

Coffee/Tea in church after Mass - all welcome.

This week: Divine Office - Psalter Week 1

- Mon:** 2.00pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for silent prayer
2.30pm. Mass. Laying on of hands & anointing for healing
(1 Kings 8v.1-7, 9-13. Mark 6v.53-56) Int: The sick.
- Tues:** 9.30am Requiem Mass – February Anniversaries
(Isiah 35v.3-6,10. Matt 14v.22-23) Int: Care of our planet
7.30pm Bible Study by zoom –
Revelation 2v.1-7 – the Church in Ephesus – faithful but unloving
- Wed:** 9.30am Mass (1 Kings 10 v.1-10, Mark 7v.14-23)
Int: Queen Elizabeth and her government
- Thurs:** **St. Scholastica**
9.30am Mass. (1 Kings 11v.4-13. Mark 7v.24-30).
Int: Ministry od Deliverance
- Fri:** **Our Lady of Lourdes**
9.30am Mass (Isiah 66v. 10-14, John 2v.1-11) Int: All Pilgrims
- Sat:** 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: More faithful discipleship
(Jer. 17v.5-8, 1 Cor.15v.12,16-20. Luke 6v.17,20-26)

Next Sunday - Septuagesima - 6th Year C

9.30am Parish Mass & Address
(Jer. 17v.5-8, 1 Cor.15v.12,16-20. Luke 6v.17,20-26)

NOTICES:

1. Please support our healing service tomorrow - Monday
2. Please support our Bible Study – Tuesday.
3. Electoral Roll is displayed each Sunday in February
4. We need to revise the cleaning rota for church. Please see Jess Fleming if you can help.

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

6th February 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
5th of Year C

THEME: The readings of today's Mass speak of vocation. Isaiah, Paul and Peter are called to the service of the Lord. By virtue of our Baptism, we too are called to the Lord's service within the circumstances of our daily lives. We worry about how we will cope with this call, yet the message of Jesus is the same for us as it was for Simon Peter - 'Do not be afraid'.

Entrance Hymn: 241 v. 1 - 3.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Lord we are sinners and yet you come to us; we are unworthy and yet you call us. Forgive us when we are unaware of your presence in us.
Lord have mercy. People: **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant: Lord forgive us when we ignore your invitation to follow you.
Christ have mercy. People: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**.

Celebrant: Lord, forgive us for those times our lives often show little response to your love. Lord have mercy. People: **LORD HAVE MERCY**.

SANCTUS GLORIA. (Words and music are on the laminated card.)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that God will watch over us and protect us.*
Father, watch over your family and keep us safe in your care, for all our hope is in you.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: Isaiah 6 v. 1 - 8. In the first reading we hear of the vocation of Isaiah. He feels unworthy before the holiness of God.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM. Ps 137 ® **Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.®

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.®

® Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

All the earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'®

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.®

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 15 v. 1-11. In the second reading St. Paul reminds us of the origin of his teaching. It is the Gospel he himself received from the Lord. Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Hymn: 241 v. 4 & 5.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5 v. 1 - 11. In this Gospel reading we hear how Peter and his friends are called by Christ, and their lives are changed.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

CREED. (Page 7 in hymn book, Nicene Creed)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Jesus commissions his people to spread the word of God to the ends of the earth. We pray that they may have the strength to fulfil this task faithfully and with perseverance.

Reader: Let us pray for all who are called to follow Christ in the preaching of the Gospel. May they be faithful to their message. We pray especially for the additional Curates Society and the Diocesan link with Kagera.

Let us pray for those who have handed on the Gospel to us, for parents, priests and teachers.

We pray for all who do not feel called to anything; that the Lord will enliven them with a sense of their own worth, a worth for which he died on the cross.

Let us pray for all those who hold public office; that they may bring all their talents and energies to serving those for whom they work.

Let us pray for journalists and all who earn their living by the use of words, that truth may prevail.

We pray for all who are bereaved, especially John Allen and family.

Let us pray that through prayer the Lord's love may strengthen those who are sick: for Lucy Musket, Joan Hill, Jim Baker, Adrian Last, Enid Lambert, Jan Ross, Jan Robinson and all remembered at Shrine prayers.

Let us pray for the dead, that they may know God's reconciliation and peace, especially Beryl Allen, recently departed (pause while a candle is lit) and George Hart, Geoffrey Fletcher, Eve Roshier, Robert Downie, Charles Old, Joan Agate, William Hodge, Mary Fletcher, Samuel Lever, Beatrice Cox, Maurice Sheldrake, Evelyn Finch, Helen Flaherty, Fr John Roberts, Iris Kitchen, Dick Harvey-Samuel and Margaret Butlin, whose anniversaries occur this week.

Mary teaches us by her example of faithfulness and self-giving. We seek the help of her prayers as we say together; **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, we praise and thank you for calling us to share in your holiness. Help us to show that holiness in daily lives. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 312 v. 1-3.

Offertory Prayers: Hymn 312 v 4 and 5

Sanctus Sanctus. (Mass continues – page 9 in hymn book.)

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.**

Agnus Dei: Sanctus setting

Hymns at Holy Communion: 460 & 444. Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 201

Post Communion Prayer Angelus

Recessional Hymn: 119