

Coffee and tea in church after Mass, all are welcome.

22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**  
**21<sup>st</sup> of Year B**

**This week - Divine Office - Psalter week 1**

**Mon: St Rose of Lima**

9:30 Mass. Int. Mission of Christ's Church  
(1 Thes.1v.2-5, 8-10; Matt. 23 v.13-22)

**Tues: ST. BATHOLOMEW (Apostle) Feast**

8:00 Mass. Int: All Bishops.  
10:30-12:30 Coffee Morning in Church

**Wed: St. Louis**

9:30 Mass. Int: Readiness for Christ's coming.  
(1 Thess 2v.9-13; Matt 23 v.27-32)

**Thurs: 9.30**

Mass. Int: The Sick  
(1 Thess 3v.7-13; Matt. 24 v.42-51)

**Fri: St. Monica**

9.30 Mass. Int: All mothers  
(1 Thess 4v.1-8; Matt.25 v.1-13)

**Sat: St. Augustine**

10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday. Int: Forward in Faith.  
(Readings for Sunday)  
4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Next Sunday - 22<sup>nd</sup> of Year B**

9.30am Parish Mass & Address.  
(Deut 4v.1-2, 6-8; James 1v.17-18; 21-22, 27; Mark 7v.1-8,14-15,21-23)

**NOTICES:**

1. The Pilgrimage for healing and Renewal at Walsingham is 30<sup>th</sup> August.
2. Ride and Stride Day for Churches is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Sponsor forms from Andi.
3. Please support Tuesday's Coffee Morning.
4. Thank you to all who worked so hard for the festival.

**THEME:** Peter's words today echo in our hearts: "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life." Christ must be the centre of our lives - it is only in Him that we can find true happiness and fulfilment.

**Entrance Hymn:** 1 v 1 & 2 (Supplementary Hymn Book)

**PENITENTIAL RITE.**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the times when we have failed to live up to the aims of our Christian commitment. Lord have mercy.

**People: LORD HAVE MERCY**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the quarrels in our families which we do not attempt to mend. Christ have mercy.

**People: CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us when fear prevents us opening our hearts to you. Lord have mercy.

**People: LORD HAVE MERCY**

**GLORIA:** Dom Gregory setting

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that God will make us one in mind and heart.*

Father, help us to seek the values that will bring us enduring joy in this changing world. In our desire for what you promise, make us one in mind and heart.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:**

**1st Reading: Joshua 24 v 1-2, 15-18.** Joshua gathers the tribes of Israel at the ancient sanctuary of Shechem. He invites them to choose between the God of Israel and the false gods of the country they inhabit.

*Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'*

*The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'*

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

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

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eye to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. ®

® **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save®

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. ®

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. ®

**2nd Reading: Ephesians 5 v 25-32.** The Love which Christ has for his pilgrim people is the model for all human love.

*Follow Christ by loving as he loved you. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.*

**Gospel Hymn:** (Supplementary Hymn Bk) 1 v 3

Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 6 v 60-69.** At the conclusion of the discourse on the bread of life, some of Jesus' followers leave him. When Jesus asks the Twelve if they too want to leave him, they decide to stay.

*After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.*

*Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'*

ADDRESS

**CREED:** Page 8 of Hymn book on Sunday (Apostles Creed)

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** Joshua declared at Shechem "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." We declare by our presence here that we too, will serve the Lord. We pray for all our needs.

**Reader:** Let us pray for the Church throughout the world: that its members will always renew their commitment to the person of Jesus and the values of His Gospel.

Bring peace to our troubled world Lord, help all of us in our capacities to build bridges that unite and not barriers that divide. We pray for Afghanistan at this troubled time.

Let us pray for all those who have come to Jesus as disciples. May they become even firmer in their choice for Him and more faithful in following His way.

Let us pray for those that have important decisions to make in the near future, that they may be guided by the Spirit who gives wisdom, especially young people who have exam results and those who have choices to make concerning Further Education.

Let us pray for all God's children: that they may value the gift of freedom: that they may not abuse it or throw it away.

Let us pray for all those who have become slaves of wrong-doing or who are caught up in a web of lies and deceit; that God may set them free.

Let us pray for all who need the healing touch of God's mercy in their lives especially Jimmy Pipe, Doug Hales, Julie Gray, Lucy Muskett and Clarice Bentley.

Let us pray for our departed brothers and sisters; that they may have eternal life promised by Christ. We pray for all who have died in tragic accidents and we pray for Anne Whybrow, Frances Brazier, Betty Sanders, Fr. Gerard Child, Hilda Lockwood, Christopher Carter, Leonard Chambers, Andrew Robinson, James Pickup, Grace Brown, Rose Hammond whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Let us ask Mary, the most faithful follower of her Son, to join her prayer with ours - **Hail Mary etc.** (Page 5)

S I L E N C E

**All: God our Father, you sent us the living bread from heaven. Grant that we may live each moment for you and stay with the one who has the message of eternal life. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn:** 218 v 1-2

Offertory Prayers v 3-6

**SANCTUS:** Dom Gregory Setting

Mystery of Faith: No. 1

After Eucharistic Prayer - **Blessed & Praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosannah! Hosannah! Hosannah in the highest.**

**AGNUS DEI:** Dom Gregory Setting

Hymn at Holy Communion please join in. 231 & 179

Hymn at Ablutions: 37

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER & REGINA CAELI:** (Front of Hymn Book)

Recessional Hymn: 608