

Thank you very much to Fr John Thackray for celebrating the Mass today and Nicholas Jardine, also from St Mary Elms, Ipswich, for playing the organ. Tea and coffee in Church after Mass. All welcome.

This week: Divine Office - Psalter Week 4

Fr John has kindly offered to say Mass on Tuesday at 9.30 am. This will be the only Mass before next Sunday, so I hope it will be well supported.

Mon: St. Margaret Mary
(Romans 1v.1-7. Luke 11 v. 29-32.)
Int. Repentance and Reconciliation

Tues. St. Ignatius
9.30am Mass (Romans 1 v. 16-25. Luke 11v. 37-41.)
Int: Persecuted Christians

Wed. ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST (Feast)
(Tim. 4 v. 10-17. Luke 10 v. 1-9)
Int: Doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals

Thurs. (Romans 3 v. 21-30. Luke 11 v. 47-54.)
Int: All at schools, universities and colleges

Fri (Romans 4 v. 1-8. Luke 12 v.1-7)
Int: Friends of St Mary's

Sat. (Romans 4 v 13, 16-18; Luke 12 v 9-12)
Int: All who have lapsed from the practice of their faith

NEXT SUNDAY: - 29th of Year A.

9.30am Parish Mass & Address
(Is. 45 v. 1, 4-6 1 Thes. 1. V. 1-5 Matt. 22 v. 15-21)

1. Please support the Mass on Tuesday at 9.30 am
2. Have you ordered November candles? List on table – please print names. £10 to cover 2 candles to burn throughout the month. Please see Andi about payment.
3. Friends of St. Mary's boxes- will be dedicated at Parish Mass on Sunday 29th October. November candles will be blessed that day.
4. Saturday 4th November – 11.00 – Service of Light for parents and relatives of children who have died.

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

15th October 2023

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

28th of year A

Theme: God has saved us through Jesus but we must make this salvation something real. If we do not, then we face God's rejection. In this Mass we ask God to change our sinfulness into eternal life.

Entrance Hymn: 311 v. 1 - 4

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we use people to satisfy our needs. Lord have mercy.

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

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we carry grudges and resentments against those we feel have hurt us. Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we do not show enough attention or interest for those in need of help or comfort. Lord have mercy.

People: **KYRIE ELEISON**

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GLORIA: Dom Gregory Setting (*words on yellow card*)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that God will help us to love one another.* Lord, our help and guide, make your love the foundation of our loves. May our love for you express itself in our eagerness to do good for others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25 v 6-10. Isaiah depicts man's final judgement in the image of a banquet, a celebration of God with all His people.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22 (23)

® **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

The Lord is my shepherd; There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures Where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, To revive my drooping spirit. ®

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give comfort. ®

® **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. ®

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. ®

SECOND READING: Philippians 4. 12-14, 19-20. St. Paul expresses total confidence in God who is his strength.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen

Gospel Hymn: 311 v. 5&6

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22 v 1-14. We are invited to the wedding feast, the banquet prophesied by Isaiah in the first reading. But we must come spiritually dressed for the occasion – our faith must be clothed in good works.

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

ADDRESS CREED: Nicene – (page 7 of hymn book)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: St. Paul reminds us that there is nothing we cannot do if we have the help of the one who gives us strength. So with great confidence let us turn to the Father and ask Him to show us His will.

Reader: Let us pray for those who refuse the Lord's invitation, that they may be helped

to discover what they are being asked to do and who is asking them to do it.

Let us pray for those who are troubled by difficulties, oppressed by suffering, who have lost trust or who have given way to despair, that they may discover the strength of their Saviour. We especially remember those suffering in Israel and Gaza and for a lasting peace.

Let us pray for ourselves, that we will always be ready to respond to Our Lord's invitation and be ready to do His will in all things.

Let us 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 those who waste the resources of the earth, who use living creatures unworthily. May they come to appreciate the oneness and dignity of God's creation.

Let us pray for those who through poverty, illness or oppression are locked out of life's banquet; for those who are satisfied as they are and feel no hunger for a deeper life.

Let us pray for ourselves that we may experience that inner hunger and thirst for the goodness of life Christ spoke about, so that He can fill us.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick, for Marjorie Rousseau, Angie Wilson, Jan Ross, Jim Wilson, Taylor Birch, Jenny Ellwood, Ray Mayes and all who were anointed last Thursday.

Let us pray for those who have died, that they may share in the eternal banquet especially, Jessica Walker, Arthur Pipe, Alice Lebbell; George Pollard; Bertie Woods; Jessie Tasker; William Burney, Violet Probert, Nellie Prout and Edith Bowling, whose anniversaries occur this week, that all those who hoped in the vision of the Lord may now possess the fullness of heavenly glory.

We now ask Mary to teach us to respond to God's invitation as willingly as she did.
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: God our Father, you have called us to the banquet of your Son so that you may feed us and make yourself known to us. Listen kindly to our prayers which we make through Jesus your Son. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 219 v. 1 - 2 OFFERTORY PRAYERS Hymn 219 v. 3 & 4

SANCTUS: Dom Gregory setting

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

AGNUS DEI: Dom Gregory setting

Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail holding a hymn book.

Hymn at Communion – please join in - **169 & 179**

Hymn at Ablutions: **309** Post Communion Prayer **Angelus**

Notices **BLESSING** Recessional Hymn: **28**