

This week: Divine Office - week 2 of Psalter until Wednesday.

Mon. 9.30am Mass (Gen.4 v1-15,25; Mark 8 v. 11-13.)
Int: Additional Curates Society 4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tues. SHROVE TUESDAY
9.30am Mass (Gen 6 v5-8, 7v1-5; Mark 8 v 14-21.)
Int: All Penitents. 4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wed. ASH WEDNESDAY - Fast & Abstinence (Psalter Week 4)
9.30am Mass & Ashing (Joel2v12-18; 2 Cor.5v20- 6v2; Matt.6v1-6,16-18.)
3.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Int: A good observance of Lent. - Pray for all starting the Lent Challenge

Thurs. 9.30am Mass. Deut. 30 v 15-20; Luke 9 v 22-25)
Int: Society of the Holy Cross
Give 50p if you gave or were given flowers on Valentine's. 10p if you were given vegetables!

Fri. 9.30am Mass (Is. 58 v 1-9 Matt. 9 v 14-15)
Int: Christian Aid
Give 10p for every musical instrument in your house

Sat. 2.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Bishop Norman
(Readings as on Sunday.)
Give 10p for every key worker you know.

NEXT SUNDAY: LENT 1.

9.30am Parish Mass and Address.
(Gen. 9 v 8-15; 1 Peter 3 v 18-22; Mark 1 v 12-15.)

NOTICES:

1. Please begin Lent well by attending Mass on Ash Wednesday. Our Lenten challenge is for Kagera, Tanzania. (See challenges in green above, suggested by the diocesan campaign.) Don't worry if you can't give amounts suggested, give what you can and enjoy the challenge. The Diocese is supporting key workers in this poor diocese to improve their lives.
2. Extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Lent.
3. Anne and I will deal with burning palm crosses for ash and bring it church on Ash Wednesday in individual wraps. Please take one as you enter church & sign yourself with the ash at the appropriate time. As it will make your thumb dirty, please bring your own wet wipe or tissue to cleanse afterwards.
4. Zoom Lent Course on the Prodigal Son (Luke 15) each Tuesday at 7.30 pm for an hour, starting next week on 23rd Feb. Link to be sent next week.

14th February, 2021

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

QUINQUAGESIMA

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THEME: God does not exclude anyone from his love. But sometimes we cut ourselves off from God by our rejection of Him in sin. Like the leper in today's Gospel, our only sure hope is the healing and forgiving gift of God.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive our failure to acknowledge your power to forgive us our sins.
Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: Forgive our failure to ask you to stretch out your hand to bring healing to us today. Christ have mercy.

People: CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: Forgive our hardness of heart and the times we think we put ourselves and others outside your love. Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

GLORIA:

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: Leviticus 13 v. 1-2; 45-46: This reading gives us the prescription of the Mosaic Law regarding those affected by leprosy. They had to live in isolation, and proclaim their uncleanness to all who approached them. The Hebrews regarded leprosy as a possible punishment by God which therefore required a ceremonial purification after cure.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 31.

® **You are my hiding place O Lord;
You surround me with cries of deliverance.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. ®

But now I have acknowledged my sins: my guilt I did not hide.
I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord."
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. ®

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult you just!
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. ®

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10 v. 31; 11 v. 1: St. Paul is telling the Christians at Corinth never to do anything offensive to non-Christians, but to follow his example as he follows that of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1 v. 40–45: The Gospel tells of our Lord's encounter with a man suffering from leprosy, whom he heals with a touch of his hand and a word of command.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

ADDRESS

CREED (Apostles' Creed)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Let us call upon Jesus, who never refused to help, and ask him to help all those most in need in the world today.

Reader: Let us pray for all who suffer from leprosy and those suffering from any debilitating or disfiguring disease: for those who work in medical research; that God may bring about abundant healing – remembering especially The Leprosy Mission.

Let us pray for the work of the Church in all deprived areas of the world, that in the name of Jesus we may reach out to the poor and hungry, the outcast and despised and spread God's healing love – remembering especially the Norwich Night Shelter Christian Aid and the Diocese of Kagera.

We pray for those who feel outcast by society and all who who find themselves lost in the helplessness of drug and alcoholic addiction. May we never reject them in our lives but lead them to God's hope and salvation and may they know that they are not excluded from God's love.

Let us pray for all engaged couples and all preparing for marriage.

We pray for the incurably sick and terminally ill. May God give them peace and relief from pain.

Let us pray for those working in the Department of Health, the NHS and hospices – may they have special care for the young, the old, the infirm, those who are terminally ill and all suffering from Covid.

We pray for the healing of the sick, especially Michael Denny, Doug Hales, Jessica Mercer and Ralph Lambert as well as all who suffer from covid, for our parishioners in homes: Margaret Maundrell, Cindy Lind, Hazel Lockwood & Billy Carter.

Awaken the dead to a glorious resurrection we pray especially for Paul Howlett recently departed (pause while a candle is lit) Richard Penistan; Ivy Nickless; Frederick Wylde; Lionel Stannard; Vera Ward; Peter Redhead; Horace Bennett; Charles Fletcher; Basil Cann; Anne Humble; John Juby; Frank Smith; Anand Nair and Joyce Jackaman whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they know the healing touch of Christ.

Let us ask Mary, the Mother who suffered with her Son, to pray for all her suffering children. **Hail Mary** etc.

S I L E N C E

All: Lord God, you sent your Son to heal the wounds of the world. Look with pity on those who suffer today in so many different ways, and hear the prayers we make for them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Prayers:

**Sanctus
Agnus Dei**

**Post Communion Prayer: Angelus.
Blessing**