

Tea and/or coffee in Church after Mass. Please stay if you can.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2023

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> Year A**

**This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 2**

**Mon** 9.30am Mass. Int: Greater awareness of the Gospel  
(1 Thess.4v.13-18.; Luke 4 v.16-30)

**Tues:** 9.30am Mass Int: Ministry of Deliverance  
(1 Thess.5v.1-6,9-11.; Luke 4 v.31-37)  
10.30 – 12.30 Teas, Coffees etc in church

**Wed:** 8.00am Mass. Int: Guild of All Souls  
(Col.1v.1-8; Luke 4v.38-44)

**Thurs:** 9.30am Mass Int: Additional Curates Society  
(Col 1v.9-14; Luke 5 v.1-11)

**Fri: BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY**

9.30am Mass Int: Society of Mary  
(Micah 5v.1-4. Matt.1v.1-16,18-23)

**Sat:** Ride and Stride Day for Churches – 9.00 – 5.00  
10.00am. 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Ride and Stride Day  
(Ezekiel 33 v 7-9; Romans 13 v 8-10; Matthew 18 v 15-20)

**Next Sunday - 23<sup>rd</sup> of Year A**

9.30am Parish Mass and Address. Blessing of new carpet  
(Ezekiel 33 v 7-9; Romans 13 v 8-10; Matthew 18 v 15-20)

5.00pm Friends of Friendless Churches Evensong at St. Mary's  
Mundon, near Maldon. Preacher: Fr. Philip

**NOTICES**

1. Please support Ride and Stride Day on Saturday
2. Next Healing Service is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm
3. Anne and Chris need sponsors for Ride and Stride Day. Our first bill is in for work so far - £10,208.18 and we have insufficient funds to pay. This is only Stage 1 of the Quinquennial Report.

**Please keep silence from 9.25am to prepare for Mass**

**THEME:** All of us like doing things our way; in today's readings God is saying to us 'Do it my way'. This is how we die ourselves, and this will inevitably bring us pain; the paradox is that in dying like this we shall really begin to love.

**Entrance Hymn:** - 262 v 1-5

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** Let us think of the times when we have preferred our own way to God's. For the times when we have deliberately ignored what God has been saying to us through other people. Lord have mercy.

**People:** *(sing)* **KYRIE ELEISON** *(Ukrainian setting)*

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the occasions on which we have ignored the wishes and needs of others. Christ have mercy.

**People:** **CHRISTE ELEISON**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the times we refused to accept other people for what they are. Lord have mercy.

**People:** **KYRIE ELEISON**

*Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness*

**SANCTUS GLORIA** *(words on laminated card)*

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that God will increase our faith and bring to perfection the gifts he has given us. Almighty God, every good thing comes from you. Fill our hearts with love for you, increase our faith, and by your constant care protect the good you have given us.*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading – Jeremiah 20v 7-9**

God has called Jeremiah to preach a message of destruction to the people. Jeremiah is torn within himself, part of him wants no more dealing with God, yet he can't turn away from the fire burning within his heart.

*You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 62 ® For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God**

O God, you are my God, for you I long, for my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. ®

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. ☩

### ☩ For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. ☩

For you have been my help, in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you, your right hand holds me fast. ☩

### Second Reading – Romans 12v 1-2

St Paul urges his readers to open their minds and hearts to the will of God. That is the acceptable offering.

*Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.*

**Gospel Hymn:** - 262 v 6 & 7

**Acclamation** (all) **Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

### Gospel – Matthew 16v 21-27

Let us listen to what Peter has to say in today's Gospel. Jesus speaks to him strongly. We must not be hard on Peter for we often choose the easy way.

*Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'*

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?*

*'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'*

**CREED** *Apostles Creed (P8 of hymn book)*

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** The presence of the cross in the world is also a sign of the Kingdom of God. Let us offer our prayers for all who suffer.

**Reader:** Let us pray for all followers of Christ. May each one take up the cross with confidence and show the love of Christ to the world.

Let us pray for the help of the Holy Spirit to eliminate in our lives a grumbling and complaining attitude towards others.

Let us pray for the poor, the elderly, the disabled – may we really learn to believe that they have already been chosen to be first in your Kingdom.

Let us pray for all those who are imprisoned and tortured for following the dictates of their conscience, that they may be strengthened and comforted.

Let us pray for all who are sick and for their families, that Christ may touch them with his healing power especially Jean Martin, Angie Wilson, Jan Ross, Marjorie Rousseau and all prayed for daily at Shrine prayers.

Let us pray for an end to hostility, violence and war and a real longing for the ways of peace and love, especially in areas of crisis in our world.

Let us pray for those who have died that they may experience everlasting life, especially; Ethel Marner, Ernest Lawton, Annie Old, Pauline Potter, Geoffrey Elliott, Suzannah Wilde, Ida Davis; Grimwood De'ath; Stanley Tyte, Doreen Stannard, James Hickford, Gladys Mills, Gordon Deverell, Eileen Juby and Margaret Hickford, whose anniversaries are at this time.

Mary was redeemed and glorified through suffering. Let us ask her prayers in our need. **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.**

S I L E N C E

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to teach us your ways, and when this involves pain and suffering, give us the courage to follow you to the end. We ask this of you who lives for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Mass continues P9 of hymn book*

**Offertory Hymn:** 355 v 1 & 2

**Offertory Prayers:**

**Hymn 355 v. 3 & 4**

**SANCTUS**– Sanctus setting

**Mystery of Faith** – Sanctus setting

**Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in Excelsis!**

**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.*

**Hymn at Holy Communion.** Please join in – 593; 575

**Hymn at Ablutions:** 316

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**ANGELUS**

Notices

**BLESSING**

**Recessional Hymn:** 184