

P.C.C. meets today after Mass.

This week: - Divine Office - Psalter week 4.

Mon: 9:30 Requiem Mass July Anniversaries.
(Is 35 v.3-6, 10; Matt. 7 v.24-27)

Tues: 9:30 Mass. Int: Refugees.
(Ex 14 v.21-15v.1; Matt 12 v.46-50)

Wed: 6:30p.m. Mass (Ex 16 v.1-5, 9-15; Matt 13 v.1-9)
followed by confirmation rehearsal.
Int: Walsingham.

Thurs: **ST. MARY MAGDALENE (Feast)**
7.00p.m. Mass and Confirmation (+Norman, Bishop of Richborough)
(1 Cor. 5 v. 14-17; John 20 v.1-2, 11-18)
Int: Our Confirmation candidates George, Harry and Max

Fri: St Bridget (Feast) Co-Patron of Europe
9.30 Mass (Gal 2 v.19-29; John 15 v. 1-8)
Int: People of Europe.

Sat: 6:30pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation.
7:30pm 1st Mass of Sunday. Readings as tomorrow.
Int: Communicants.

Next Sunday - 17th of Year B

9.30am Parish Mass, and Address
(2 Kings 4 v 42-44; Eph 4 v 1-6 John 6 v 1-15)

NOTICES:

1. Thank you to Amanda and Jean for organising last Sunday's Refreshments. It was a great occasion.
2. Please support Max, George and Harry in their confirmation on Thursday. Gifts of food and drink will be much appreciated so that this can be another big celebration.
3. Please order Assumption beer- list in Church
4. I plan to celebrate a Requiem Mass for Fr. Timothy on Friday 30th July at 10.30. The East Suffolk Morris Men hope to attend as Fr Timothy was such a good supporter and friend. No news yet about his funeral, but it looks more likely to be in the first week in August

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

16th of Year B

Theme: Christ is our Shepherd - sensitive to our needs - protecting us - guiding us. We need Christ, just as sheep need their shepherd, if we are to develop and prosper as sons of the Father and members of Christ's flock.

Penitential Rite

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when like sheep we have strayed from our Shepherd. Lord have mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when we have not allowed you to guide us along the right path. Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when we have not allowed ourselves to be reconciled with you, and with each other. Lord have mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Gloria

Opening Prayer: *Let us pray to be kept faithful in the service of God.* Lord, be merciful to your people. Fill us with your gifts and make us always eager to serve you in faith, hope and love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23 v. 1-6: Jeremiah pronounces God's judgement on the shepherds of Israel who have neglected the flock committed to their charge. God will one day raise up a true shepherd, interested in his people.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22

Ⓜ The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. Ⓜ

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. Ⓜ

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. Ⓜ

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. Ⓜ

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2 v. 13-18: In this letter St. Paul reminds his people that the Jews and Gentiles had become reconciled with each other and with God.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father

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

Gospel: Mark 6 v. 30-40: Jesus invites the apostles to have a rest after their missionary labours. The crowds catch up with them but Jesus has pity on them because he sees they are leaderless.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Address Creed: Nicene

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Let us now pray to the lord and put our trust in him.

Reader: Let us pray for all shepherds of God's people: that they will continue to care for the people committed to their charge, leading them with confidence and integrity.

Let us pray for the work of the Additional Curates Society. For all who support its aims; for the parishes it gives grants to and the work of encouraging vocations to the priesthood.

Let us pray for areas of tension in the World. Lord, calm anger and bitterness that can only divide and alienate; pour ointment on the wounds that only time can heal so we can begin to create a future of justice, love and peace.

Let us pray for all those who have left the Church of God because they have been neglected or overlooked: that the Lord will send true shepherds to guide them and show them his tender care.

Let us pray for all who teach religion to the young. Let them be attentive not only to doctrine but to the personal needs of their students with their unique talents and weaknesses.

Let us pray for Harry, Max and George to be confirmed on Thursday. May their strengthened faith be always a source of joy to them and a guide to their actions for the rest of their lives.

Let us pray for all who are sick and suffering in mind or body; that they will make up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ through their patience & acceptance especially Julie Gray, Jimmy Pipe, Doug Hales, Jan Ross and all prayed for in shrine prayers.

Let us pray for those who have died that they may be loosed from their sins; we pray for Amy Monksfield, John Hame, John Giffin, Jim Abbott, Bertram Roberts, Sally Juby, Ethel Wright, Helena Cleverly, Spencer Clarke, Allan Baker, Henry Pelham, May Thorpe, Peter Croft, Christian King, Muriel Henderson and Glynis Clements whose anniversaries of death fall this week.

Mary, Mother of the Church guide us as we pray together. **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: Almighty God and Father, we pray that you will always take pity on us and be our shepherd and our King. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Prayers. Sanctus

Lord's prayer. Agnus Dei Holy Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Angelus at Shrine of Our Lady

Blessing