

2nd August 2020

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

18th of Year A

Please keep silence from 9.25am to prepare for Mass

THEME: Jesus is the very food of every Christian's life. We can allow nothing to take first place before him. In this Mass we receive the Bread of Life who satisfies our every need.

Blessing of candles for the dead (Holy Cross Chapel)

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Because we often waste the gifts you have given us.
Lord have Mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant: Because we sometimes use your gifts for evil.
Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant: When we try to escape from the demands of living with other people.
Lord have mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Gloria

OPENING PRAYER: Let us pray for the gift of God's forgiveness and love.

Father of everlasting goodness, our origin and guide, be close to us and hear the prayers of all who praise you. Forgive our sins and restore us to life. Keep us safe in your love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: Isaiah 55 v. 1 - 3. We are presented with an invitation to come to the Lord. He promises food and drink and an eternal covenant.

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 144

® **You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. ®

The eyes of all creature look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. ®

® **You open wide your hand, O Lord, You grant our desires.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. ®

2nd Reading: Romans 8 v. 35, 37 - 39 St. Paul proclaims that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: (all)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14 v 13 - 21. Jesus, full of compassion for his companions, surrenders his need of peaceful withdrawal in order to heal the sick and feed the hungry. The four actions - blessing, breaking, giving and eating - all point forward to the Eucharist in which Jesus gives himself to us.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

CREED on Sunday; Apostles' Creed

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: The fullness of life is to know the Father and Jesus whom he has sent. Let us pray that the Father and Son will make themselves known to their people.

Reader: Let us pray for Christians divided among themselves: that in becoming more like Christ, they may become nearer to each other.

Let us pray for the people of God, that all may respond to his invitation to share in the food and drink that Christ gives us.

Let us pray for deprived people; for those who have no food and those who are spiritually starved.

Let us pray for our parish: for the elderly and lonely, for parents of young children and for young people: that God will guide them and show them his purpose in life.

Let us pray for those who come to receive the Eucharist: that they may continue to meet Jesus in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray that we may be able to see Christ in the signs that He left us: giving us life in baptism, forgiving us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, strengthening us with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation; nourishing us in the Eucharist.

Let us pray for Thomas and Emma whose banns of marriage are called today may they be witnesses of God's love by the concern they show one another.

Mindful of God's generosity to us, may we strive to be generous to others.

We give thanks for the improvement in health of Janice Ross and pray for the sick and disabled, especially: Nichola Berry, Michael Denny, Billy Carter, Jessica Mercer, Joan Hill, Mick Pugh, Jean Tierney, John Downie and Clarice Bentley.

Let us pray for all who are facing death. We pray too for Brenda Liddament, Joyce Deverall, Fr John Larter, Tony Walker, Herbert Jackaman; Ronald Jarvis; Sybil Kitchen; Allan Tye; Mabel White; Winifred Dennis; Owen Jones, Elisabeth Jespersion (anniversaries) and all commemorated by candles in the Holy Cross Chapel.

Like every mother, Mary taught her Son to love. We ask her to continue her work as Mother of God's people. **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, show us your Son and help us to know him, love him, hear him and work with him for the welfare of all peoples. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mass continues with Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Post Communion Prayer and Angelus at the Shrine of Our Lady.

This week - Divine Office - Psalter Week 2

Mon: 9.30 Mass (Jer. 28 v.1-17; Matt 14 v.13-21)
Int: All who travel by sea
. 10.00 – 10.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tue: St. John Vianney. Patron saint of Parish Priests.
9.30. Mass (Ezekiel 3v.16-21. Matt 9v.35 – 10v.1)
Int: All Parish Priests

Wed: Dedication of St. Mary Major.
9.30 Mass. Int: Shrines of Our Lady (Rev.21v.1-5. Luke 11v.27-28)

Thurs: TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD.
9.30 Mass.(Daniel 7v.9-10,13-14. Matt 17v.1-9)
Int: Peace of the world

Fri: St. Sixtus
8.00 Mass. (Nahum 2 v1; 3 v.1-3; 6-7. Matt 16 v 24-28).
Int: Society of the Holy Cross

Sat: St Dominic.
9.00 Mass (Habakkuk 1v.12-2v.4. Matt 17v.14-20) Int: Sick children

NEXT SUNDAY: 19 of Year A

9.30am Parish Mass and Address
(II Kings 19v 9, 11-13; Romans 9v 1-5, Matt. 14v 22-33)

NOTICES

1. The PCC will meet on Sunday 23rd August at 10.30 approx
2. On 16th August – Assumption of Our Lady – I suggest we bring our own lunches and eat in the churchyard

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I used to ask God to help me
Then I asked God if I might help him.
(Hudson Taylor)