

This Week: Divine office: Psalter Week 3

Mon: CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL (Feast)

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

Tues: S.S. Timothy & Titus

9:30 Mass (2 Tim 1v.1-8; Mark 3v.31-35) Int: All who study the Scriptures

Wed: 9.30am Mass (Hebrews 10 v 11-18; Mark 4 v 1-20)
Int: Guild of All Souls

Thurs: St. Thomas Aquinas.

9.30am Mass (Hebrews 10 v 19-25; Mark 4 v 21-25)
Int: All ordinands

Fri: 9:30 Mass (Hebrews 10 v 32-39; Mark 4 v 25-34)
Int: Peace of the world

Sat: 2.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
3.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday (Readings as on Sunday)
Int: All Seafarers.

Next Sunday: 4 of Year B – SEPTUAGESIMA

9.30am Parish Mass and Address
(Deuteronomy 18 v. 15-20; 2 Cor. 7 v. 32-35; Mark 1 v. 21-28.)

NOTICES:

1. Thank you to Eric for winding the church clock for the last 50 years and to Brian for being his understudy all that time.
2. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes tomorrow.
3. Thank you to all who sponsored shrine and altar candles.
4. Mediation on Repentance:
“Repentance is often presented as a harsh, sad and totally negative thing as if it merely consisted in feeling guilty about one’s sins or doing penance for them ... it means acquiring a new vision, taking a new direction and setting yourself more worthwhile goals, living by better values. In a word – it means a new life ...repentance is exciting and it always leads to joy. It means that we have heard the Good News and embraced it”.

24th January 2021

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

3rd Sunday of Year B

THEME: The call to repentance for the Christians is not limited to Advent and Lent. It is a call to die daily to the selfishness of sin. We hear once again today that fundamental message of the Lord Jesus

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have become complacent and have not recognised our daily need of you.
Lord, have mercy

People: Lord, have mercy

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have become engrossed in the values of materialism. Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have Mercy

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we do not turn away from ourselves and our selfishness towards the way you show us.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy

Celebrant Proclaims God’s forgiveness

GLORIA.

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. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading - Jonah 3 v. 1-5, 10: The word of God is addressed a second time to Jonah: he must preach the Lord’s message to the people of Nineveh. When they hear the message, the people turn away from their evil behaviour.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 24

® Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. ®

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

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® **Lord, make me know your ways.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path; He teaches His way to the poor. ®

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 7 v. 29-31: Paul believed that the world was passing away and that all relationships were provisional. He tells the Christians at Corinth to live in a spirit of detachment.

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

(All) Alleluia, Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the good news. Alleluia!

GOSPEL - Mark 1 v. 14 – 20: Jesus calls his hearers to repent; he then calls his first disciples to follow him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

ADDRESS

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: God has called Christians to know Christ and to help others to know him. Their actions and words are to show what he asks of his followers: unselfishness, generosity and forgiveness. Let us ask God that his Spirit will enable them to do this.

Reader: We pray for all who do not know Jesus Christ. May the love and concern of Christians help them to find Him.

We pray for those who are blind to their sinfulness. May the Lord, in His mercy, bring them to recognize and hear his call to repentance.

Let us pray for the church throughout the world: that Christians will always be the first to repent, the first to follow the Lord and the first to proclaim the love of God.

We give thanks for the presence and power of your Spirit in the church; give us the will to search for unity, and inspire us to pray and work together. Bring your whole family to the unity for which Christ prayed.

May the unity of the Church be found by love and understanding; gather us together through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We pray for Christians of all denominations in this village.

Let us pray for all who exercise power and authority in the State: that they may never lead the nation wrongly through love of power or unworthy ideals, but always encourage all that is good.

Let us pray for newspaper editors, T.V. and film directors, and all who influence our attitudes and values, for every consumer, viewer and reader, that the world may be led to search for real and lasting values, and so find peace and joy.

Let us pray for guidance in the way we use our time, money and abilities this week, and courage to follow Christ in a more committed, demanding and sacrificing way.

We commend to God's healing all who are ill or in pain - we remember Fr David Sherwood, Trevor Thorpe, Billy Carter, Michael Denny, Doug Hales. We also pray for Chris, Sarah, Anthony and Kathy and all in our congregation and throughout the world who are affected by Covid. We pray for bereaved and their families.

We pray for forgiveness and reconciliation for all the dead in Christ, and all the dead whose faith is known to God alone – Fr. Bernard Walke, Violet Pritchard, Fr. Malcolm Pearce; Fr. Herbert Shaw; John Davison; Arthur Warren; Celia Walker; Fred Lewis; Kenneth Smith; Bridget Anthony-Chadwick; Lesley Nickless - whose anniversaries occur this week.

Let us ask Mary, who responded with her whole heart to the call of God, to present our prayers to God. **Hail Mary Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among woman 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, make your people understand better what you ask of them as members of your family, the church, and help them to respond when Jesus says 'follow me'. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Offertory Prayers:

Santus

Lord's Prayer etc

Agnes Dei

Post Communion Prayer & Angelus

Blessing