

Tea/coffee in Church after Mass. All welcome.
11.30am PCC in Church

This Week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Mon: St. Vincent de Paul

9.30am Mass Int: All carers
(Zech 8 v 1-8; Luke 9 v 46-50)

Tues: St. Wenceslaus

9.30am Mass Int: HM Queen and Government
(Zech 8 v 20-23; Luke 9 v 51-56)
10.30 - 12.30 Coffee in Church

Wed: S.S. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Feast)

1.30pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for silent prayer
2.30pm Mass, Laying on of hands & anointing
Int: The sick; the healing ministry.

Thurs: St. Jerome

8.00am Mass Int: Theological students
(Neh 8 v 1-12; Luke 10 v 1-12)

Fri: St. Theresa of Lisieux

9.30am Mass Int: Mission of Church
(Baruch 1 v 15-22; Luke 10 v 13-16)

Sat: Holy Guardian Angels

10.00am First Mass of Sunday (Readings as Sunday)
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday - 27th Year B

9.30am Parish Mass, Address & Blessing of clothes, toiletries etc for homeless at St. Martin's, Norwich (Gen 2v18-24; Heb 2 v9-11; Mark 10v2-16)

Notices

1. Harvest Mass will be on 10th Oct, All harvest gifts are for the homeless at St. Martin's, Norwich
2. From next Sunday we take orders for November candles for the dead.
3. Please support our Healing service on Wednesday.
4. October magazines now available at back of church for those who do not have them delivered.

26th September, 2021

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

26th of Year B

(Please keep silence from 09.25 to prepare for Mass)

THEME: We love neat systems. We like to feel that we know how things work and should work. When things go out of sequence we try to correct them, which is what Joshua and St. John try to do in today's reading. But God's Spirit blows wherever he wills and not even the Church has a monopoly on the Spirit.

Entrance Hymn: 134 v 1 - 3

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not acknowledged that every person is created in your love.

Lord have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have failed to love those whom society rejects. Christ have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of commitment to you and one another. Lord have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy.

Sanctus Gloria: Words on 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 towards the eternal life you promise and come to share in the joys of your kingdom.

Liturgy of the Word of God

First Reading – Numbers 11 v. 25-29. When God extends the Spirit of prophesy to the elders of Israel, two of them are missing. When they too are gifted with the Spirit, Moses rejoices and hopes that the Spirit will be given to the whole people.

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 18

®The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. ®

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just ®

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me

® **The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

From presumption restrain your servant, and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin ®

Second Reading - James 5 v. 1-6 St. James reflects on reasons for condemning wealth; riches are often the fruit of injustices and they often lead to the death of innocents.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Hymn: 134 v 4

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 9 v. 38-43, 47-48 Jesus refuses to reject an exorcist because he is not numbered among his followers. True disciples are those who cut themselves off from all sin.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Address Creed. Apostle's Creed (P8 Hymn Book)

Prayer of the Faithful

Celebrant: God's Spirit has come into the world, though many reject this Spirit because of the hardness of their hearts. Let us pray that men may be open to his gifts.

Reader: Let us pray for leaders of the Church and of our country, may they be cleansed of petty jealousy and selfish ambition as they carry out the work which God has entrusted to them.

Let us pray that men and women may see more clearly the inequality and injustice of the world and be prepared to live in greater simplicity and poverty, for the well-being of others. We pray for all who are homeless, especially for the work of the Norwich Night Shelter.

Let us pray for all Christians that they might be a light to others and never a source of darkness, a stepping stone but never a stumbling block.

We pray for the work of all agencies that promote the growth of food and its distribution throughout the world especially Christian Aid.

Let us pray for all gathered here: that we may be conscious of the evil that is within us, and strive to overcome it.

Let us pray for all employers, that they may never exploit their employees, rather that they may treat them in such a way as to further their dignity and self-respect.

Let us pray that we may never destroy the vision of others, or make a mockery of their ideals, or pour cold water on their efforts.

Let us pray for the sick, especially David Begg; Joan Hill; Julie Gray & Lucy Muskett.

Let us pray for those who have died, Eileen Brooks recently departed – (a candle is lit) and Christopher Allen; Muriel Coxworthy; Anthony Giraud-Saunders; Helen Hendry; William Stobart; John Spenser, Thelma Sawyer, Roly Baker; John Kitchen and Doris Clements whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

Mary's life was prophesy, poverty and love. Let us ask for her help. **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: Heavenly Father, replace our love of division with a desire for peace. Let us see all people through your eyes, knowing that each person has a place in your plan and a share in your goodness. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 300 v1 - 2.

Offertory Prayers 300 v.3 - 4

Sanctus: Sanctus setting Mystery of Faith – Sanctus setting

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosanna, Hosanna in excelsis.

Agnus Dei: Sanctus setting

Hymns at Holy Communion please join in: 342 169.

Hymn during Ablutions: 36

Post-Communion Prayer

Angelus

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 629