

Coffee and tea after Mass. Please stay if you are able.

This week: Divine Office - Psalter week 2.

Mon: S.S.Cyril & Methodius (Feast) Co Patrons of Europe

9.30am Mass (Acts 13 v46-49; Luke 10 v1-9)

Int: People of Europe

Tue: 9.30am Mass (James 1 v12-18; Mark 8 v 14-21)

Int: All communicants

7.30pm Bible study by Zoom Rev 2 v8-11

Wed. 9.30am Mass (James 1 v19-27; Mark 8 v 22-26)

Int: The blind and partially sighted

Thu. 9.30am Mass (James 2 v1-9; Mark 8 v 27-33)

Int: The homeless & St Martin's Norwich

Fri. 9.30am Mass (James 2 v14-24,26; Mark 8 v34- 9v1)

Int: The dying

Sat. 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday. (Readings as tomorrow)

Int: Better stewardship of time and talents

4.00pm Sacrament of reconciliation

Next Sunday - SEXAGESIMA (7th of Year C)

9.30am Parish Mass and Address

(1 Sam. 26 v 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor. 15 v 45-49; Luke 6 v 22-38)

1. Lent begins Wed 2nd March. Please bring palms to church for ash ceremony.
2. Please support Bible Study on Tuesday.
3. List on Table for Vestry Meeting on 6th March.

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

13th February, 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM **SEPTUAGESIMA - 6th of Year C**

Theme: The Gospel of today's Mass plunges us into the world of the Beatitudes. Here we discover the values Christ held up before his disciples. They are so different from those which are accepted as desirable in daily life that they take us into a new world. Which world do we belong to? When making important decisions, do we ever consult Christ and his Gospel?

Entrance Hymn: **41 v 1 & 2**

PENITENTIAL RITE.

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we ignore your teaching that if we become truly rich, we should give rather than receive. Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we prefer to be served rather than serve. Christ have mercy. **People: CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we give in to popularity or profitability rather than what is right. Lord have mercy. **People: LORD HAVE MERCY**
CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GLORIA: Dom Gregory setting.

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that everything we do will be guided by God's law of love.* God our Father, you have promised to remain for ever with those who do what is just and right. Help us to live in your presence.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17 v 5-8. The life of those who trust in man is as precious as that of a shrub growing in the desert. Whereas the life of those who trust in God is as sure as that of a tree growing by the waterside.

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm1

® **Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.**

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the council of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law by day and night. ®

He is like a tree that is planted by the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. ®

® **Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to doom. ®

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15 v 12,16-20. The resurrection of Christ is the foundation on which our faith and hope rest.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Hymn: **41 v 3**

Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 6 v 17, 20-26. This contains Luke's version of the Beatitudes, The virtues Jesus teaches completely overturns conventional wisdom. His declaration is public and uncompromising.

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

ADDRESS CREED (Apostles)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Let us turn in prayer to Jesus and place our petitions before him.

Reader: Let us pray that the followers of Jesus may not seek after the things of this world but after those things that make them rich in the eyes of God.

Let us pray for all Christians: that they may be an example of generosity, compassion and forgiveness to the world.

Let us pray for countries where there is war or threat of war; that their leaders may take the path of peace and reconciliation – and especially Russia and Ukraine.

Let us pray for judges; that they may show wisdom and compassion in the exercise of their office,

Let us pray for those faced with life's sorrows; that they may not be afraid to show their sadness, because the tears of the just are precious in the sight of God.

We pray that we may hunger for a good life, putting that even before eating and drinking, because then we will begin to taste real happiness.

Let us pray for all those who are denounced as criminals on account of the Son of Man; may they rejoice in the Spirit through the prayers of other Christians.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick, especially Joan Hill, Jim Baker, Adrian Last, Jan Ross, Lucy Muskett and all anointed last Monday and all prayed for at Shrine prayers. May they know how much God loves them and how strong his healing is when they turn to him.

Let us pray for those who have died, that they will find peace with God especially Fr Percy Widdrington, Stephanie Mayes, Richard Penistan, Ivy Nickless, Frederick Wylde, Lionel Stannard, Vera Ward, Peter Redhead, Horace Bennett, Basil Cann and Anne Humble, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Let us seek the help of Our Lady who remained at peace even though a sword pierced her heart - **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: Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to show us your kingdom here on earth. May he guide us in your ways so that we may come, through him, to know you in the Spirit. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: **7 v 1 & 2** Offertory Prayers p.9 **7 v. 3 & 4.**

SANCTUS: Dom Gregory Setting Mystery of Faith: No. 1

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

Lord's Prayer etc. p.11

AGNUS DEI: Dom Gregory Setting.

Hymn at Holy Communion please join in. **257; 227**

Hymn at Ablutions: **179**

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

ANGELUS

Recessional Hymn: **472.**