

Mon: 9.30 Mass
(Gen 1 v 1-19; Mark 6v.53-56) Int: Guild of All Souls

Tues: 9.30 am Requiem Mass - February Anniversaries

Wed: St. Scholastica
9.30am Mass (Gen 2 v4-9,15-17; Mark 7 v14-23).
Int: Religious Orders

Thurs: Our Lady of Lourdes
9.30am Mass. (Gen 2 v18-25; Mark 7 v.24-30)
Int: All pilgrims
7.30pm Deanery Synod

Fri: 9.30am Mass (Gen 3 v1-8; Mark 7 v.31-37)
Int: Those who lack hearing and speech

Sat: 2.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Confessions)
3.00 1st Mass of Sunday. (Readings as on Sunday)
Int: Communicants

Next Sunday - QUINQUAGESIMA - 6th of Year B

9.30am Parish Mass & Address
(Lev 13 v1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor.10 v31-11 v.1; Mark 1 v 40-45)

NOTICES:

1. Lent begins 17th February. We shall be supporting the church in Kagera and we need to provide our own boxes.
2. I shall ask you to ash yourselves at Mass on Ash Wednesday.
3. I am planning to lead a Lent study on Tuesday evenings via Zoom at 7.30 pm to last about an hour. I hope to send the link for this with next week's bulletin with more details. Anyone is welcome to join.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"If you want to keep a lamp burning you must keep putting oil in it" – (Mother Theresa)
Consider Scriptures. Apply to self. Resolve to do something about it. – (C A R)

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

Sexagesima - 5th of Year B

Theme: Wherever Jesus encountered suffering in His ministry, no matter how trivial, he brought relief. These were signs of His establishing the kingdom of God. We pray in this Eucharist for the healing presence of Christ.

PENITENTIAL RITE.

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, for the times we fail to see suffering as a constructive means to love. Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, for the times we fail to allow your Holy Spirit to work in us. Christ have mercy.

People: CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, for our anxiety about involvement in the world, particularly amongst the sick. Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GLORIA:

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: Job 7 v 1~4, 6~7 Job mourns the loss of his family, his possessions, his future. He believes there is nothing left for him in life but drudgery and grief.

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146

® **Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted**

Alleluia! Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. ®

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars; He calls each one by its name. ®

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured.
The lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to dust. ®

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9 v 16-19, 22-23 St Paul reminds us that we have a duty to preach the Gospel. One of our main responsibilities as Christians is to evangelise.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1 v 29-39 Because of his mercy to those suffering, Jesus cures those in need of his healing power.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

CREED: (Nicene)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Jesus cured the sick and brought comfort and meaning into the lives of many. Let us pray for those who need his comfort now.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church, that she may faithfully preach the Good News to all people.

Let us pray for all who are participating in this Mass: that through all our sufferings we may learn to feel the sufferings of others and show them compassion.

Let us pray for all those who are immersed in activity; that we may realise that no work is more important than prayer, for without prayer, work will sap our energy and leave us spiritually empty.

Let us pray for those involved in the ministry of healing, and especially priests, that they may have expectant faith that their work is God's work. We pray for the Guild of All Souls and for the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

We pray for doctors, nurses and all who work to alleviate suffering ~ especially those who work in our parish for the relief of suffering.

Let us pray for those shattered by grief, especially those who have recently been bereaved.

Let us pray for those who suffer without deserving and those who endure pain inflicted through no fault of their own.

We pray that through the laying on of hands and anointing the Lord's love may strengthen those who are sick, especially Michael Denny, Doug Hales, Hazel Lockwood, Trevor Thorpe and James Hilton and give thanks for Anthony's recovery.

Let us pray for those who are close to death and who are afraid; that the Lord may give them peace and confidence. We pray for Charles Old, Joan Agate, Samuel Lever, Mary Fletcher, Maurice Sheldrake; Evelyn Finch, Helen Flaherty, Fr. John Roberts, Iris Kitchen, Dick Harvey-Samuel, Fr. Percy Widdrington, Stephanie Mayes; Gordon Vincent and Sebastian Andrews whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

We seek the comfort of a mother's help as we say ~ **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: Hear our prayers, Lord. Comfort all those in sorrow, sickness or adversity, that by your blessing and with the help of those who care for them they may find encouragement and peace. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen

Offertory Prayers
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS:

Mystery of Faith
Angelus

AGNUS DEI:
BLESSING