

Coffee and tea in Church after Mass. All are welcome.

18<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**

**20<sup>th</sup> of Year B**

This week: Divine Office Psalter week 4.

**Mon:** 9.30am Mass. Int. Generosity and Giving.  
(Ezekiel 24 v. 15-24; Matt. 19 v. 16-22.)

**Tues. St. Bernard**  
9:30 Mass. Int: Students receiving exam results.  
(Ezek 28v.1-10; Matt 19v.23-30)

**Wed. St. Pius X**  
8.00am Mass Int. All who are unemployed.  
(Ezekiel 34 v. 1-11; Matt. 20 v. 1-16.)

**Thurs. Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9.30am Mass Int: Ministry of Healing  
(Ezek 36v.23-28; Matt 22v.1-14.)  
4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Fri. St. Rose of Lima**  
9.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday Int: Greater love of God & neighbours  
(Ezekiel 37 v. 1-14; Matt. 22 v. 34-40.)

**Sat. ST. BARTHOLOMEW (Apostle, Martyr)**  
8:00 Mass. Int: Andrew & Maryna  
(Rev 21v.8-14; John 1v.45-51)  
11:30 Wedding – Andrew Gray and Maryna Stadnik

**Next Sunday: 21<sup>st</sup> of Year B.**  
9.30am Parish Mass & Address.  
(Josh 24v.1-2, 15-18; Eph 5v.21-32; John 6v.60-69)

**NOTICES:**

1. Please note 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug and NOT on Saturday.
2. Lists on Table regarding Friends of St. Mary's Produce Sale on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sept URC Chapel – 10:00- 12:00.
3. Next Saturday's Mass is at 8:00 – of St. Bartholomew.
4. Ride & Stride Day will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. We need people to sign cyclists in and people to cycle or walk around churches. Half sponsorship money to St. Mary's and half to Suffolk Churches Trust.
5. List on Table for visits to Suffolk Archives visit – 2:00 – 4:00 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Theme:** The Eucharist we are about to celebrate is a banquet given by the heavenly Father. The central quest is Christ His Son. Why are we here? Because we are worthy? No, but because we have been invited by Christ, our Brother, and we have accepted His invitation.

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

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the times when we have refused your generosity. Lord have mercy. **People:** *(Sing)* **KYRIE ELEISON** *(Ukrainian setting)*

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for living sometimes like senseless people. Christ have mercy. **People:** **CHRISTE ELEISON**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for our failure to recognise your will. Lord have mercy. **People:** **KYRIE ELEISON**

**CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**GLORIA:** John Allen Assumption setting.

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that the love of God may raise us beyond what we see to the unseen glory of his kingdom. God our Father, may we love you in all things and above all things and reach the joy you have prepared for us beyond all our imaginings.*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:**

**1st Reading:** Proverbs 9 v. 1-6. The food and drink referred to in this reading remind us of the Eucharist. By sharing in the Eucharist we will have life eternal.

*Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table.*

*She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'*

*To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 33 ® **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise is always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast  
the humble shall hear and be glad. ®

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
But those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. ®

Come, children and hear me  
That I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
And many days, to enjoy his prosperity? ®

Then keep your tongue from evil  
And turn your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
Seek and strive after peace.

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**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 5 v. 15-20. St Paul writes about the proper conduct of liturgical assemblies in the early church. The picture he gives of the ideal Christian community is one marked by joy in its life and worship.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Hymn:** 264 v. 3.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 6 v. 51-58. This Gospel contains Christ's great promise of eternal life to those who eat His Body and drink His Blood in the Eucharist.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

**ADDRESS CREED** (Apostles' Creed - page 8 of hymn book.)

#### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

Celebrant: Jesus is the living bread that has come down from heaven. We pray that we may partake of this bread at his invitation.

Reader: Let us pray that we may receive Jesus in communion with faith and humility and so deepen our love for him and for our brothers and sisters.

Let us pray for our lapsed brothers and sisters; that they may hear the gentle voice of Christ, the Good Shepherd calling them back to be part of the flock he nourishes.

Let us pray for Andrew and Maryna to be married next Saturday. May the Lord help them to be faithful and true to the promises that they will exchange.

Let us pray for our Church, that it may truly be the presence of the resurrected Christ, challenging the values that foster inequality and injustice among peoples.

Let us pray for those who find it difficult to believe in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist.

We pray that the peace of Christ may infuse this troubled world, especially in Ukraine, Russia and Gaza.

Let us pray for the sick, that the healing of risen Christ may enter their bodies, minds and spirits and heal them from all that harms them, especially Anna Horsnell, Marcel and Marjorie Rousseau, Julie and Andrew Gray, Jan Ross, Ralph Lambert and Angie Wilson and we give thanks for a great improvement in Jean Martin and baby Isaac.

Let us pray for those who have died; that they may share the eternal life begun in this communion of Christ's body and blood. We pray for Louie Weston, Violet Elliott, Joyce Scott, Val Hunt, Constance Wright; Malta Lockwood; Frances Brasier and Betty Sanders, whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

Let us ask Mary, who nourished and cherished the Word made flesh to join her prayer with ours as we say - **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: God our Father, may we be transformed into the likeness of Jesus your Son, who lives with you for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Mass continues on p8 of hymn book*

**Offertory Hymn:** 294 v 1 & 2. **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 294 v. 3 & 4.

**SANCTUS & MYSTERY OF FAITH** John Allen Assumption Setting

After Eucharistic Prayer: **Blessed & praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosannah! Hosannah! Hosannah in excelsis.**

**AGNUS DEI:** John Allen Assumption setting.

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

**Hymns at Holy Communion:** 205 & 297. Please join in.

**Hymn at Ablutions:** 46

**Post Communion Prayer**      **Angelus**      Notices      **Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** 622