

**This Week:** Divine office - Psalter Week 3**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**  
**27<sup>th</sup> of Year B****Mon:** St Francis of Assisi  
9.30 am Mass Int: Forgiveness and reconciliation  
Jonah 1v.1- ch.2v.1-11. Luke 10v.25-37**Tues:** 9.30 am Mass Int: Those we find hard to forgive  
Jonah 3v.1-10. Luke 10v.38-42  
10.30 – 12.30 Coffee in church**Wed:** 8.00 am Mass Int: All who reject the Gospel  
Jonah 4v.1-11. Luke 11v.1-4**Thur:** Our Lady of the Rosary  
9.30 am Mass – Int: A deeper prayer life  
Acts 1v.12-14. Luke 1v.26-38**Fri:** 9.30 am Mass Int: Christian Aid  
Deut. 8v.7-18 Luke 12v.15-21**Sat:** 10.00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday  
Int: St. Martin's Norwich for the homeless**Next Sunday:** 28<sup>th</sup> of Year B - Harvest Thanksgiving  
9.30 am Parish Mass and Address  
(Wisdom 7v.7-11; Hebrews 4v.12-13; Mark 10v.17-30.)**Notices:**

1. We begin Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday. Please be generous with gifts of root vegetables, tins jars and packets of food for the homeless of Norwich
2. On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, November candles are blessed for the dead. They are £6 each and will burn in daylight hours in the Holy Cross Chapel. Please order ASAP.
3. Next healing service – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October (St. Luke)

**Theme:** People have been marrying since the beginning of time. What makes Christian marriage different is that it reflects in itself that love which Christ has for his church. Since Christ's love is everlasting, the love between man and wife truly joined in Christ can never end. "What God then has united, man must not divide."**Entrance Hymn: 365 v. 1-4****Penitential Rite**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, for the quarrels in our families which we do not attempt to mend. Lord have mercy.

People : **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, for tolerating evils which injure family life. Christ have mercy.

People : **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we forget we are part of your family and act in a selfish way. Lord have mercy.

People : **LORD HAVE MERCY****Dom Gregory Gloria on yellow card****Opening Prayer:** *Let us pray that God will forgive our failings and bring us peace.* Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation.**Liturgy Of The Word Of God****First Reading – Genesis 2v.18-24.** We hear the religious story of the Beginning, how God made man and woman to find completion in each other, so they become one body.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

**Responsorial Psalm** - Psalm 127**® May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

By the labour of your hands you shall eat, you will be happy and prosper.®

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;

Your children like fruits of the olive, around your table.®

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children. O Israel peace!

® **May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Second Reading – Hebrews 2v.9-11. Jesus is the one who leads the faithful on their pilgrim way to salvation.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

**Gospel Hymn: 365 v. 5 & 6**

Acclamation (all) **Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth O Lord  
Consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

Gospel - Mark 10v.2-16. When the Pharisees ask Jesus about the legalities of divorce, Jesus recalls them to the vision of Genesis. In the beginning God united man and woman in one body. That unity is sacred.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

**Blessing of bedding, clothes & toiletries for Norwich Night Shelter**

**Address Creed** Apostle's Creed – p.8 Hymn Book

Prayer of The Faithful

**Celebrant:** We turn in prayer to our heavenly Father whose will it is that children should live together in harmony and peace.

Reader: Let us pray for all engaged couples: that there may be love and trust at the beginning of their lives together, unselfishness along the way and perseverance to the end.

We pray for all married couples; that the love they shared at the beginning may continue to unite them in tenderness and understanding, in tolerance and good humour.

Let us pray for all home and family life – that our homes may be built on the solid rock of Christ, so that when the storms come we may stand firm.

Let us pray for all broken families and those who try to help them; for psychiatrists and counsellors, and those who consult them.

Let us ask God to bless children of broken marriages and help them to grow in love.

Let us pray for the sick, especially our house communicants; Beryl Allen, Joan Hill, David Begg, Julie Gray, Lucy Muskett and all anointed at our healing service last week..

Let us pray for the bereaved and all who are suffering in our communities.

Have mercy on those who have died especially: William Pitt; Hilary Taylor; Ivor Bulmer-Thomas; Edward Sanders, Alice Lawton, Frances Spalding, Alice Ball, Lynn Fraser, Malcolm Cammidge, Arthur Calver, William Walker, Charles Ward and Tania Cammidge whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Receive them into the home you have prepared for them.

Let us ask Mary, the wife of St. Joseph and Mother of Jesus to add her prayers to ours: **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: Father, however faithless your people, you are always faithful. May the Spirit of Jesus keep us true to those you have given us to love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: **281 v.1** Offertory Prayers: p.9 Hymn **281 v.2 & 3**

**Dom Gregory Sanctus**

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

Lord's Prayer

**Dom Gregory Agnus Dei**

Hymns at Holy Communion. Please join in: **231, 409.**

Hymn at Ablutions: **60** Post Communion Prayers **Angelus**  
**Recessional Hymn: 184**