

Coffee / tea in church after Mass. Please stay  
The PCC meeting in Church – 11:30.

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST.MARY THE VIRGIN MENDLESHAM**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> of Year C**

**This week – Divine Office – Psalter Week 3**

**Mon: St. Francis de Sales**

9:30 Mass. Int: Christian Unity  
(II Samuel 5v.1-7,10. Mark 3v.22-30 )

**Tues: CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL (Feast)**

9:30 Mass. Int: Christian Unity.  
(Acts 22 v.3-16. Mark 16 v.15-18)

**Wed: S.S.Timothy & Titus**

9:30 Mass. Int: A greater love of Scripture  
(2 Tim 1 v.1-8; Mark 4 v.1-20)

**Thurs:** 9.30am Mass. Int: Peace of the world.  
(II Sam 7v.18-19, 24-29; Mark 4v.21-25)

**Fri: St. Thomas Aquinas**

9:30 Mass Int: Theological students.  
(II Sam 11v.1-10, 13-17; Mark 4v.26-34)

**Sat:** 10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday. Int: Searching for the faith.  
4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Next Sunday - 4th of Year C**

9.30am Parish Mass and Address.  
(Jer 1 v 4-5, 17-19; II Cor. 12 v 31-13 v 13; Luke 4 v 21-30)

**NOTICES**

- 1.. Please note that our main observance of Candlemass will be on Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. at 6:30pm. I hope we can have refreshments after.
2. Electoral Roll Revision begins on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.
3. Next Healing Service – Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2:30 pm.
4. Bible Studies start – Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:30 by Zoom

**THEME:** We acknowledge Jesus as Lord. Through the waters of baptism and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit we are the Body of Christ in the world. We come together to celebrate His risen presence in word and Sacrament and to give thanks to God for all we have received

**Entrance hymn:** 260 v. 1-3

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, for our failures to see ourselves as part of a community and for our lack of trust in others. Lord have mercy.

People: **Lord have mercy**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our reluctance to give love if we have not received it. Christ have mercy. People: **Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we have despised the weak and not shown your love to those in need. Lord have mercy.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

**GLORIA:** Sanctus setting (*words and music on laminated card*)

**Opening Prayer:** *Let us pray for unity and peace.* All-powerful and ever-living God, direct your love that is within us, that our efforts in the name of your Son may bring mankind to unity and peace.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading - Nehemiah 8v.2-6;8-10** The prophet proclaims the Law of God to the people of Jerusalem just after their return from exile. He tells them to receive the word joyfully and to keep the day sacred.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM ® Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, It gives wisdom to the simple. ®

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear; it gives light to the eyes. ®

The fear of the Lord is Holy, abiding forever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth, my rescuer, my rock! ®

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thought of my heart, win favour in your sight, oh Lord, my rescuer, my rock! ®

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12v.12-30. The Holy Spirit brings all people, irrespective of class or nationality, into the unity of one Body whose Head is Christ. Each member belongs and is needed: each is given a particular function with the necessary gifts to build up the Body; each suffers and rejoices with all the members. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

**Gospel Hymn:** 260 v. 4

**Alleluia, Alleluia. The Lord has sent me to give the Good News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** - Luke 1 v.1-4; 4v.14-21. Jesus applied the text from Isaiah to himself. He is the one sent to proclaim the Good News of healing, freedom and salvation.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**Address Creed:** Apostles Creed p.8

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Celebrant: We are one body with Christ as our head. We show our love for one another as we pray for the needs of the world.

Reader: May we work to make our parish a focus of welcome and practical service to one another.

May the Spirit of the Lord inspire and strengthen us to seek out and support those who are alienated from us and those who have been neglected by us.

Let us pray for all those who preach or teach the word of God, that the Spirit may be with them and help them to proclaim the Good News.

Let us pray for those whose hearts are broken with disappointment and misfortune, that the Lord may comfort them.

We pray for Christian Unity. Free us from our sins of prejudice and intolerance, give us a new heart and put a new spirit in us, so we may truly recognize you as God.

Let us pray for ourselves. Lord give us the eyes of faith to recognize the many ways you are present in our world, but especially in the Sacraments.

Let us pray for all those estranged from the Body of Christ, for those who feel unimportant in the community, that the spirit will enable us to show them God's love.

We pray for the sick and their healing especially Roland Felton, Lucy Musket, Julie Gray, Enid Lambert, Joan Hill, Brenda Walker, Adrian Last and Jan Ross.

Let us pray that our deceased relatives and friends enjoy the fullness of eternal life – especially Lynda Brill, recently departed (pause while a candle is lit) and Fr Roland Saunders, Fr James Jolley, Arthur Hill, Fr Bernard Walke, Violet Pritchard, Fr Malcolm Pearce, Fr Herbert Shaw, John Davison, Arthur Warren Frederick Lewis, Kenneth Smith, Susan Thurgar, Bridget Anthony-Chadwick and Lesley Nickless, whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

Let us put our prayers in the hands of Mary, Mother of Jesus and of the Church. **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 Lord God, as members of the Body of Christ, may we never forget that it is through us He continues His mission in our time. Help us to be faithful. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Offertory Hymn: 477 v. 1

**SANCTUS** - Sanctus setting

Offertory Prayers (P9) v. 2 & 3

**Mystery of Faith** – Sanctus

**Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy sacrament.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in Excelsis**

**Lord's Prayer etc,** p11

Hymn at Holy Communion Please join in. 99, 45,

Hymn at Ablutions – 179

Recessional Hymn - 264

**AGNES DEI** - Sanctus setting

Post communion Prayer & Angelus