

Coffee/tea in Church after Mass. Please stay to welcome Evie and Isla and their family and friends.

PCC meeting and lunch today at 11.30

This week - Divine Office - Week 2

- Mon.** Holy Guardian Angels
9.30am Mass (Exodus 23v.20-23. Matt. 18 v.1-5,10.)
Int: Greater awareness of Angels and Saints
- Tues.** 9.30am Requiem Mass (Oct. Anniversaries) Int. The Dead
10.30 – 12.30 coffee and cake in church
- Wed.** St. Francis of Assisi
8.00am Mass. Int. Greater respect for God's creation
(Gal.6v.14-18. Matt.11v.25-30.)
- Thurs.** 9.30am Mass Int: The Mission of the church (of the Holy Rosary)
(Acts 1v.12-14. Luke 1v.26-38)
- Fri.** 11.00am Mass – Thanksgiving for Harvest
(1Tim.6v.6-11,17-19. Luke 12v.15-21)
7.30pm Antiques Road Show - in aid of Friends of St Mary's
- Sat.** Our Lady of the Rosary
10.00am First Mass of Sunday (Is. 5 v. 1-7; Phil. 4 v 6-9; Matt. 21 v. 33-43)
Int: Society of Mary
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Int: All who work on the land

NEXT SUNDAY: 27th of Year A. **Harvest Thanksgiving.**

- 9.30am Parish Mass and Address and
Blessing of Harvest Gifts.
(Is. 5 v. 1-7; Phil. 4 v 6-9; Matt. 21 v. 33-43.)

Notices

1. Please bring vegetables, tinned goods for St. Martin's, Norwich – Night Shelter for the homeless & vulnerable
2. You can continue to bring bedding, clothing and toiletries for St Martin's until before Mass next Sunday.
3. Please support Antiques Roadshow on Friday at 7.30 pm in aid of our Restoration Fund for the Church. £10 a ticket including refreshments. Pay on the door. Bring an antique for valuing by expert auctioneer James Grinter.
4. There is a list on the table at the back of church for November candles for the departed. The cost is £10, which covers both candles necessary for the entire month. Please print names and see Andi about payment.

Please keep silence from 9.25am to prepare for Mass.

1st October 2023

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

26th of year A

THEME: We can never stand self-satisfied before God. Our lives are a history of repentance and conversion. The first son in today's Gospel shows us that it is never too late to turn to God.

Entrance Hymn: 134 v. 1-3

PENITENTIAL RITE (based on 2nd Reading)

Celebrant: 'There must be no competition among you, no conceit'.
Forgive us, Lord, our conceit and insincerity. Lord have Mercy.

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

Celebrant: 'Always consider the other person to be better than yourself'.
Forgive us, Lord, our Phariseeism - thinking we are superior to others.
Christ have mercy. **People: CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: 'No one must think of his own interests first'. Forgive us Lord for our selfishness and self-seeking. Lord have mercy.

People: KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

Sanctus Gloria. (Words on the laminated card.)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray for God's forgiveness and for the happiness it brings.*
Father, you show your almighty power in your mercy and forgiveness. Continue to fill us with your gifts of love. Help us to hurry toward the eternal life you promise and come to share in the joys of your kingdom.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18 v. 25-28. The contrast between the consequences of sin and of repentance is spelt out sharply by Ezekiel. 'To die' and 'to live' refer not so much to physical realities as to the quality of life that stems from the decision made.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24 @ **Remember your mercy, Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.®	2.Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. ®
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3.The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path; He teaches his way to the poor. ®

2nd Reading: Philippians 2 v. 1-11. St. Paul spells out what it means to follow Christ; to have his mind in us. We are to die with him so that we may rejoice with him.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Hymn: 134 v. 4

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21 v. 28-32. Two clear examples of how to behave and how not to behave if we wish to enter the kingdom. The choice and the decision are ours.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

ADDRESS

HOLY BAPTISM – Evelyn-Grace and Isla-Mae

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God's ways are just, but we do not mirror his justice. Let us place the world's problems in his hands.

Reader: Let us pray for the people who work with us each day. May we not be critical, but find patience with one another as God has been patient with us.

Let us pray that the as followers of Christ we may never become complacent, but always be open to change and conversion.

Let us pray for all who are victims of broken promises, and who have been badly hurt. We especially remember the homeless and vulnerable people who will be helped by our offerings at harvest.

We pray for the children of this community. May they find words of encouragement from their teachers and parents, and not mere criticisms of mistakes.

Let us pray for Evelyn-Grace and Isla-Mae, whom we welcome into the Church today; for their parents Elliot and Carrie Anne and their godparents Christine, Hayden, Olivia and Oliver. May they and all of us grow in faith and love and may the light of Jesus shine ever more brightly in us and through to others.

May the Lord touch our hearts as we recognise the times we have not been humble or courageous enough to realise that we may have been wrong.

Let us pray for peace and harmony in the world, that peoples of all races may co-operate in bringing about equality and justice. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine.

Let us pray for the sick, especially those who are dear to us, that they may be comforted by the Lord, who accepted death on the cross. We pray especially for Jan Ross, Angie Wilson, Jim Wilson, Jenny Ellwood and John Allen, and Sandy Cook, preparing for an operation

Let us pray for the dead; those who have died in the faith of Christ and all the dead whose faith is known to God alone. We pray for Heather Redhead, buried last week (*pause while a candle is lit*) and John Kitchen, Doris Clements, William Walker, Charles Ward, William Mason, Frances Spalding, Tania Cammidge, Alice Ball, Lynn Fraser, Malcolm Cammidge, Arthur Calver, Hazel Lockwood and Bill Foster whose anniversaries of death occur this week. We pray too for all who have died in recent disasters in the world, especially in Morocco and Libya

Let us call on Mary to pray with us. **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: God our Father, it is so easy to love those who love us and hard to love those we find unattractive. Help us to remember how much you love us and to imitate you in complete self-giving. We ask this through Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Mass continues on page 9 of hymn book

Offertory Hymn: **218 v. 1 & 2. Offertory Prayers Hymn 218 v. 3-6.**

Sanctus – Sanctus setting **Mystery of Faith** – Sanctus setting

(at end of prayer of Consecration. Stand to sing:) **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 take your hymn book to the altar rail.

Hymns at Holy Communion: **593 & 145.** Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: **608**

Post Communion Prayer

Angelus

Blessing of bedding, clothes etc. for homeless & vulnerable people in Norwich

Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: **260**