

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**22nd of Year B***(Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass)*

THEME: God does not judge by appearances, as we so often do; it is not what we seem to be that counts, but what we are. Through our celebration of Mass we pray to become more genuine and to be true worshippers of the Father.

ENTRANCE HYMN: 260 v. 1-3**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Celebrant Forgive us, Lord, for the times we honour you only with lip service.
Lord have mercy

People: LORD HAVE MERCY

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have brought about disharmony.
Christ have mercy

People: CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Celebrant Forgive us, Lord, when we put aside your commandments.
Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

SANCTUS GLORIA

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 – Deuteronomy 4 v. 1-2; 6-8. Moses urges the people of Israel to honour the commandments of the Lord. If they do, they will demonstrate to all peoples Israel's wisdom and understanding.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 14**® The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?	He who does no wrong to his brother,
He who walks without fault;	who casts no slur on his neighbour,
he who acts with justice	who holds the godless in disdain,
and speaks the truth from his heart. ®	but honours those who fear the Lord. ®

After the Eucharistic Prayer:

All: **Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament.
Hosannah! Hosannah! Hosannah in excelsis!**

Lord's Prayer – P.11

Agnus Dei. Sanctus setting

Hymns at Holy Communion, please join in; **444 & 227**Hymn at Ablutions: **311**

Post-Communion Prayer and Angelus (front of Hymn Book)

Recessional Hymn: **270**

Tea or coffee in Church after Mass. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK – Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Mon: 8:00 am Mass (1 Thes 4 v 13-18; Luke 4 v 16-30)
Int: Walsingham

Pilgrimage for Healing and Renewal at Walsingham

Tues: 9.30am Mass (1 Thes 5 v 1-6; Luke 4 v 31-37)
Int: Ministry of Deliverance

10:30 – 12:30: Coffee Morning in Church

Wed: 9:30 am Mass – Requiem for September Anniversaries
(Wisdom 3 v 1-9; Luke 23 v 33, 39-43)

Thurs: 8.00 am Mass (Col 1 v 9-14; Luke 5 v 1-11)
Int: Peace of the World

Fri: ST GREGORY THE GREAT

9.30 am Mass (1 Thes 2 v 2-8, Matt 16 v 13-19)
Int: Conversion of England

4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: 10:00 am First Mass of Sunday (Readings as on Sunday)
Int: All with speech impediments

Next Sunday – 23rd of Year B

9.30am Parish Mass & Address.
(Isaiah 35 v 4-7, James 2 v 1-5, Mark 7 v 31-37)

NOTICES

1. September magazine is available
2. National Ride & Stride Day is Sat 11 Sept. Sponsor forms are available from Andi Elstone
3. On 10 Sept. at 6:00 pm I shall be giving a tour of the Church in aid of the Friends of St Mary's. £5.00 to include refreshments.
4. The next PCC meeting is Sun 19 Sept at 11:30 am after Parish Mass

® **The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
And accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. ®

Second Reading - James 1 v. 17-18; 21-22; 27. It is never a question of simply listening to the word of God. The word should be translated in lives of dedication and service. We must make acts of faith – ‘enflesh’ the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Hymn: 260 v. 4

All: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life. You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 7 v. 1-8; 14-15; 21-23. Religious officials accuse Jesus of flouting sacred traditions. Jesus denounces hypocrisy and calls his hearers to an authentic religion that emerges from the heart.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’ He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

ADDRESS (SATURDAY) BLESSING OF JENNY & RAY’S GOLDEN WEDDING

CREED – Nicene, P7 of the Hymn Book

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Jesus told us that if we love him we are to keep his commandments. We pray to the Lord for the grace we need to keep his laws.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church throughout the world; that it will always honour the word that has been planted in its heart and preach the word fearlessly.

Let us pray for all those who oppose the word of the Gospel and the spread of God’s Kingdom; that God will raise up prophets to challenge them and call them to right judgement.

Let us pray for this Christian community; that it may realise that unless its worship comes from the heart it is false, empty or mere lip service.

Let us pray for Annette and George who celebrate their Diamond wedding and Jenny and Ray who celebrate their Golden wedding. May the life they have shared for 60 and 50 years be a sign to them of God’s abiding love for his children.

Bring peace to our troubled world. Help us all in our capacities to build bridges that unite and not barriers that divide. We pray for all who have lost homes in the recent earthquake and we continue to pray for Afghanistan.

Let us pray that the Lord will awaken our sleeping hearts; that we may take responsibility for the world he has given us, so that we can rejoice in what is good and oppose what is evil.

Let us pray for doctors and nurses and all who work for healing that they may bring comfort, hope and joy to those who suffer. We pray for all to be anointed at the healing service at Walsingham; for our house communicants Billy Carter, Margaret Maundrell and Hazel Lockwood. We pray, too, for Doug Hales, Lucy Muskett, Julie Gray, Jimmy Pipe and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers

Let us pray for our dead – that they may have entered that place where all are one in God. We remember Edric Tasker, Mary Clements, Marjorie Payne, Elsie Gray, Emma Tyler, Peter Clements, Ethel Marner, Ernest Lawton, Annie Old, Pauline Potter, Geoffrey Elliott, Suzannah Wilde, Ida Davis and Grimwood De’ath, whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

We ask the support of Mary, who was always obedient to God’s will, in our efforts to follow her son. **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: God our Father, we bless you for the word given to us and the bread broken for us. May we be proof of the wisdom of your word by the lives we lead. This we ask in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: 7 v. 1 & 2. Offertory Prayers, then 7 v. 3 & 4.

(Mass continues – P.9 of Hymn Book)

Sanctus: Sanctus setting Mystery of Faith – Sanctus setting