

Let us ask Mary, who heard the word of God and kept it, 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.**

17th January 2021

SILENCE

All: God the Father, you do not ask for sacrifice and offering but an open ear. Let us come to you in simplicity and poverty not trusting in our own strength, but open to your healing words. We ask this through Jesus your Son and word. AMEN.

Offertory Prayers: SANCTUS

Lord's Prayer AGNUS DEI

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS AND ANGELUS. BLESSING

This week: Divine Office - Psalter Week 2

Mon. 9.30 Mass (Eph. 4 v.1-6; John 17 v.20-26)
Int: Christian Unity.

Tues.
9.30 Mass (Heb. 5 v.1-10; Mark 2 v.18-22)
Int: Christian Unity.

Wed. St. Sebastian
9.30 Mass. (Hebrews. 7 v.1-3; 15-17 Mark 3 v.1-6)
Int: Christian Unity.

Thurs. St. Agnes
9.30 Mass. (Hebrews. 7 v.25, 8 v.6. Mark 3 v.7-12)
Int: Christian Unity.

Fri. St. Vincent 9.30 Mass. (Hebrews 8 v.6-13; Mark 3 v.13-19)
Int: Christian Unity.

Sat. 2.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday. Readings as tomorrow.
Int. Christian Unity.

Next Sunday - 3rd of Year B

9.30am Parish Mass and Address
(Jonah 3 v 1-5, 10; 1 Cor. 7v 29-31; Mark 1 v 14-20)

NOTICES:

1. Result of Christmas Crib Appeal
Christian Aid Online £525, Churn £110. Total, including Gift Aid: **£753.75**
St. Martin's Norwich Online £155, Churn, £64. Total, inc G.A.: **£250.25**
Sockbank total: **271 prs socks, 6 scarves, 2 hats, 1 pr gloves**, plus a few assorted clothes
2. Result of Food bank for 2020: **226 kg** of food & toiletries
3. There are a few shrines that need lamp endowments. Thank you to those who have responded.
4. Please come to mass this week to pray for Christian Unity. "may the unity of the church be formed by love and understanding.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

2nd of Year B – Christian Unity Week begins tomorrow.

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare Mass

Theme: God has called us from all eternity by name to be followers of his Son; to be his sons and daughters, to be members of the Body of Christ. We pray that we may be faithful to our vocation.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: We ask your forgiveness Lord, for the times when we have been unfaithful members of your Son's Body, the Church.
Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: For the times, Lord, when we have misused our bodies, the Temples of the Holy Spirit. Christ have mercy.

People: CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: For the times we have damaged other members by giving scandal or by criticising others. Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

GLORIA

OPENING PRAYER: Let us pray to our Father for the gift of peace. Father of heaven and earth, hear our prayers, and show us the way to peace in the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

1st Reading: I Samuel 3 v. 3-10, 19. Samuel is sleeping at the shrine of Shiloh when he hears a call from the Lord. The old priest Eli instructs him to respond to the call, which he does with a listening heart.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 39

® **Here I am Lord! I come to do Your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and He stooped down to me;
He heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God ®

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. ®

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. ®

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. ®

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6 v. 13-15, 17-20 St. Paul addresses the problem of immoral sexual practices in the Corinthian community. The body of the community is the dwelling place of the Spirit; community and casual sexual living do not go together.

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Acclamation: **(All) Alleluia! Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading: John 1: v. 35-42 John the Baptist directs two of his own disciples towards Jesus. They follow Jesus, stay with him and tell others about their own experiences of meeting the Messiah.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered,

'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

ADDRESS

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Samuel was helped by Eli to know when God was speaking to him; the first disciples were helped by John the Baptist to recognise Jesus as the promised Saviour. Let us pray for all whose task is to lead others to God.

Reader: Let us pray for ourselves, that in answering the call of Jesus we will always respect our bodies as the dwelling place of the Spirit of God.

Let us pray that priests, parents, teachers, and godparents may learn to recognise God's word in their own lives, so that they can in turn help those entrusted to them.

Let us pray for the Church that she may understand God's way of speaking and be open to hearing His word from the most unexpected sources.

We commend to God's healing all who are ill or in pain and all who are recovering from surgery and for those who depend on others for life and movement. As we pray for the sick we remember our house communicants Michael Denny, Billy Carter, Trevor Thorpe, Doug Hales and all suffering from Covid

Let us pray for all religious orders who spend their lives in prayer, listening to God's voice for the Church. May they be faithful to their vocation and supportive to the Church.

Let us pray for the deprived peoples of the world, for those who go hungry every day; for those without shelter; for those ravaged by disease and violence, especially in all areas of tension. We pray for Christian Aid.

Let us pray that the Church may always be an inviting home for those who seek to know Christ.

Let us pray for all young people confused about which path in life to follow; that they may come to recognise their particular abilities and thus choose wisely.

Father, have mercy on those who have died in the peace of Christ – receive them into the home you have prepared for them, especially William Cameron buried last week (pause while a candle is lit), Franklin Coxworthy, Fr. Thomas Anderson, Katherine Cook, Leslie Coppen, Francis Downie, John Henfri, Ruth Fox, Doris Roberts, Sylvie Rivers, May Howlett, Minnie Ashbolt, Emile Pritchard, Fr. Roland Saunders, Fr. James Jolley and Arthur Hill whose anniversaries occur at this time