

Coffee/Tea in church after Mass - all welcome

3rd November, 2024

This week:

Mass daily at 9.30 except on Saturday, when it is at 10.00.
Coffee, tea & cake on Tuesday after Mass 10.00- 10.30.

Next Sunday: Remembrance Sunday
9.30 Solemn Mass of Requiem for the Fallen in war.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
31st of Year B

THEME: Today's liturgy reminds us of one of the greatest truths in the Bible, namely, that there are really only two commandments. The first is to love God and the second is to love our neighbour. We like to think that we are on good terms with God, yet how many of us can say we are on good terms with all our neighbours? We ask our Father to forgive us our failures to prove our love for him by loving all our brothers and sisters.

BLESSING OF CANDLES IN HOLY CROSS CHAPEL TO COMMEMORATE THE DEAD

Entrance Hymn: 184 v. 1 - 4.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, for our failure to keep the commandment to love God. Lord have mercy.

People: **KYRIE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when we have failed to love our neighbour as ourself. Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, for our failure to be reconciled with you and each other. Lord have mercy.

People: **KYRIE ELEISON**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

Gloria – St Thomas setting words on sheet

OPENING PRAYER: Let us pray that our lives will reflect our faith. God of power and mercy, only with your help can we offer you service and praise. May we live the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: Deut. 6 v. 2 - 6. True religion centres on what God requires of us, personally. This means keeping God's law, but especially loving God from the heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ⓔ **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise;
when I call I am saved from my foes. Ⓔ

® **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised by the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. ®

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7 v. 23 - 28. It is through Christ our High Priest that we are led to God our Father.

Gospel Hymn: 184 v. 5 & 6

Gospel Acclamation: (*all*)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,

and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12 v. 28 - 34. From Jesus we learn that the first commandment of the Old Testament leads to the great commandment of the New Testament: if you love God you must love your neighbour.

CREED. (Page 4 on Saturday. Page 7 of Hymn Book on Sunday)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Father who loves all his children, deserving and undeserving, and who wants us to show our love for him by loving others in the same way.

Reader: Let us pray for all people involved in conflict throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East, that unrest and war may cease and that love will dictate our lives.

Let us pray for our Parish community and congregation. May we be known by all as truly people of God by our loving concern for our neighbours. Without love the world is very dark. Let us pray for all those who have known little kindness in their lives and who practise even less.

Let us pray that all Christians may be freed from prejudice and learn to love all our fellows because we are children of God.

Let us pray for our King and his government; may they rule our country in accordance with the true Christian principles of love and justice.

Let us pray for the leaders of all Christian denominations. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may we all be drawn into a common fellowship and a united worship.

Let us pray for those of little faith; for those seeking the truth and for those in despair.

Let us pray for the sick; may the Lord send his Spirit of healing to them and be with those who care for them, especially Daphne Lambert, Penny Sugden, Anna Horsnell, Marcel & Marjorie Rousseau, David Edge and Jan Ross.

Let us remember the departed, especially those we have known and loved, that they may see the fullness of God's glory. We pray for all who are commemorated by candles on the altar and Ralph Lambert (recently departed - *pause while candle is lit*). We pray for Donald MacDonald, Alan Parks, Joseph Tinsley, Molly Thurston, John Pyett, John Herron, Charles Stephanic, Joyce Taylor and Paul Watson whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Mary knew what it is to love in good times and in bad. Let us therefore pray with her and say, **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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: Lord our God, you call us to listen to your voice as you speak to us. May your great commandments be truly written on our hearts. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 218 v. 1 - 3

Offertory Prayers: Hymn 218 v. 4 - end.
Mass continues - P.9 of Hymn Book

Sanctus – St Thomas setting

Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ

Agnus Dei – St Thomas setting

Hymn at Holy Communion: 205

Hymn at Ablutions: 227.

Post Communion Prayers

Recessional Hymn: 302.