

Coffee/tea in Church after Mass. All welcome. Please stay if you can.

30th January 2022

This week Divine Office – Week 4 of Psalter.

- Mon.** St John Bosco
9.30am Mass. (II Sam. 15 v 13-14, 30, 16 v 5-13; Mark 5 v 1-20)
Int: Schools, Colleges and Universities
- Tues.** Eve of Candlemass
6.30pm Blessing of Candles, Procession & Sung Mass
(Mal. 3 v 1-4; Luke 2 v 22-40)
Int: Mission of Church
- Wed.** Presentation of Our Lord
9.30am Mass (Heb. 2 v 14-18; Luke 2 v 22-40)
Int: Home & Family Life
- Thurs.** St Blaise
9.30am Mass & Blessing of St Blaise
(I Kings 2 v 1-4, 10-12; Mark 6 v 7-13)
Int: All who reject the Gospel
- Fri.** 9.30am Mass. (Ecclus. 47 v 2-11; Mark 6 v.14-29)
Int: Additional Curates Society
- Sat.** St Agatha
10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday.
(Isaiah 6 v 1-8; I Cor. 15 v 1-11; Luke 5 v 1-11.)
Int: Persecuted Christians
- Next Sunday** **5th of Year C.**
9.30am Parish Mass and Address.
(Isaiah 6 v 1-8; I Cor. 15 v 1-11; Luke 5 v 1-11)

NOTICES:

1. Please observe Candlemass well.
2. Our next healing service is on Monday 7 Feb at 2:30pm.
3. Bible studies by Zoom commence Tue 8 Feb at 7:30pm.
4. List on table for refreshments after Mass on Tue.
5. Magazine for Feb is available in Church.
6. Electoral Roll revision begins next Sunday.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST.MARY THE VIRGIN MENDLESHAM

4th of Year C

THEME: Every Christian has a prophetic role to play. He must 'point out' the presence and power of Jesus working in his life and in the world. God manifests his presence in us by bringing forth the fruits of love.

Entrance Hymn: 311 v 1 – 4.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: 'Love is never jealous'. Forgive us for being envious of other people.
Lord have mercy. **People: Lord have mercy**

Celebrant: 'Love takes no pleasure in other peoples sins but is always ready to excuse'. Forgive us Lord, our judgement of others. Christ have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: 'Love is never boastful or conceited'. Forgive us Lord, for thinking we are better than others. Lord have mercy. **People: Lord have mercy.**

GLORIA: Dom Gregory setting, Words on yellow card.

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray for a greater love of God and our fellow men.* Lord God, help us to love you with all our hearts and to love all men as you love them.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading - Jeremiah 1 v. 4-5; 17-19: Jeremiah was called by God and sent to proclaim his word to Israel and the nations. He will suffer many things in carrying out his mission. But he will not fail because God is with him.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

'So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. 'I, for my part, today will make you

into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 70 ® **My lips will tell of your help.**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. ®

Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. ®

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. ®

My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help.

O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. ®

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12 v. 31- 13 v. 13: Love is the greatest of all the gifts God gives us. It is best known by our concern for others and our spirit of self-sacrifice. Love will remain when we meet God face to face.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Hymn: 311 v. 5&6

All: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord. No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 4 v. 21-30: Jesus is rejected by his own people in Nazareth as they realise the significance of his message.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?'

But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Address

Creed: Nicene Creed (page 7 of Hymn Book).

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Love is gift from God. We express our love by asking for an increase of this gift for all who are in need.

Reader: Lord, help us to bring your message, by our love, into our own families.

Let us pray for ourselves, may we be animated by the Spirit of love in our dealings with one another. May we never take advantage but always be concerned with the good of others.

Let us pray for our enemies, and those who do not love us. May they know the love and goodness of God in their own lives.

Let us pray for all those whose love is weak and unsure, that in the Spirit we may come to have patience, kindness and forgiveness.

Let us pray for all refugees and exiles and all those rejected by their own countrymen.

Let us pray for the sick, may they find comfort in the love of Christ in those around them – especially Lucy Muskett, Julie Gray, Jan Ross, Joan Hill and Jim Baker.

Let us pray for the dead, May they rejoice in the full joy of God's love, especially Wendy List, Margaret Wright, James Burke, Phyllis Syrett, Mary Jacobs, Esme Perry, Zachary Monksfield, Margot Fletcher, Richard Westenra-Hartley, Vida Godart Brown, Frederick Freeman; Eleanor Ball and Mabel Parker whose anniversaries of death are at this time.

The first to learn from the personal love of Jesus was his mother. We ask her to pray for us in our need to learn. **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.**

SILENCE

All: God our Father, help us to recognise your gifts as we listen to your word, and to recognise your love in those around us. Grant that we may reveal that love ourselves through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 262 v. 1 & 2.

Offertory Prayer: v. 3 – end.

SANCTUS: Dom Gregory setting.

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

Lord's Prayer. (Page 11.)

AGNUS DEI. Dom Gregory setting

Hymns at Holy Communion: 189 and 231. Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 205.

Post Communion Prayer and Angelus

Recessional Hymn: 609.