

Tea/Coffee in Church after Mass. Please stay if you can.

This Week – Divine Office Week 3 of Psalter

Mon: St Dominic

9.30am Mass – Int: Queen Elizabeth and her government
(Ezekiel; Matt. 17 1v.2-5,24-28v. 22-27.)

Tues: St Theresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)

9:30am Mass. – Int: People of Europe
(Hosea 2v,16-17,21-22. Matthew 25v.1-13.)

10-12,30 Coffee in Church.

4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wed: St. Lawrence

8.00am Mass Int: All ordinands
(2 Cor.9v.6-10. John 12v.24-26)

Thurs: St Clare

9:30am Mass. (Ezekiel 9v.1-7,10v,18-22. Matthew 18v.15-20)
Int: Religious orders

4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fri: Vigil of ASSUMPTION

7:00pm Solemn Mass and Address, Procession of Our Lady of
Walsingham and Benediction. Blessing of beer
(1 Chron.15v.3-4,15-16. 16v.1-2. 1Cor.15v.54-57. Luke 11v.27-28)
Int: Society of Mary and our Lady of Walsingham

8.00pm Hot dogs, beer, wine and soft drinks.

~~(9.15pm Fireworks cancelled due to weather conditions)~~

Sat: 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday. (Readings as on Sunday.)

4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday ASSUMPTION SUNDAY

9:30am Parish Mass and Address.

(Rev. 11 v.19; 12 v.1-6, 10; 1 Cor. 15 v.20-27; Luke 1 v.39-56.)

NOTICES:

1. Next healing service – Wednesday 24th August at 2.30pm

2. Ride and stride day – Saturday 10th September

3. Auntie Jean and Jean Martin are running a tombola next Friday and would welcome items for it.

4. Please support our Summer Festival on Friday and Sunday and don't forget to order your beer. Help needed to put up tent on Wed at 2.30pm.

5. Extra times this week for Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for our Patronal Festival

6. The Friends of St Mary's are having a produce stall at the URC on Saturday 3rd September 10.00-12.00. We need to support their functions if we are to pay for the lead panels on the Armoury; to have electrics brought up to standard and new fire extinguishers.

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THEME: The themes of expectancy, readiness and journeying in today's liturgy point to the radical nature of faith's demands. We are asked to be on the alert in order to recognise the call of the Lord when it comes to us, and to be ready to answer the Lord without hesitation, no matter when the call comes into our life and no matter where it may lead us.

Entrance Hymn: 427 v. 1-3.

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we give way to feelings of neglect and depression. Lord have mercy. **People (sing) Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when the darkness of our lives seems predominant. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when our trust in your goodness seems to fail. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

GLORIA: Dom Gregory setting – on yellow card

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 to call you Father. Increase your Spirit within us and bring us to our promised inheritance.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

First Reading – Wisdom 18 v. 6-9: The chosen people rejoice and thank God. Their faith in his power has been rewarded by the gift of the promised land.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32

®Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. ®

2. The Lord looks on those who
revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine ®

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Ⓔ **Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

Second Reading – Hebrews 11 v. 1-2. 8-12: Faith is always rewarded. We hear how our father in faith, Abraham, puts his trust in God and is not disappointed.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Hymn: 427 v. 4 & 5.

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 12 v. 35-40: Jesus tells us to be aware of the treasure entrusted to us and to be alert for the Lord's return.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Address Creed – (Nicene) - Page 7 Hymn Book.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us pray for the grace to follow the warning of the Gospel that when Christ comes to us in life or in death we may welcome Him with joy

Reader: Let us pray for all of us here: that we may not close our hearts to anyone, but that we may always believe and trust in what is good.

Let us pray for all Christians: that the members of the one body of Christ may not live in distrust or fear but in the love that shares its riches with others.

We pray for those persecuted for their belief and all prisoners of conscience. May the light of Christ shine through the barriers of oppression.

Let us pray for ourselves, that we will be strengthened to put our trust in God alone and so learn to recognize the right balance in life in our treatment of material and spiritual goods.

Let us pray for Neil and Emily, Christopher and Emma, whose Banns are published today. May they grow in love for God and each other.

Let us pray that those who are dying will know how to meet Christ without their riches and property.

Let us pray for those who are sick, and for those who care for them, that they may grow in love and respect for each other – especially Hazel Lockwood who has received Communion at home this week and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers

Let us pray for our deceased brothers and sisters. May they share the life of our risen Saviour in the kingdom of heaven forever, especially Geoff Hobbs, recently departed (pause while a candle is lit) and Fr. Alfred Hope Patten; Fr. Colin Stephenson; Sylvia Knock, Elisabeth Jespersen, Gladys Bartrum, Hilda Farrow, John Walker; Brenda Welch; Frank Burch and John Downes; whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

Let us ask Mary, who brought new life into the world, to join our prayers with hers as we say - **Hail Mary full of grace, The Lord is with Thee, Blessed art thou among woman, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray with us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

S I L E N C E

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: 13 v. 1-3. Offertory Prayers, Hymn: 13 v. 4-6.

Mass continues on Page 9 of the Hymn Book.

SANCTUS: Dom Gregory setting

After Eucharistic Prayer: **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.**

AGNUS DEI: Dom Gregory setting.

Hymn at Holy Communion (please join in): 179

Hymn at Ablutions: 449.

Post-Communion Prayer Angelus Notices Blessing.

Recessional Hymn: 106.