

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**

**13<sup>TH</sup> of year B**

**All:** Heavenly father, you sent your Son to heal all our wounds of body, mind and spirit. Help us to have more faith in His healing power and in your love for us.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Offertory prayers    Sanctus    Agnus Dei    Post Communion Prayer**

**Angelus & Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

**ALL** - O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love you, and wish to love you more and more. O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like your heart. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, may you be known, loved and worshipped throughout the whole whole. Amen.

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**This Week:    Divine office - Psalter Week 1**

**Mon:    EVE OF S.S. PETER & PAUL. APOSTLES. MARTYRS**  
7:30pm    Mass (Acts 3v.1-10. Gal 1v.11-10; John 21 v.15-19)  
Int: Forward in Faith & the Society.

**Tues:    S.S PETER & PAUL. APOSTLES. MARTYRS**  
9:30    Mass. (Acts 12v.1-11; II Tim 4v.6-8, 17-18; Matt 16v.13-19)  
Intention: The Parish.

**Wed:    1<sup>st</sup> Martyrs of Rome**  
8:00    Mass (Rom 8v.31-39; Matt 24v.4-13.)  
Intention: Those newly ordained.

**Thurs:    9.30am    Mass – (Eph 2v.19-22; John 20 v.24-29.)**  
Intention: Guild of All Souls

**Fri:    Eve of St. Thomas. Apostle. Martyr**  
7:30pm    Mass - (Eph 2 v.19-22; John 20 v.24-29.)  
Int: All searching for faith.

**Sat:    10:00    1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday (Readings as tomorrow)**  
Int: Mission of Church

**Next Sunday :    14<sup>TH</sup> OF YEAR B**  
9.30am    Parish Mass and Address  
Ezekiel 2v.2-5; 2 Cor.12v.7-10; Mark 6v.1-6.

**NOTICES**

1. Please note change of 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday next Sat – **10:00am**
2. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Max and Harry are to be baptised and will receive Holy Communion. George will also be admitted as a Communicant.
3. Confirmation will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at **7:00pm.**
4. Please do respond to Andi's financial appeal last Sunday. It is urgent and affects the future of this Church and Parish.
5. You can pre-order beer in time for the festival – either through church website: [www.stmarysmendlesham.org.uk](http://www.stmarysmendlesham.org.uk) or on list on table at back of church.

**THEME** : Death always hits hard when it comes and no one can escape its grasp. But Jesus shows himself today to be the Lord both of life and death. For followers of Christ, death can no longer have any power; it is not the end but the beginning of life.

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, for we do not always acknowledge the depth of our need, and do not ask forgiveness for our faults.  
Lord have mercy.

People : **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we do not allow ourselves to be raised from the depth of our sin to sample your newness of life  
Christ have mercy.

People : **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, because we fear to be changed if we open our hearts to you. Lord have mercy.

People : **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

**GLORIA**

**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**

**First Reading – Wisdom 1 v.13-15; 2 v.23-24.** God did not make us to destroy us. He made us to enjoy a blessed immortality.

*Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.*

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 97**

**® I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
And have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord you have raised my soul from the dead,  
Restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.®

Sing praises to the Lord, you who love him,  
Give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.®

® **I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me**

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. ®

**Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 8v.7-9, 13-15.** St.Paul here is appealing to the Corinthians to contribute to a collection for the poor in the church in Jerusalem.  
*You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.*

**Acclamation ( all ) Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call hold for us. Alleluia!**

**Gospel - Matk 5 v.21-43.** This contains two separate miracles of Jesus: the cure of a woman with a haemorrhage, and the raising of the daughter of Jairus. Both are signs of God's power, restoring life and health through Jesus.

*When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'*

*While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and*

*began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.*

**CREED - Nicene**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant** : We remember how generous the Lord is to us, and in His name we pray to the father.

**Reader**: Let us pray for the church: that it may continue Christ's healing work by caring for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

Let us pray that the peace of Christ will flood the hearts and minds of all who are haunted by their past, dissatisfied with the present and afraid of the future.

Let us pray for those laid low by sickness of body, illness of mind or emptiness of heart, Pris Colchester, Doug Hales, Billy Carter, Jan Ross and all prayed for at shrine prayers May they experience the healing power of God in their need and may those who care for them be strengthened in their work.

Let us pray for those with no one to care for them, no one to touch their wounds and no one to introduce them to Christ their Saviour.

Let us pray that we may be aware of the power we have to heal the wounds of others; a kind word to heal a wounded heart or a kind deed to repair the damage done by rejection.

Let us pray for those hoping for the gift of children, and those who have adopted or fostered children.

Let us pray for those who will die today, especially for those who will meet a sudden and unforeseen death; for the elderly and terminally ill and for those who help them face their final days with dignity.

Let us pray for those who feel spiritually dead, that the Lord will reinvigorate them and restore them to the service of his church.

Let us pray for the dead, especially Janet Simmons, recently departed and Bishop David Bentley buried last week– (*pause while candles are lit*). Also for Leonard Phillips; Hazel Baker; Henry Allen; Evelyn Kitchen; Russell Fenning; Frank Taylor; Hilda Riley; Herbert Spalding; Maldwyn Williams; Ron Abbott; John Fisher; William Hendry; Robert Knock; Ernest Rodwell and Colin Skilling.

In union with the whole church, we honour Our Lady and seek to pray with her.  
**Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee, blessed art though 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**

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