

Welcome to our newly baptised members Harry & Max, who, together with George are making their first Holy Communion today. Thank you to Jean Martin who has organised refreshments after Mass for us to have in a socially distanced way.

**This Week – Divine Office – Psalter Week 3**

**Mon:** 9.30am Mass. (Exodus 1 v8-14,22; Matt 10 v34 - 11v1)  
Int: All oppressed people

**Tues:** 8.00am Mass (Ex 2 v 1-15; Matt 11 v 20-24)  
Int: All persecuted Christians.

**Wed: St Camillus de Lellis**  
9.30am Mass (Ex 3 v 1-6,9-12; Matt. 11 v.25-27)  
Int: The sick

**Thurs: St Bonaventure**  
9.30am Mass (Ex 3 v 13-20; Matt.11 v.28-30)  
Int: More vocations to Christian witness

**Fri: Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
8.00am Mass (Zec 2 v 14-17; Matt 12 v 46-50)  
Int: All pilgrims

**Sat:** 6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday. Readings as on Sunday  
Int: Future of St Joseph's Centre

**Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of Year B**

9.30am Parish Mass & Address  
( Jer. 23 v. 1-6, Eph 2 v.13-18, Mark 6 v.7-13)

**NOTICES**

- 1 Please support Max, George and Harry in their Confirmation by the Bishop of Richborough on Thurs 22nd July at 7.00pm
- 2 Please order Assumptiontide beer - list on table.
3. We would be grateful for gifts of food and drink after the Confirmation.

Please take this bulletin home with you.

11<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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

**THEME:** We are all called and chosen by God to do his work – from our very Baptism we are entrusted with Christ's work of redeeming the world and all mankind. We rejoice in this trust, and renew our faith in him at this Eucharist.

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we fail to be joyful Christian people. Lord have mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our materialistic attitudes to life. Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for being unwilling to share the things we value. Lord have mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

**Gloria**

**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 – Amos 7 v.12-15 When the prophet Amos is ordered by an official functionary to go home, Amos stands by the command of the Lord to prophesy to the people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 84

® **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. ®

® **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. ®

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. ®

Second Reading – Ephesians 1 v. 3-14 We hear a magnificent hymn of praise to God, who chose his people from the beginning of time and revealed his mighty purposes in Christ. In Christ we all belong to God.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Gospel – Mark 6 v. 7-13 Jesus extends his pastoral work by charging his disciples to go out on mission. The twelve are to rely on God for their needs. When they experience rejection, they are to keep moving.

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the

dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

**ADDRESS HOLY BAPTISM:** Max and Harry

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, just as Jesus sent out his apostles, he also sends us to preach his gospel. Let us ask the Lord for all the graces which such a mission requires.

Reader: Let us bring to God's love those whose Christian ministry is in prisons, hospitals, schools or industry; those who work among the homeless and the very poor and in the Missions to Seafarers.

Let us pray for Max & Harry baptised today and for them and George as they receive their first Holy Communion; we pray too for their sponsors Gail and Joanna.

Let us pray for a sense of mission in the community – may we bring Christ's saving Gospel to all those we meet, not trusting in our own strength but in the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.

Let us pray for those in positions of leadership: that they may learn the art of involving others in their work.

Let us pray that we may realise that we show our love for Christ and our fellow people in a most practical way by doing our ordinary work well.

Let us pray for the sick and dying – bring them your healing and comfort – especially all those prayed for at Shrine Prayers. We pray for our house communicants Margaret Maundrell; Billy Carter and Hazel Lockwood.

Let us pray for the faithful departed, that through your mercy they may rest in peace especially – Fr Timothy van Carrapiett, recently departed (pause while a candle is lit) and Richard Jones; Hilda Baker; Christina Clarke; Jan Price, Evelyn Hundleby, Marian Riley, Gwen MacDonald, Hector Buckle, Fr. Fred Prebble, Hilda Muskett, and John Lockwood whose anniversaries occur this week.

Let us ask Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, 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 have listened to the message of your truth. Strengthen our hope in Christ your Son so that we may work to build your kingdom on earth. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.**

Offertory Prayers, **Sanctus. Agnus Dei Post Communion Prayer and Angelus**