

**Thank you to Fr. John for celebrating Parish Mass this week**

There are no services here until Sat 10<sup>th</sup> July

**This week – Divine Office – Psalter Week 2**

**Mon:** (Gen 28 v.10-22; Matt. 9v.18-26). Int: Sick children

**Tues:** (Gen 32 v.23-33; Matt 9v.32-38)  
Int: Additional Curates Society

**Wed:** (Gen 41v.55-57; 42v.5-7, 17-24; Matt 10v.1-7)  
Int: Those recently ordained

**Thurs:** (Gen 44v.18-21; 23-29; 45v.1-5; Matt 10v.7-15)  
Int: The hungry and homeless

**Fri:** (Gen 46v.1-7; 28-30, Matt 10 v.16-23).  
Int: Divided families

**Sat:** 7:30 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday. Int: All preparing for Baptism  
Readings as tomorrow

**Next Sunday: 15<sup>th</sup> of Year B**

9.30am Parish Mass, Address and  
Holy Baptism of Max and Harry  
(Amos 7 v. 12-15; Eph. 1 v. 3-14; Mark 6 v. 7-13.)

**NOTICES:**

1. Please support the Baptism of Max and Harry at Parish Mass next week, when, together with George they will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. We will have tea/ coffee/ nibbles after – safely distanced. If the weather is good it will be outside; otherwise served to people in their pews. Thanks to Jean Martin who is arranging this. Please speak to her if you are able to help. I want Max, Harry and George to have a good welcome here; they are being Confirmed on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.00pm.
2. July magazine is available
3. List on table for Mendlesham Assumptiontide beer.

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**  
**14<sup>th</sup> of Year B**

**Theme:** Christ's rejection by his fellow countrymen did not deter him from his mission, although it must have saddened as well as amazed him. We must expect to meet the same situation. During this Mass we pray for perseverance in our Christian vocation, even in the face of opposition.

**PENITENTIAL RITE.**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, for the chances to witness that we have avoided.  
Lord have mercy.

**People:** **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, for the lack of zealous commitment.  
Christ have mercy.

**People:** **CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for our embarrassment at proclaiming your truth.  
Lord have mercy.

**People:** **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**GLORIA**

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray for forgiveness through the grace of Jesus Christ. Father, through the obedience of Jesus your servant and your Son, you raised a fallen world. Free us from sin and bring us the joy that lasts for ever.*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:**

**1st Reading:** Ezekiel 2 v. 2 – 5: Recalling his prophetic vision, Ezekiel remembers how God's Spirit came to him. He was warned of the hard-heartedness of his listeners, but they would surely know a prophet was among them.

*The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 122

® **Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their Lords. ®

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. ®

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

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**2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12 v. 7 – 10: Paul shares a personal experience: how he discovered that God's power shines through human weakness. He petitioned God to be rid of his affliction which became, in time, a demonstration of God's grace.

*In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.*

**Acclamation: 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:** Mark 6 v. 1 – 6: When Jesus returns to his home town of Nazareth he experiences rejection. He is amazed at his own people's lack of faith and is unable to perform any miracles there.

*Jesus went to his hometown and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.*

**CREED** (Nicene Creed.)

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray with the faith and confidence to God our Father for all our needs.

**Reader:** Let us pray for all who are working to build up the Church in their local area; that they may be guided to see the real needs and present the good news in ways the people understand.

Let us pray for ourselves and those next to us here; that we may be encouraged to share our experience of God's love with some of the people we shall meet this week.

Let us pray for all who seek their vocation in life; that they may be helped to discern the purpose of God and follow his call with great joy. We pray for Harry and Max to be baptised next Sunday.

Let us pray for all who are misjudged and suffer rejection; that the Lord will reveal his love to them, enrich their faith and hasten the day when they are welcomed and accepted.

Let us pray for all who have been ordained deacon and priest; that they may be courageous in bearing witness to Christ in an age of indifference.

Let us pray for those whose Christian voice is not heeded, that they may be one in spirit with the Prophet of Nazareth, who knew what it was to be rejected and be prepared to stand up and be counted for those things in which they fervently believe.

Let us pray for a greater acceptance of Christ's gospel, that we may not be selective in our Christian faith but accept also those truths which disturb our comfortable way of life.

Let us pray for all who need the healing touch of God's mercy in their lives – especially all our parishioners cared for in homes: Trevor Thorpe, Billy Carter, Margaret Maundrell & Hazel Lockwood. We continue to pray for Doug Hales and Pris Colchester

Welcome all who have died in your peace; bring them to everlasting life with our Lady and all the Saints. We pray for Jack O'Brien, Rose Gable, John Sawyer, Peggy Knock Mildred Moore; Phyllis Jackaman; Keith Forsdike, Len Howlett; Dorothy Sykes; Kathleen Pollard; Robert Molyneaux; Fr. Basil McAllister; Ian Scott; Charles Cutting; Teresa Horwill; Ethel Williams; Ruby Robinson; Dorothy Euston; William Wood; Laura Baker, Ernest Baker and Reginald Hutchinson whose anniversaries of death are at this time.

Mary welcomed and cherished the word of God. We ask her 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: God our Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to teach and lead us. May your people today listen to his word and live in his saving grace. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SANCTUS: AGNUS DEI:**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER & ANGELUS**

**Notices and Blessing**