

Tea/Coffee in Church after Mass. Please stay.

This week: Divine Office - Psalter Week 4

Mon. Vigil of Assumption of Our Lady

6.30 pm Said Mass & Crowning of Our Lady

Int. The dying

(1 Chron 15 v 3-4, 15-16, 16 v -2; 1 Cor.15 v 54-57; Luke 11 v 27-28)

Tues. ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

9.30am Mass Intention: Parish & Congregation

(Rev 11 v 19, 12 v 1-6 & 10; 1 Cor 15 v 20-26; Luke 1 v 39-56)

10.30 - 12.30 Teas, coffee, cake etc in Church

Wed. St Stephen of Hungary

8.00am Mass Intention: HM the King & Government

(Deut. 34 c 1-2; Matt 18 v 15-20)

Thurs. 9.30am St Helen

Intention: The bereaved

(Phil 2 v 6-11; John 3 v 13-17)

Fri. Assumption of Our Lady - External Observance

7.00pm Sung Mass of the Assumption, Blessing of Mendlesham's Beer, Address, Procession of Our Lady of Walsingham & Benediction. Celebrant & Preacher: the Bishop of Richborough.

(Readings as on Sunday)

Intention: Soc of Mary & Soc of Our Lady of Walsingham

Beer Tent (+ wine and soft drinks), Hot Dogs, Draw

Sat. 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday Int: Communicants

4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Readings as on Sunday)

NEXT SUNDAY: ASSUMPTION SUNDAY

9.30am Parish Mass and Address

(Rev 11 v 19, 12 v 1-6 & 10; 1 Cor 15 v 20-26; Luke 1 v 39-56)

NOTICES:-

1. Please support our Summer Festival. List on table for beer orders
2. Chris would like offers of draw prizes for Friday and also needs help on Friday both before the festival in putting up tents etc; after the Mass helping in the beer tent etc and clearing away afterwards – possibly on Saturday..

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass.

13th August 2023

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

19th of Year A

THEME : In today's readings we hear of God's power over the forces of nature, yet despite all that power and mastery, if our hearts and minds remain closed by fear, God is powerless. We need to be open to receive his powerful love. The readings present us with a challenge to face and overcome the true enemy of faith, fear.

Entrance Hymn : **264 v. 1&2**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, for our fear - the fear that closes us off to God's presence and love. Lord have mercy.

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

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, for the fear that closes us off from each other. Christ have mercy. People : **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we feel neglected and depressed and our trust in your goodness seems to fail. Lord have mercy.

People : **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

Gloria Sanctus setting (Words on laminated sheet)

OPENING PRAYER : *Let us pray in the spirit that we may grow in the love of God.* Almighty and ever living God, your spirit made us your children, confident call you Father. Increase your spirit within us and bring us to our promised inheritance. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading - 1 Kings 19 v. 9, 11-13. The forces of nature, wind, earthquake and fire, demonstrate God's power. Yet God can also speak with a tiny whisper. God is a God of gentleness who calls us from the caves of our own hearts to meet and speak with him.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

® **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace:

His help is near for those that fear Him and his glory will dwell in our land. ®

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. ®

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. ®

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Second Reading - Romans 9 v. 1-5. The second reading testifies to Paul's faith, a faith that gives him courage to follow his conscience and proclaim the truth of Jesus the Lord.

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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 Hymn: **264 v.3**

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Gospel - Matthew 14 v. 22-33. The Gospel reading shows the power of Jesus over nature. But more importantly, it shows the power of faith in Jesus to overcome fear. It is fear that makes us sink into despair. It is faith that allows us to walk through life's storms.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Address Creed - Nicene (pg 7 of hymn book)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant : As God called Elijah out of the cave, God calls out of ourselves to be aware of and serve the needs of others. Let us pray now for one another.

Reader: Let us pray that all God's people may learn to see his actions at work in the

little and ordinary, and learn from them.

Let us pray for those who would like to believe but do not know how.

Let us pray to the Lord for all who live in fear; for those who have no freedom; for those whose lives are dominated by war.

Let us pray for the church throughout the world, that in the storms that assail the Christian Community, our faith may not fail. May we always remember Christ's presence among us. We pray especially for Forward in Faith.

Let us pray and all who will visit our church next weekend for our Patronal Festival, that its peace and tranquility may learn to face the storms of life.

Let us pray for the sick and suffering, for all anointed at last week's healing service and those prayed for at Shrine prayers. We continue to pray for Angie Wilson, Jim Wilson, Marjorie Rousseau, Ivan Hales, Andrew & Julie Gray, Jan Robinson, Jimmy Jubly and Jan Ross.

Let us pray for those who have died, especially Frank Burch, John Downes, Jillian Shadbolt, John French, George Finbow, Owen Lambert, Frederick Markham, Russell Brundish, Lilian Spalding, Louie Weston, Violet Elliott, Joyce Scott, and Val Hunt– whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Calling to mind the obedience and faith of Blessed Mary, let us ask for her prayers: **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.**

SILENCE

All: Heavenly Father, the hand of your loving kindness gently yet powerfully guides us all the moments of our lives. Strengthen our little faith, so that we may walk with confidence over the waves of danger towards your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mass continues on page 8 of hymn book

Offertory Hymn : **67 v. 1- 2.** Offertory Prayers (p.8 of Hymn Book) : **v. 3 to end**

Sanctus – Sanctus setting Mystery of Faith – Sanctus setting
Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament
Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in excelsis

Lord's Prayer Agnus Dei – Sanctus setting

Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail holding a hymn book.

Hymns at Holy Communion. Please join in : **508, 145**

Hymn at Ablutions: **179**

Post Communion Prayer Angelus Notices Blessing

Recessional Hymn : **253**