

This week: Divine Office Psalter Week 2

- Mon.** 8.00am Mass. Int: Christian Aid
(Numbers 11 v. 4-15; Matt. 14 v. 13-21)
- Tues.** 9.30m Mass. Int: Mission to Seafarers
(Numbers 12 v. 1-13; Matt 14 v. 22-36)
- Wed. St. John Vianney**
9.30 Mass Int. Parish Priests
(Numbers 13 v. 1-2, 25, 14 v1,26-29,34-35; Matt 15 v. 21-28)
- Thurs. Dedication of St. Mary Major**
Numbers 20v.1-13, Matt.16v.13-23
No service at Mendlesham. Fr. Timothy's Requiem
at St. Barnabas, Tunbridge Wells – 12.00 noon
- Fri. TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (Feast)**
9.30am Mass Int: Peace of the world.
(2Peter 1v.16-19. Mark 9v.2-10)
- Sat. St. Sixtus**
10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: communicants
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

NEXT SUNDAY: 19th of Year B

9.30am Parish Mass, Address and Holy Baptism
(1 Kings 19 v. 4 – 8; Eph. 4 v 30 – 5 v. 2; John 6 v. 41 - 51)

NOTICES:-

1. Patronal Festival - 13th August – Sung Mass, Procession and Benediction (Bishop of Richborough). Fireworks, Hot Dogs, Draw and Beer Tent afterwards (wine and soft drinks also available.) Beer blessed at the Mass. Please order asap. Jean Martin is running a draw. If you are able to donate a prize, please give it to her. Please also take a poster to display.

2. Tuesday - Coffee Mornings begin this Tuesday 10.30 – 12.30 and will take place every week.

1st August, 2021

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

18th of Year B

THEME: Jesus is the very food of every Christian 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: 262 v 1-5

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not acknowledged you as the bread of life come down from heaven. Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for not always seeing you as the image of the unseen God. Christ have mercy.

People: CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have neglected being fed by your word and sacrament. Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY.

GLORIA: Sanctus setting

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: Exodus 16 v. 2 – 4, 12 - 15. The Israelites had been one month on their journey in the desert since they left Egypt and had no food or drink left. The reading tells of how God provided them with food, and calls us to trust in the God who hears us and feeds us in our need.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'"

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps.77 @The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might.®

® **The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. ®

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.®

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4 v. 17, 20 - 24 St. Paul writing to the Christians of Ephesus emphasised that Christians who share in the Lord's supper must live as Jesus did.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Hymn: 262 v 6&7

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6 v. 24 - 35 This is a continuation of last Sunday's reading when we heard the story of the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus promises to feed his followers with the bread of life.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said, 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**BLESSING OF JIMMY & BRENDA JUBY - GOLDEN WEDDING
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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God alone can give us the bread of eternal life. Let us pray that we may hunger for this bread so that we may enjoy even now a taste of the new life Christ promised his followers.

Reader: Let us pray that Christians, who are fed with the one body may work together in peace and harmony to bring about God's Kingdom on earth.

Let us pray for our parish; that we may always be a caring community.

Let us pray for those who are going through the desert right now, the desert of hardship, trial and pain; that God may give them the bread of endurance.

Let us pray for those who have not enough to eat, that we strive to nourish not only their souls but also their bodies.

Let us pray for a deeper appreciation of the Mass; that we may realise it should be at the centre of our lives; and may we who share the same table, be one in mind, heart and spirit.

Let us pray for Jimmy and Brenda who celebrate their Golden Wedding this weekend. May the life they have shared together for 50 years be a sign to them and to others of God's abiding love for his children

Let us pray for the sick – especially our parishioners in homes – and for Doug Hales, Julie Gray, Lucy Muskett and Jimmy Pipe

Let us pray for all who have died – especially Michael Denny (buried last week – candle lit) John Rowe, Brenda Liddament, Joyce Deverell, Fr. John Larter, Herbert Jackaman, George Jarvis, Sybil Kitchen Allan Tye, Mabel White, Winifred Dennis, Owen Jones and Tony Walker whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Like every mother, Mary taught her son to love. We ask her to continue her work as mother of God's people as we pray **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: Lord, your word and way give us nourishment to sustain the journey of life. Help us to be channels of your love and peace in a world hungry for what you offer. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 219v.1&2 Offertory Prayers – 219 v.3 - end

SANCTUS: Sanctus setting

**Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in Excelsis**

AGNUS DEI: Sanctus Setting

Post communion prayer

Angelus

Recessional hymn 184