

Coffee/Tea in church after Mass – please stay.

**This Week: - Divine Office - Psalter Week 4**

**Mon: St John Chrysostom**

8.00am Mass Int: The sick  
(1 Tim 2v1-8; Luke 7 v1-10)

**Tues: Holy Cross Day (Feast)**

9:30 Mass (Num 21 v4-9; John 3v13-17)  
Int: Society of Holy Cross  
10.30 - 12.30 Tea/Coffee in Church

**Wed: Our Lady of Sorrows**

9.30 Mass. (Heb 5 v 7-9; Luke 2 v33-35)  
Int: The bereaved  
5.30 AGM Norfolk Churches Trust - Thompson  
Evensong conducted by Fr. Philip, Hon Chaplain

**Thurs: S.S. Cornelius & Cyprian**

9.30am Mass (1 Tim 4 v12-16; Luke 7 v36-50)  
Int: Those who reject the Gospel

**Fri: 9:30 Mass. (1 Tim 6 v 2-12; Luke 8 v1-3)**

Int: Forgiveness & Reconciliation

**Sat 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: For humility  
(Readings as Sunday)**

**NEXT SUNDAY: 25th of Year B**

9.30am Parish Mass, Address  
(Wis 2 v.12. 17-20; James 3 v. 16-4v.3; Mark 9 v.30-37).

**NOTICES**

1. Please support our coffee morning on Tues 10.30 - 12.30.
2. Anne would be pleased to accept sponsorship money asap for yesterday's cycle ride.
3. Please pray for all standing for General Synod. Elections open on Friday. Andrew Gray is standing for this Diocese now he lives in Ipswich. Hustings are at 7.30pm on Monday by Zoom.  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82569282088?pwd=dzBrNzNoRmNPMkx5YTNEUmo2UXhkUT09> Meeting ID: 825 6928 2088 Passcode: 536618
4. PCC meets Sun 26th Sept at 11.30 in Church. Please note change of date.
5. List in Church for all who wish to take part in Offertory Procession. Sidesmen usually do this and choose one other person, but some people are never chosen, so this gives all a chance. Please do this asap as Jess Fleming is preparing a rota.

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

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

**(Please keep silence from 09.25am to prepare for Mass).**

**THEME:** Faith in God is faith in God's way – often a way we cannot understand. Jesus tells his disciples of his coming death – something they find hard to accept. Let us pray for a strong faith to find and follow God's way; for such faith as St. James explains, flows out of an impressive goodness and maturity.

**Entrance Hymn:** 4 v. 1 – 5.

**PENITENTIAL RITE:**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when our daily lives belie our claim to be people of faith.  
Lord have mercy. **People: LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when we neglect the poor and choose easy options.  
Christ have mercy. **People: CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, for our misuse of the earth's resources and all the good gifts you give us. Lord have mercy. **People: LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

**DOM GREGORY GLORIA**

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that God will keep us faithful in his service. Almighty God, our creator and guide, may we serve you with all our heart and know your forgiveness in our lives.*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 50 v. 5-9.** When we are under attack by others, the great temptation is to become like them. If they are hurtful, we hurt back. Isaiah invites us to another way; to overcome evil by good, violence by love, war by peacemaking.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 114 @ I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Alleluia! I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. ®

They surround me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord my God, deliver me. ®

® **I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me.®

He has kept my soul from death. my eyes from tears and my feet I will walk in the presence of the Lord from stumbling In the land of the living. ®

**2nd Reading: James 2 v. 14-18.** The Word of God became flesh. Our words, our belief in God must also become flesh by becoming real in action. The lifeless character of our faith is exposed when it does not lead us to love everyone and to share with the needy. The world does not listen to empty words but sees the deeds and begins to listen.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

**Gospel Hymn:** 4 v. 6 & 7.

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 8 v. 27-35.** St. Peter does not want to face the reality of Jesus and recoils at the possibility of Jesus' suffering death.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, '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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** Let us celebrate the love of God by whom the Cross of Calvary is made the Tree of Life for us.

**Reader:** Let us pray for all those in the world who are insulted and hurt by others: that their response may not add to the trouble but invite others into a common

humanity.

Let us pray for all who are hungry and cold in this world: that their plight might inspire us all to become people who will act to end injustice and poverty. We pray for Christian Aid, the Night Shelter at Norwich and Stowmarket Food Bank.

Let us pray that the message of St. James may stir our hearts to be generous and self-sacrificing to the hungry and destitute.

God, our Father, in Jesus the dishonour of the cross became the tree of life for all who believe in him. Help us to realise the triumph of the cross in our daily lives.

Let us pray for those who fear pain and suffering; that they may find rest for their minds and peace in their hearts as they place their trust in the Lord's power to save.

Let us pray for those in charge of the terminally ill; that they may see their rewarding work as the final preparation for life without end for those whom the Lord has entrusted to their tender care.

Lord, help us to discover the way forward for our Church in this parish and to discover in ourselves the resources needed, the generosity to give them and strength and determination to fulfil our resolves.

Let us pray for the sick especially our parishioners in homes – for Hazel Lockwood and Margaret Maundrell who have received Communion at home last week. We pray too for David Begg; Jimmy Pipe; Lucy Muskett and Julie Gray. May we see in our sick brothers and sisters the person of Christ himself and continue our ministry with renewed patience, compassion and skill.

Let us pray for the departed; for William Hendry; Pamela van Carrapiett; Sylvia Scott; Jean Yeardsley; Betty Rush; Muriel Downie; George Drayson; James Edwards; Charles Kitchen; Maxwell Owen-King; Tony Keeling; Olive Burch; George Davy; Herbert Nash and Claude Baully, whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Let us pray with Mary, who gave her Son food, drink and shelter. **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: Father, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son to save mankind. Make firm and strong our faith in him that by his stripes we may be healed and through his cross we may come to life. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn:** Stand up for Jesus v.1. (on sheet.) Offertory Prayers: v.2 – end.

**SANCTUS:** Dom Gregory setting.

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

**AGNUS DEI:** Dom Gregory setting. **Hymns at Holy Communion:** 575 & 460  
**Hymn at Ablutions:** 355.

**Post Communion Prayer & Angelus** (Front of Hymn Book)

**Recessional Hymn:** 318.