

Hymn at Ablutions: 623.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 104.

Angelus (in the front of the hymn book)

Tea/coffee after Mass. All welcome, please stay.

This week - Divine Office - Psalter Week 1

Mon: St. JAMES, APOSTLE (Feast)

9.30 am Mass (2 Cor. 4 v. 7-15; Matt 20 v.20-28)

Int: The Diocese & its Bishops.

Tues: SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady

9.30 am Mass. (Jer. 14 v. 17-22; Matt. 13 v. 36-43)

Int: All Grandparents.

10.30-12.30 Coffee in Church.

Wed: 8.00 am Mass. (Jer. 15 v. 10, 16-21; Matt. 13 v. 44-46)

Int: All searching for faith.

Thurs: 9.30 am Mass. (Jer. 18 v. 1-6; Matt. 13 v. 47-53)

Int: Those who have lapsed.

Fri: SS Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

9.30 am Mass. (Jer.26 v. 1-9; John 11 v. 19-27)

Int: Home & Family Life.

Sat: 10:00 am 1st Mass of Sunday (Readings as Sunday.)

Int: The Terminally Ill.

4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Next Sunday: 18th of Year C

9.30 am Parish Mass and Address

(Ecc. 1 v. 2 & 2 v. 21-23; Col. 3 v. 1-5, 9-11; Luke 12 v. 13- 21)

NOTICES

1. Orders for Mendlesham Beer – list on bier.
2. Andi has forms for Ride & Stride Day for Churches – Sat 10 Sept. We need to raise money for electrical work and the armoury roof.
3. Please note our Patronal Weekend is 12/13/14 Aug.

24th July 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

17th of Year C

THEME: The Mass is above all a great opportunity to pray and is itself a prayer – the greatest of all prayers. Let us make sure we do pray. The Word of God will tell us the kind of things for which we ought to pray. We also have to open our hearts and make the prayers and needs of others our own.

Entrance Hymn: 262 v. 1 - 5.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for failing to recognise the work of Scripture as a way of knowing you. Lord have Mercy. **People:**(sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have been too busy to pray. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we are selfish and self seeking in prayer. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

GLORIA –St Thomas setting – words on paper

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that we will make good use of the gifts that God has given us. God the Father and Protector without you nothing is holy, nothing has value. Guide us to everlasting life by helping us to use wisely the blessings you have given to the world.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: Genesis 18 v. 20-32: Abraham petitions God not to destroy two cities for the sake of the innocent and manages to reduce the number to ten. God reveals how his justice is qualified by his mercy.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 137

Ⓜ **On the day I called, You answered me, O Lord.**

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| 1. I thank you Lord with all my heart.
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.Ⓜ | 2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.Ⓜ |
| 3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.Ⓜ | 4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.Ⓜ |

2nd Reading: Colossians 2 v. 12-14: Paul argues that only baptism is necessary since it unites everyone to Christ. In the cross of Christ our sins are forgiven.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Hymn: 262 v 6&7

Gospel 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: Luke 11 v.1-13: Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray the 'Our Father' then tells a parable illustrating that prayer should be persistent and confident. Compare this with the timidity of Abraham's prayer in the first reading.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."'

He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Address Creed – Nicene (p7)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Christ our Saviour urges us to approach God with trust and confidence since he is our Father and we are his children. Let us do so, remembering that Jesus himself says, 'Ask the Father anything in my name'.

Reader: Let us pray for every member of the Church. May each one listen to the word of the Lord and learn to pray in the way Jesus taught us.

Let us pray for those who find it hard to forgive. May the grace of forgiveness enter into their hearts that they may know peace.

Let us pray that everywhere the name of the Father may be held holy: that the Father's Kingdom of love, justice and peace may come more fully upon us and may begin in our hearts

Let us pray for those responsible for public order. May they work for the coming of the values of the Kingdom of God.

Let us pray for the sick, especially Geoff Hobbs, Lucy Muskett, Jan Robinson, Julie Gray and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers.

Let us pray that all may have daily bread, remembering especially all those who are hungry today and do not appreciate the wonder of the Eucharist.

Let us pray for our church that it may be a power-house of love and prayer in the community. We pray for all our visitors over this holiday season.

The dead suffered the pain and loss of human life; give them the fullness of life and love in heaven; especially Henry Pelham, May Thorpe, Peter Croft, Christian King, Muriel Henderson, Glynis Clements, Philip Edwards, John Williams, Frances Russell and Fr. Clive Beresford whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

At Mary's request Jesus worked his first great sign at Cana. Let us now pray with her. **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee; blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of they 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: Gracious Father, your Son told us to ask and we would receive. Help us to trust always in your loving ways, and to accept what you know is best for us. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn: 49 v.1.

Offertory Prayers: Hymn: 49 v. 2-4

St Thomas Setting: **Sanctus/Benedictus - Mystery of Faith - Great Amen**

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament.
Hosannah, Hosannah, Hosannah in excelsis!**

Mass continues on Page 11 of the Hymn Book.

Agnus Dei – St Thomas setting

Hymns at Holy Communion: 231; 99. (Please join in.)