory Hymn: 311 v 1 - 3 **Offertory Prayers** *Hymn 4 to end.*

Sanctus: St Thomas Setting **Mystery of Faith:** St Thomas Setting:

After Eucharistic Prayer - **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosannah, Hosannah, Hosannah in excelsis!**

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.

Hymn at Holy Communion please join in. 353; 231

Hymn at Ablutions: 623

Post Communion Prayer **Angelus** (*front of hymn book*) **Notices**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 293 v 1 & 2 Prayer at Shrine of Sacred Heart

May the grace and blessing of the Sacred Heart be with us; may the peace of the Sacred Heart encompass us; may the love of the Sacred Heart enflame us; may the sorrows of the Sacred Heart console us; may the zeal of the Sacred Heart animate us; may the virtues of the Sacred Heart shine forth in every word and deed. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: **Have mercy on us** (x3) Hymn 293 v 3 - end