

Tea/coffee after Mass. All welcome.

This week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 3.

Mon: St. Benedict (Feast) Patron of Europe
9.30am Mass (Prov 2 v 1-9; Matt 19 v27-29)
Int: People of Europe

Tues: 9.30 am Mass (Is 7 v1-9; Matt 11 v20-24)
Int. All who reject the Gospel
10.30 - 12.30 Coffee Morning in church

Wed: St. Henry
8.00am Mass (Is 10 v5-7,13-16; Matt 11 v25-27)
Int: HM Queen Elizabeth & her Government

Thurs: St Camillus of Lellis
9.30 am Mass (Is 26 v7-9,12,16-19; Matt 11 v28-30)
Int: All carers

Fri: 7.30pm Mass of Our Lady
Int: Our communicant life

Sat: 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday - Int: Friends of St Mary's
(Readings as Sunday)
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.

NEXT SUNDAY – 16th Sunday of Year C

9.30 am Mass & Address

(Gen. 18 v.1-10. Col. 1 v.24-28. Luke 10 v.38-42).

2.30pm Tour of Norfolk Churches Meet Southburgh; Woodrising;
Cranworth; Shipdham. (The last tour of this year)

NOTICES

1. Advance notice of the Guild of All Souls Annual Mass at West Tofts in the STANTA area of Thetford Forest on 20th July at 6.00pm.
Celbrant: The Bishop of Richborough; preacher: Fr Harri Williams, parish priest of Walsingham and the Barshams.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

15th of Year C

Theme: In today's Mass we hear the supreme command of Jesus in the story of the Good Samaritan, whose actions illustrate what we are asked to do. Let us examine our consciences and ask God's forgiveness for the times we have failed him.

Entrance Hymn: 311 v. 1-4

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have failed to acknowledge every person we meet as our neighbour. Lord have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when our legalistic ways have sometimes blinded us to the Spirit. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have failed to acknowledge you as the good Samaritan who binds up the wounds of our sins. Lord have mercy.

People: Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant Proclaims God's Forgiveness

GLORIA: Mass of St Thomas

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that the Gospel may be our rule of life. God our Father, your light of truth guides us to the way of Christ. May all who follow him reject what is contrary to the Gospel.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

First Reading – Deuteronomy 30 v. 10-14. Moses urges the people to obey God's law, as something not imposed from outside them but which springs up from inside themselves.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 68

®**Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.**

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. ®

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell
there. ®

Second Reading – Colossians 1 v.15-20 Paul asserts the absolute supremacy of Christ. He is the beginning and end of creation, the head of the church, and the universal mediator and redeemer.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Hymn: 311 v. 5 & 6

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

Gospel – Luke 10 v. 25-37 A Jewish Scribe asks Jesus the question: “Who is my neighbour?” In his answer Jesus indicates that anyone who fulfils the command of God’s mercy belongs to God’s community – even those outside the Jewish community.

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, ‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ ‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus ‘do this and life is yours.’

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.” Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands’ hands?’ ‘The one who took pity on him’ he replied. Jesus said to him, ‘Go, and do the same yourself.’

Creed –P7 in Hymn Book – Nicene Creed

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Today’s Gospel tells us that anyone who needs help is our neighbour. We know that we cannot come to the Father except through the Son, whom we meet in our neighbour, so let us pray for all those in need of help.

Reader: Let us pray for all clergy and lay people: that they may reflect the compassion of the Good Samaritan.

Let us pray that God will change the greed in our hearts to generosity for the needy. We pray that we may use the God-given resources of the world properly.

Let us pray for our Queen and her government and all in public office: that they may show special care for the weak, wounded and vulnerable members of society.

Let us pray for all those in the caring professions – health professionals, fire & rescue and ambulance personnel. That they may carry out their tasks with Christ-like compassion.

Let us pray for those who have suffered violence of any sort; mental, verbal or physical. May they be saved from despair by the love of Christ.

Let us pray that we may always be aware of what is happening around us, keeping our eyes and hearts open so we may respond at once to any cry for help.

Let us pray to the Lord who made the blind to see, the deaf to hear and lame to walk. We pray for all anointed at our healing service and all prayed for at shrine prayers. We pray for the sick, especially Lucy Muskett, Julie Gray, Jan Ross and Jan Robinson

Let us pray for the departed, especially William Wood, Laura Baker, Colwyn Studden, Ernest Barker, Reginald Hutchinson, Richard Jones, Hilda Baker, Christina Clarke, Jan Price, Evelyn Hundleby, Marian Riley and Gwen Macdonald, whose anniversaries of death occur this week. May they dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

We ask Mary, our Mother, 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: Father, we know that the Spirit of Jesus urges us to reach beyond our narrow limitations. May we respond with open hearts, Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 184 v. 1-3. Offertory Prayers v. 4 to end.

SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS and MYSTERY OF FAITH: Mass of St Thomas

GREAT AMEN: Mass of St Thomas

(stand) **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosannah! Hosannah! Hosannah in the highest.**

LORD’S PRAYER etc. (Page 11.) **AGNUS DEI:** Mass of St Thomas

Hymns during Holy Communion. Please join in: **19. 179.**

Hymn at Ablutions: **294**

Post Communion Prayer

Angelus

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: **119**