

This week – Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

- Mon: St Anthony**
9.30am Mass (Eph 6 v 10-13,18; Matt 19 v 16-26) Int: Our discipleship
- Tues:** Christian Unity week begins
9.30 am Mass (Eph. 4 v 1-6; John 17 v 20-26)
Int: Christian Unity
- Wed:** 9.30am Mass (1 Sam 17 v 32-33,37,40-51; Mark 3 v 1-6)
Int: Christian Unity
- Thurs: St. Sebastian**
(1 Sam. 18 v 6-9,19 v 1-7; Mark 3 v 7-12)
Int: Christian Unity
- Fri: St. Agnes**
1.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Unity
2.30 pm Mass (1 Sam. 24 v 3-21; Mark 3 v 13-19)
Int: Christian Unity
- Sat: S.S. Vincent**
10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday |Readings as on Sunday
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Int: Christian Unity

Next Sunday – Third of Year C

9.30 am Parish Mass and Address
(Nehemiah 8 v 2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12 v 12-30; Luke 1 v 1-4; 4 v 14-21)
11.30 PCC in Church

NOTICES:

1. P.C.C. members Please make every effort to be present next Sunday.
2. Electoral Roll revision will take place every Sunday in February
3. On Tuesday 1st February we shall observe Candlemass-Sung Mass at 6.30pm. I hope we can have shared refreshments after Mass.
4. CHRISTIAN AID Total £510.72 plus £57.50 Gift Aid.
5. St MARTIN'S HOUSING TRUST £355 plus 179 hats, over 100 pairs of socks, 31 pairs of gloves and assorted bedding. Thanks to all who gave.
6. Gift Aid: A reminder from Val that you should only sign for Gift Aid if you pay tax. If your situation has changed, and you have signed for Gift Aid, please let Val know.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

2nd of Year C

THEME: Jesus begins his ministry with the first sign at Cana in Galilee and “lets his glory be seen”. The Church continues the work of Jesus in the World by manifesting his glory in the gifts of the Spirit, the sign of God’s presence in our day.

Entrance Hymn: 331 v. 1-4

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Lord we ask your forgiveness for the times we have failed to serve you; for our disunity. Lord have mercy.

PEOPLE: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: Lord forgive us for the times we often fail to use the gifts you have given us; and for the envy of others’ gifts. Christ have mercy.

PEOPLE: CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: Lord, forgive us for the weakness of our love and the selfishness that makes us unaware of the needs of others. Lord have mercy.

PEOPLE: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Gloria – Sanctus setting

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

First Reading – Isaiah 62 v. 1-5 The prophet holds out to his people a reversal of fortune. The day will come when they will be forsaken no longer. God will delight in them as a bridegroom delights in his bride.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named ‘Forsaken’, nor your land ‘Abandoned’, but you shall be called ‘My Delight’ and your land ‘The Wedded’; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm 95

®Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. ®

Proclaim his help day by day
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.®

Proclaim his help day by day
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power, give the
Lord the glory of his name. ®

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: "God is King".
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

® **Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples**

Second Reading – Corinthians 12 v. 4-11. Paul reminds his listeners that it is the Spirit of God who gives different gifts to the members of the Christian community. They are to be used in harmony in the service of the Lord.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Hymn: 331 v. 5 & 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel – John 2 v.1-12 Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding feast. Only with his help can our love be transformed into a deeper and Christ-like love.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Creed –p7 Hymn Book **Address**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Isaiah speaks of God's love for his people as that of a bridegroom for his bride. Let us, in knowledge of this constant love, pray for the faithless world.

Reader: Let us pray for those who have lapsed, that they may turn to God and enjoy his constant love.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will grace the church with the gifts of wisdom and insight; with preaching and faith, with prophecy and healing.

Let us pray that all married people may share understanding and forgiveness, for all who are struggling under tensions at this time, for those whose marriages have proved unhappy or impossible and have had to go their separate ways; and for those who are trying to forgive and forget.

We pray for ourselves that, hearing the appeal of Mary "Do whatever he tells you" we will make that the motto of our Christian lives, so we may be aware of our God-given gifts and use them for the benefit of others and for the celebration of life.

Let us pray for the strength and grace to make our hearts places of joy rather than places of jealousy and competition.

Lord, we acknowledge our sins and failings which create obstacles between our fellow Christians and ourselves; free us from our sins of prejudice. We await with joy the day when we shall be perfectly one.

We pray for those who suffer and are sick We continue to pray for Enid Lambert, Julie Gray, Lucy Muskett and Joan Hill and all anointed at our healing service on Thursday.

Lord, show your mercy to the dead – may they be admitted to the wedding feast of eternal life: we pray especially for Judith Ironside, Jessie Stephenson, Clifford Taylor, Franklin Coxworthy, Fr Thomas Anderson, Katherine Cook, Leslie Coppen, Sylvie Rivers, May Howlett; Minnie Ashbolt, Emilie Pritchard and Wilhelm Thiebes, whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

When the wine ran out at the marriage feast Mary was eager to help. Let us ask her prayers for those for whom we pray: **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: Father, may we do whatever your Son tells us, so that his glory may be seen and the world may believe. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 300 v. 1 & 2 **Offertory Prayer p.9 Hymn 300 v.2 - 4**
Sanctus - Sanctus setting

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most holy Sacrament;
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.

Agnus Dei - Sanctus setting

Hymns at Holy Communion – please join in – 409 and 618

Hymn at Ablutions: 213`

Post Communion Prayer & Angelus (front of Hymn Book)

Recessional Hymn: 184