

Coffee / Tea in church after Mass. Please stay.

This week - Divine office - Psalter Week 4

Mon 9.30am. Mass (Eccles 3 v1-8,11; Matt 13v4-9)
Int: The dead. October anniversaries.

Tues. 9.30am Mass
(Rom 1 v 16-25; Luke11v.37-47.)
Int: Peace of the world.

Wed St Edward the Confessor
9.30 Mass (Rom 2 v 1-11; Luke 11v.42-46).
Int: Conversion of England

Thurs 7.00am Mass Int: All lawyers
(Rom 3 v 21-30; Luke 11 v 47-54)

Fri Translation of Our Lady of Walsingham
8.00am Mass (II Sam 6 v 2,5,12-17; Luke 1 v 26-38)
Int: Walsingham

Sat St. Margaret Mary
10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday Int: All who help us.
4.00pm Sacrament of reconciliation.

Next Sunday - - 29th of Year B

9.30 Parish Mass and Address
(Isaiah 53 v.10-11; Hebrews 4 v.12-13; Mark 10 v.17-30.)

1. Our next Healing Service is Mon 18th Oct (St Luke) at 2.30pm
2. Friends of St Mary's boxes are blessed on Sun 24th Oct – All monies are spent on this church building.
3. Have you ordered you November candles for the Dead? They are blessed on 31st Oct at 9.30am.
4. 22nd Oct at 7.00pm URC Chapel - an evening with Kevin Nightingale and his acoustic guitar. Including Soup & dessert. £10
5. Memorial Service for those who died during the pandemic Sat 23rd Oct at 11.00am.
6. Please think and pray about Renewal of Commitment and return the form by 31st Oct. Some copies for those without email are at the back of church.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST.MARY THE VIRGIN MENDLESHAM
28th of Year B HARVEST THANKSGIVING

THEME: The theme of this Mass is to do with riches - the riches of wisdom, not merely on an intellectual plane but also in ethical and moral values, riches in the good of this world and, lastly, the greatest possible riches - possessing Christ.

Entrance Hymn: 55 v. 1 - 3

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have failed to listen to the wisdom of God. Lord have mercy. People: **Lord have mercy**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have chosen worldly possessions instead of the richness of Christ's promise. Christ have mercy.

People: **Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant: Forgive us for the times we have believed we could hide from God. Lord have mercy. People: **Lord have mercy.**

Sanctus Gloria – words on laminated sheet

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord, we thank you for the harvest which earth has produced for the good of man. These gifts witness to your infinite love; may the seeds of charity and justice also bear fruit in our hearts. **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Wisdom 7 v. 7-11 God offers us the gift of wisdom through which we can see that wealth and power are as nothing compared to His presence.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89 @ **“Fill us with your love that we may rejoice”**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.®

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.®

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on your children.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands®

Second Reading - Hebrews 4 v. 12 - 13 Like a well sharpened sword, the word of God cuts to the heart of our values and outlook, judging even our most secret emotions and thoughts. We take God's riches, freely given, but we have to account for our stewardship.

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Hymn: 55 v. 4

Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 10 v. 17-27 In the Gospel, Jesus invites a man to stake everything on Him. But he is not prepared to take the risk.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Naming and Blessing of Albert James Wrinch

Address Creed: p.4 on Saturday. P.7 hymn book on Sunday

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: The rich young man turned away from Jesus because he felt too much had been asked of him. Let us pray for a spirit of courage and response in people today.

Reader: Let us pray for those obsessed by the desire for wealth that we may be secure in God's love, and recognize that wealth alone will not bring us serenity and peace of soul.

Let us pray that we may accept the gifts God gives us and not ask for the things we do not need.

Lord, bless those who work for the poor and homeless, the sick, the down-and-outs and rejected. We pray especially for the Norwich Night Shelter.

Let us pray for those who are trapped in the snare of selfishness and greed. May we learn to use our material goods wisely and become Christ's true and authentic disciples.

Let us pray for those to whom God has given beauty, riches and deep feelings, that we may not waste their gifts but use them wisely to give joy to those who have nothing. We pray for Save the Children and Christian Aid.

Let us pray for a greater love of the person of Christ, that we may surrender everything of ourselves in order to follow Him who alone is the treasure of our lives.

Let us pray for all farmers and fishermen and all who have laboured to provide food from land and sea.

Let us pray for Albert James named & blessed today and for his parents Harry & Beatrix.

Let us pray for the sick – David Begg; Julie Gray; Lucy Muskett & Beryl Allen and all prayed for at Shrine prayers. May they be sustained and strengthened by the power of prayer.

Let us pray for those who have died, especially Betty Rand; Frederick Button; David leGrys; Helen Mitchard; Jean Larter; Mary Burrows; Tom Lockwood; Jessica Walker; Arthur Pipe; Alice Lebbell; George Pollard and Bertie Woods whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they know the final liberation from material things in the presence of God.

We ask Mary who cared for our Lord, to teach us to care for all who entrusted to 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 **Father may your people respond to your son's call to follow him and never hold back. We make this prayer in His name, Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: **Hymn on Sheet v1&2** Offertory Prayers: v 3 to end

Sanctus – Sanctus setting

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

Agnes Dei – Sanctus setting

Hymns at Holy Communion – **460; 593**

Hymn at Ablutions - **264**

Post Communion Prayer

Angelus (in front of Hymn Book)

Blessing of Harvest Gifts

Recessional Hymn – **346**