

Coffee and tea in Church after Mass. Please stay, all are welcome.

This week: Divine Office - Psalter week 2.

Mon: St. Alphonsus

No Mass today at St Mary's
Int: Our Communicant life.

Tues. 9.30 am Requiem Mass – August Anniversaries
(Eccles. 3 v. 1-8, 11; Matt. 13 v. 4-9)

10:30 am – 12:30 Coffee in Church

Wed. 8.00 am Mass (Jer. 31 v. 1-7; Matt 15 v. 21-28)
Int: Greater faith in Ministry of Healing.

Thu. St. John Vianney

9.30 am Mass (Jer. 31 v. 31-34; Matt 16v.13-23)
Int: All parish priests.

Fri. Mass of Transfiguration

9.30 am Mass (Daniel 7 v. 9-10, 13-14; Luke 9 v. 28-36)
Int: Peace of the World.

4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

10.00 am 1st Mass of Sunday (readings as on Sunday)
Int: Readiness for Christ's coming.

2.30 pm Tour of Round Towered Churches
Brandiston, Morton-on-the-Hill, Taverham.

Next Sunday - 19th of Year C

9.30 am Parish Mass & Address
(Wisdom 18 v. 6-9; Hebrews 11 v. 1-2, 8-19; Luke 12 v. 32-48)

NOTICES:

1. Next Healing Service – Wed 24 Aug, 2:30 pm
2. Ride & Stride Day for Churches – Sat 10 Sept. Please see Andi.
3. Please support our Summer Festival, Fri 12 Aug at 7:00 pm.
Blessing of Beer, Sung Mass, Address, Procession of Our Lady & Benediction.
Preacher: Fr James McCluskey, Vicar of St James' Colchester.
8:45 pm Hot dogs, Beer, Wine, Soft drinks, Tombola
9:15 pm Fireworks to Music (if conditions allow!)
 - More helpers needed; please see Anne or sign list on bier.
 - Also sign list to order beer.
4. Please support Stowmarket Food Bank. Red boxes by the door.

Prayer based on today's address:

Deliver us Lord from the demon of greed for material things.
May we grow in love of God and care for all in need.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

18th of Year C

Theme: Today's readings should stop us all in our tracks! Of course we have to pay for food, energy, clothing and the essentials of life, but we often get bogged down by buying unnecessary things or generally trying to get more money. But where we are going none of these things will help us!

Entrance Hymn: 60 v 1-3

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our greed and covetousness. Lord have mercy.

People: (Ukrainian Kyries sing:) **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our envy and jealousy. Christ have mercy.

People: **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the hoarding of your gifts. Lord have mercy.

People: **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

GLORIA –Sanctus setting – words on laminated card.

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray to the Father whose kindness never fails.* God our Father, gifts without measure flow from your goodness to bring us your peace. Our life is your gift. Guide our life's journey, for only your love makes us whole. Keep us strong in your love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1 v 2 & 2 v 21-23. The author is quoting words of Solomon to enforce to his Jewish readers that material wealth is unsatisfying.

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

® O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust
and say: "Go back, sons of men"
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. ®

2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the
morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. ®

3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of the heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity on your servants. ®

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. ®

2nd Reading: Colossians 3 v 1-5, 9-11. St. Paul gives some general rules for Christian behaviour. We must seek things that are above by leading a good life in this world.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Hymn: 60 v 4 & 5.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! The word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12 v 13-21. Jesus tells the crowd a parable which illustrates the supreme importance of the soul and its salvation. We need to be detached from worldly goods.

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

ADDRESS CREED: Page 7 of Hymn Books (Nicene)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Whatever we do we are always unprofitable servants, we are not self-sufficient and we bring our needs and those of all mankind to God.

Reader: Let us pray that we may have the gift of wisdom; that we may get our priorities in tune with those of the Gospel.

Let us pray for all followers of Christ: that they may not judge success in life by the amount of money they earn or the amount of possessions they manage to acquire.

Let us pray for our political leaders: that they may work untiringly to ensure a fair distribution of the wealth of our country.

Let us pray that we may realise that the most valuable things in life are things which no amount of money can buy - health, friendships, peace of mind and goodness of heart.

Let us pray for those in charge of world finance: that they may never lose sight of the fact that people are more important than wealth and may they always seek to help those in need.

Let us pray for those who are obsessed with money: that they may appreciate that this life is passing and that the pursuit of money is vanity of all vanities.

Let us pray that the rich nations of the world will learn to conserve and share the world's resources and not flaunt their greed in front of the poor. We pray especially for the work of Christian Aid.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick, especially Jan Robinson, Julie Gray and Amy Muskett.

Let us pray for those who have died, especially Geoff Hobbs, Katy Varley, Margaret Orr, John Rowe, Brenda Liddament, Joyce Deverell, Fr John Larter, Tony Walker, Herbert Jackaman, George Jarvis, Sybil Kitchen, Allan Tye, Mabel White, Winifred Dennis and Owen Jones, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May Mary pray that we will learn from her Son what it means to be poor and humble – **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee; blessed art thou amongst 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**

SILENCE

All: Father, the world is full of false gods. Strip away the idolatry of our hearts. May your people love others as you love them. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 227 v 1

Offertory Prayers

Hymn 227 v 2 & 3.

SANCTUS: Sanctus setting

Mystery of Faith

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

AGNUS DEI: Sanctus setting

Hymns at Holy Communion; please join in. 145, 297

Hymn at Ablutions: 37

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

ANGELUS

Notices

BLESSING

Recessional Hymn: 388