

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

25th August, 2024

This week - Divine Office - Psalter week 1

- Mon:** 9.30 Mass. Int. Walsingham Pilgrimage
(2Thes. 1 v.1-5, 11-12; Matt. 23 v.13-22)
- Tues: St Monica**
9.30 Mass. Int. Guild of All Souls
(2 Thes 2 v.1-3, 14-17; Matt 23 v.23-26)
10.00 to 12.00 Tea/coffee and cake in Church
- Wed: St. Augustine**
8.00 Mass. Int: Christian Aid.
(2 Thes.3 v, 6-10, 16-18 Matt.13 v.27-32)
- Thurs: The Martydom of St. John the Baptist**
9.30 Mass. Int: All in Prison
(Jer 1 v 17-19; Mark 6 v.17-29)
- Fri:** 9.30 Mass. Int: Readiness for Christ's coming
4,00 Sacrament of Reconciliation
(1Cor. 1 v.17-25; Matt.25 v.1-13)
- Sat:** 10:00 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Samaritans
(Deut II v.1-2',6- 8; James 1v.17-18, 21-22,27; Mark 7v.1-8,14-15, 21- 23)
- Next Sunday - 22nd of Year B**
9.30am Parish Mass & Address.
(Deut II v.1-2',6- 8; James 1v.17-18, 21-22,27; Mark 7v.1-8,14-15, 21- 23)

NOTICES:

1. Ride and stride day for churches is Sat. 14th September. Details on table in Church.
2. The last tour of churches is Sat. 7th September, Ingworth, Tuttington and Brampton.
3. The Friends of St. Mary's Church produce and Draw stall is in the U.R.C. chapel 10.00 to 12.00 Sat. 7th September
4. The Pilgrimage for Healing and Renewal is at Walsingham on Mon. 26th. Sung Mass 12.00 2.30 Sermon, Sprinkling and Healing Ministries concluding with Benediction

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

21st of Year B

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: 629 v 1-3

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: *(Sing)* **KYRIE ELEISON** *(Ukrainian setting)*

Celebrant: Forgive us when we fail to admit that we are in the wrong. Christ have mercy.

People: CHRISTE ELEISON

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

People: KYRIE ELEISON

GLORIA: John Allen Assumption 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. @

2.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. @

3.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@

4.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.

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

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: 629 v 4

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. As Jesus concludes his discourse on the bread of life, some of his followers leave him. When He 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: Apostles Creed -Page 8 of Hymn book.

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, that we may value the gift of freedom and not abuse it or throw it away. We pray for those living in areas of conflict, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and Israel.

Let us pray for all who have come to Jesus as disciples. May we become even firmer in our 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 with exam results who have choices to make about Further Education.

Let us pray for Andrew and Maryna married yesterday. May the Lord help them to be faithful and true to the promises that they have exchanged.

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 Anna Horsnell, Marcel and Marjorie Rousseau, Julie and Andrew Gray, Jan Ross, Ralph Lambert and Angie Wilson

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 also for: Anne Whybrow, Fr Gerald Child, Hilda Lockwood, Christopher Carter, Leonard Chambers, James Pickup, Grace Brown, Rose Hammond, Annie Cutting and Mary Warren 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 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, 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.

Mass continues on p8 of hymn book

Offertory Hymn: 218 v 1-2 **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 218 v 3-6

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 the highest.**

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.

Hymn at Holy Communion please join in. 231 & 179

Hymn at Ablutions: 623

POST COMMUNION PRAYER **ANGELUS** Notices

BLESSING

Recessional Hymn: 608