

Coffee/Tea in church after Mass –Please stay.

This week – Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

Mon: Padre Pio

9.30 Mass. (Prov 3 v27-34; Luke 8 v.16-18)
Int: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Tues: Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

9.30 Mass. (Gal 4 v4-7; John 19 v25-27)
Int: Walsingham
10.00-12.00 Coffee in church.

Wed: 8.00 Mass (Prov 30 v5-9; Luke 9 v.1-6)

Int: Guild of All Souls

Thurs: S.S. Cosmos & Damien

9.30 Mass (Eccles 1 v2-12; Luke 9 v. 7-9)
Int: The King & Government

Fri: St. Vincent de Paul

9.30 Mass (Eccles 3 v1-11; Luke 9 v.18-22)
Int: All Carers

Sat: 10.00 1st Mass of Sunday

(Num. 11 v. 25-29; James 5 v. 1-6; Mark 9 v. 38-48)
Int: The Homeless
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 PCC lunch and meeting

NOTICES:

1. Please bring good clothing, blankets, duvets for homeless at Norwich for blessing at Parish Mass on Sunday 6th Oct.
2. There is still time to sponsor Anne, Chris & Graham on Bike Ride & Stride Day. Thank you to those who have done so.
3. Friday 11th Oct – 7.00pm: Online talk via Zoom 'Fytt for thy degree: clothing and arming the Tudor man'. Ninya, known as the Tudor Tailor, is an expert in making authentic Tudor clothes for Films, major museums and TV. Tickets £5 with optional extra donation. Dr Tobias Capwell is giving the introduction. All profit to the Armoury Facelift Project. See the church website for more details.

Please keep silence from 9.25am to prepare for Mass

22nd September 2024

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

25th of Year B

THEME: Ambition, role, status, power: these are all the things which society value and admire in a person. Yet Jesus tells us they are not the marks 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: 75 v 1-4

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, for the times we have prayed to follow our own ambition. Lord have mercy. **People:** (*sing*) **KYRIE ELEISON** (*Ukrainian setting*)

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

People: **CHRISTE ELEISON**

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:** **KYRIE ELEISON**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

Gloria – Sanctus setting (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 godless people plot to destroy an upright man rather than amend their wrong ways because his blameless life causes them a guilty conscience.

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. @

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. @

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
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: 75 v.5

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 are arguing among themselves as they have become ambitious for leadership. Christ tells them that we are meant to serve each other. Our call is to 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

HOLY BAPTISM: Henry James José Ince

Hymn as Henry is welcomed by the congregation - 608

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 his servants.

Let us pray for all those in positions of authority; that they may put the needs of others before personal gain and ambition.

We pray for Henry baptised today, that he may remain close to Christ throughout his life, for his parents Nikita and James and his godparents, that as he grows they may encourage him to continue to keep true to the promises they have made on his behalf.

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 those who feel unimportant 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.

Let us pray for people living in war-torn countries, especially Ukraine and Gaza, 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 all anointed at Monday's healing service; for Anna Horsnell, Ian Andrews, Jan Ross, Ralph Lambert, Marcel and Marjorie Rousseau, Julie and Andrew Gray and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers.

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 Alwyn Vincent, Dennis Baker, Kathleen Webb, Sally Sanderson, Reginald Tye, Thomas O'Connor, Dennis Ward, William Kay, Pat Sawyer, Muriel Coxworthy, Anthony Giraud-Saunders and Christopher Allen, 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, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

SILENCE

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

The Mass continues on page 8 of the Hymn Book

Offertory Hymn: 462 v 1 & 2

Offertory Prayers: Hymn 462 v 2-end

Sanctus: 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 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.

Hymns at Holy Communion: 19, 353

Hymn at Ablutions: 623

Post Communion Prayer

Angelus (Front of Hymn Book)

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 622