

19th July 2020

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

16th of Year A – Onscreen Bulletin

Please keep silence from 09.25am to prepare for Mass.

Theme: We live in hope that the Kingdom established by Christ will be a reality on earth. During this Mass we pray that we will not lose hope or be tainted by those standards upheld by a non-Christian world.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not responded to your great love when you died on the cross to redeem us. Lord have mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not acknowledged you as being full of love and compassion, abounding in mercy and truth. Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not been open to the Holy Spirit in times of weakness. Lord have mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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: Wisdom 12 v. 13, 16-19: The author of Wisdom reflects how God's sovereign power makes him lenient in judgement. This characteristic of God should teach us a lesson to be kindly to other people.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85

® **O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

® **O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

All the nations come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. ®

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. ®

2nd Reading: Romans 8 v. 26-27: Paul teaches the Christians in Rome about praying in the Spirit. They should allow the Spirit to pray in them and this prayer will surely express the mind of God.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of your mind, so that we can see what hope His call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13 v. 24-43: Jesus speaks about the lowly beginnings. People should be patient when they see how God is slow to judge; they should use the time to bear fruit themselves.

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

CREED – Apostles' Creed

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: All the nations shall come to adore the Lord and glorify His name, for He does marvellous things and Holy is His name. Let us come to the Lord and pray with faith for all mankind.

Reader:

We pray for a spirit of understanding so that Christians may grasp the message of the parables and grow in faith.

We commend to God all who are concerned with the bereaved, especially nurses, doctors, undertakers, registrars and priests that they may find words and actions that are truly comforting.

We pray for all those who have been victims of violence: that they may not allow themselves to be poisoned by bitterness.

Friend of the hungry multitudes, touch our selfish hearts that we, and all mankind, may share with our less fortunate brethren the food our world produces for human joy and well-being.

Let us pray for all Christians; that we will resist the temptation to exclude people from the community but leave judgement to the Lord of the Harvest.

Let us pray for ourselves; that we will be patient with the slowness of our growth and the slowness of God's justice. May we use our time to bear fruit ourselves. We give thanks for a great improvement of health in Maria Everett and Ken Davis. Let us pray for the healing of the sick especially for our parishioners in homes and for Nichola Berry, Michael Denny, Janice Ross, Billy Carter, Jessica Mercer, Joan Hill, Ralph Lambert, Mick Pugh, Jean Tierney and John Downie – We pray that they may grow into an even closer union with God who lives in them.

Fulfil, Lord, the hopes of those who sleep in your peace: bring them to that final resurrection when you will be all in all especially Carl Collins, recently departed (pause while candle is lit), and Jim Abbott, Bertram Roberts, Sally Juby, Ethel Wright, Helena Cleverly, Spencer Clarke, Allan Baker, Henry Pelham, May Thorpe, Peter Croft, Christian King, Muriel Henderson, Glynis Clements whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Mary stored up many things in her heart and pondered on them. Let us pray with her for a deeper understanding - **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, it is your Spirit who prays on our behalf and so it is with confidence, that we make these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION For those unable to receive the Sacrament,

Dear Lord, since I cannot receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from you.

**ANGELUS
BLESSING**

This week- Divine Office Psalter week 4

Mon: 9.30 Mass (Micah 6 v. 1-4, 6-8; Matt. 12 v. 38-42)
Int: Christian Aid.

Tues: 9.30 Mass (Micah 7 v. 14-15, 18-20; Matt. 12 v. 46-50)
Int: All who care for the Sick.

Wed: **ST. MARY MAGDALENE** (Feast)
8.00am. Mass (2 Cor. 5 v 14-17; John 20 v. 1-2, 11-18)
Int: Walsingham

Thurs: **ST. BRIDGET** (Feast)
6.30pm Mass (Gal 2 v. 19-20; John 15 v. 1-8)
Int: Queen and Government

Fri: **St. Christopher**
9.30 Mass (Jer. 3 v. 14-17; Matt. 13 v.18-23)
Int: All who travel

Sat: **ST. JAMES**-Apostle (Feast)
9.30 Mass (II Cor. 4 v. 7-15; Matt. 20 v. 20-28)
Int: All Pilgrims

Next Sunday – 17th of Year A

9.30am Parish Mass & Address
(1 Kings 3 v. 5, 7-12; Romans 8 v. 28-30; Matt. 13 v. 44-52)

- 1 Please take copies of "Together" at the back of the church
- 2 Please contribute to our running costs at St. Mary's. We lag behind other churches in the deanery.
- 3 'Easter Candles' for the departed which could not be lit at Easter will be lit on Sunday 2nd August every day for the following 7 weeks. We have the record of all ordered and paid for. If you had not ordered a candle for a loved one and would like to do so, please PRINT the name of your departed loved one(s) and give to Fr Philip or Anne by the end of next Sunday (26th July). They cost £9 (3 large candles). If you had already ordered any and have not yet paid for them, please do so as soon as possible.

Thought for the week: "When we say a situation or person is hopeless you are slamming the door in the face of God" (Charles L Allen)