

This week – Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

Mon: St. Andrew Kim Taegon

9.30 Mass. (Ezra 1 v.1-6; Luke 8 v.16-18)

Int: Forward in Faith and Society

Tues: St. MATTHEW APOSTLE Evangelist (Feast)

9.30 Mass. (Eph. 4 v.1-7,11-13; Matt, 9 v.9-13)

Int: Fr. Philip

10.30-12.30 Coffee in church.

Wed: 8.00 Mass (Ezra 9 v.5-9; Luke 9 v.1-6)

Int: Bishop Norman

Thurs: Padre Pio

9.30 Mass (Hag 1 v. 1-8; Luke 9 v. 7-9)

Int: General Synod Elections

Fri: Our Lady of Walsingham

9.30 Mass (Hag 2 v.1-9; Luke 9 v.18-22)

Int: Walsingham

4.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation.

7.30 pm Quiz evening in URC Chapel for Friends of St Mary's.

£5 per person: teams of up to 6

Sat: 10.00 1st Mass of Sunday

(Num. 11 v. 25-29; James 5 v. 1-6; Mark 9 v. 38-43, 45-48)

Int: All Communicants.

2.00 A.G.M. of Round Towered Churches Soc. at Ilketshall St. Andrew

NEXT SUNDAY - 26th of Year B

9.30am Parish Mass and Address.

(Num. 11 v. 25-29; James 5 v. 1-6; Mark 9 v. 38-43, 45-48)

11.30 P.C.C. in Church

NOTICES:

1. Blessing of Clothes, bedding and toiletries for homeless on Sunday 3rd October.
2. Healing service on Wed 29th September at 2.30pm
3. Thank you all who sponsored Anne on the SHCT Ride and Stride Day. She visited 33 places of worship. If you have not given her your donation, please do so as soon as possible.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

25th of Year B

Please keep silence from 9.25am to prepare for Mass

THEME: Ambition, role, status, power: these are all the things which society value and admire in a man. Yet Jesus tells us they are not the meat of Christian leadership: "Anyone who wants to be first must make himself last of all and servant of all". In this Mass we proclaim Christ, the servant son of God.

Entrance Hymn: 462 v 1-3

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, for the times we have prayed to follow our own ambition. Lord have mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, for the times we have brought about disharmony, for being too proud to serve others. Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, for the times we do not live up to our resolve to be open to your presence in our lives and to see our call to service rather than to power and prestige. Lord have mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Sanctus Gloria (words on sheet)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that we will grow in the love of God and of one another.* Father, guide us, as you guide creation according to your law of love. May we love one another and come to perfection in the eternal life prepared for us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD 1st Reading: Wisdom 2 v 12, 17-20

This reading tells how the godless plot to do away with the first man, the man of God, because his blameless life has become a reproach to them.

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 53 @ The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. ®

® **The Lord upholds my life.**

For proud men have risen against me, But I have God for my help.
ruthless men seek my life. The Lord upholds my life.
They have no regard for God. ® I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.®

2nd Reading: James 3 v 16 - 4 v 3 Jealousy, ambition and self-seeking lead to disharmony and fighting. Gentleness, reasonableness and mercy lead to peace. Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Hymn: 462 v. 4

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9 v 30 - 37 The disciples find that they are arguing among themselves. They have become ambitious for leadership. Christ tells them that we are meant to serve each other. Our call is service not power.

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

ADDRESS CREED. Page 7 of Hymn Book (Nicene Creed)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Let us pray that we may see greatness in terms of serving others after the example of Christ.

Reader: Let us pray that we may be touched by the Gospel in all we say and do, growing in our sense of ourselves as God's people and as God's servants.

Let us pray for all those in positions of authority; that they may put the needs of

others before personal gain and ambition.

Let us pray for all in this congregation; that as followers of Christ we may be as willing to give as to receive.

Let us pray for people living in war-torn countries and ask God to help them find a lasting settlement to their problems.

Let us pray for the sick. May they be strengthened and made whole through prayer and sacraments. We pray for our parishioners in homes Hazel Lockwood and Margaret Maundrell. We pray too for David Begg, Jimmy Pipe, Lucy Muskett and Julie Gray and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers.

Let us pray for the Additional Curates Society, all who work for it and parishes it seeks to help.

Let us pray for those who feel little in the sight of others, those who feel they are on the bottom rung of the ladder and who spend their lives doing menial jobs for others: that they may realise that they are close to Christ and important in his eyes.

Father, give us a place of life, and rest to those who have died. May we share with them in the glory of Jesus Christ, who died to save us all. We pray for Frederick Charles, buried this week (Pause while a candle is lit) and Rosemary Double. Mabel Baker, Pip Pelham, Alwyn Vincent, Dennis Baker, Kathleen Webb, Sally Sanderson, Reginald Tye, Thomas O'Connor and Dennis Ward whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Mary in her poverty was an agent of God's riches. May she pray with us as we say, **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, we pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

S I L E N C E

All: Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and practice with our lives. We make all our prayers to the Father through you, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 454 v 1 & 2

Offertory Prayers: v 3-end

Sanctus: Sanctus setting

Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in Excelsis!

Agnus Dei : Sanctus setting

Hymns at Holy Communion: 19, 353

Hymn at Ablutions: 477

Post Communion Prayer

Angelus (Front of Hymn Book)

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 398