

**THEME** In this Mass, we look forward to the sending of the Spirit of Jesus. Jesus came to bring eternal life to all those who believe in Him, and the Spirit brings that eternal life to us. So as we prepare for Pentecost let us ask God to free us from our sins and failings that we may wait for the Spirit with a pure heart.

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

- Forgive us, Lord, for our failure to make relations and be united with each other. **Lord have mercy**
- Forgive us, Lord, when we are afraid to commit ourselves too deeply. **Christ have mercy.**
- Forgive us, Lord, for being so blind to the Holy Spirit working in us. **Lord have mercy.**

**GLORIA**

**OPENING PRAYER** - *Let us pray that we may recognise the presence of Christ in our midst.* **Father, help us keep in mind that Christ our Saviour lives with you in glory and promised to remain with us until the end of time. Amen.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading – Acts 1 v 12-14** *Every Christian community must prepare itself by prayer to receive the Spirit promised by Christ.*

**‘After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.’**

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 26** **® I am sure I will see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **®**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple **®**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:  
“Seek His face.” **®**

**Second Reading 1 Peter 4 v 13 - 16** *Those who share in the sufferings of Christ are truly blessed because they will share in His glory. No one should be ashamed of being a follower of Christ.*

**‘If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.’**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

**Gospel –John 17 v. 1 - 11** *As he prepares for his hour of departure and glorification Jesus prays for his disciples. Through their work on earth God’s name will continue to be glorified.*

**‘Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.**

**I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me,**

**and they have kept your word.**

**Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me.**

**I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified.**

**I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.”**

**Fr Philip’s ADDRESS WILL BE AT THE END, on a separate recording.**

**CREED**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** As we have been called to share in the Spirit, let us now as God’s people together put our requests to the Lord.

**Reader:** Jesus is no longer physically in the world, but we are. We pray that men and women may see in us what they saw in Christ when he walked on the earth.

The disciples and Mary waited in continuous prayer for the coming of the Spirit of Jesus. May we, too, await the Spirit's coming this Pentecost in prayer and faithfulness to God's command.

Let us pray for those people who suffer insults because they bear the name of Christ. May they not be discouraged but rejoice in the knowledge that the Spirit of God rests on them.

Mary said a yes to God that was total. May our lives be patterned on Mary's obedience and may the word of God, which Mary treasured in her heart, continue to be a source of nourishment in the life of the church.

We pray for doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and all key workers, that they may be protected from harm and that those in government will be guided in their decision-making to do the best for those they represent.

Let us pray for the bereaved and especially for Marcus Keeble. May their sorrow be softened and their emptiness filled by the love of God.

Let us pray for those who are sick, that the Lord will look with pity on those who look to Him for healing of body or mind and grant them the blessing of his saving health - especially Nichola Berry, Ken Davis and Russell Pipe in hospital and Peter Wyatt, Billy Carter, Michael Denny, Janice Ross, Jessica Mercer, Joan Hill, Elizabeth Routledge, Amanda King and Keith Forsdyke

Let us pray for those who have died, that they will find peace with God - especially Roger Keeble, buried last Wednesday and Iris Mapson, Joyce O'Brian, Daphne Rowland, Beryl Cheves, Harold Battye, Valerie Grey, Sidney Burrows, 'Gunner' Godfree, John Hunt, Leonard Hunt, Margaret East, Bertram Sandhurst, June Heather-Rand, Peter Cheves and David Taylor, whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

May Mary, the mother of the Church, be with us now 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.**

#### SILENCE

All: **Lord God, heavenly Father, hear our prayers to let your spirit dwell in us, that he may enlighten and lead us into all truth, and defend us from all evil. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### ACT OF SPIRITUAL HOLY COMMUNION

**Dear Lord, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from you.**

#### **EASTER ANGELUS (Regina Coeli).**

*Joy to thee O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!*

*He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!*

*As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!*

*Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!*

*V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia!*

**R. for the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia! +**

#### Fr Philip Writes:

#### Thought for this week

"Prayer is like the turning on of an electric switch. It does not create the current; it simply provides a channel through which the current can flow." (Max Handel)

**Christian Aid Week** Thanks to all who donated via the special page set up by Val Arnold. £701.20 was given, with an extra £166.55 in Gift Aid, making a total of **£867.75**

**'Thy Kingdom Come' 21<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May.** You may like to light a candle in your window at 7pm each evening and put up a poster '*Light up Suffolk with Prayer*'.

#### **Walsingham -2020 National Pilgrimage at Home – Live. Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> May**

<https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/2020-national-pilgrimage-at-home/>

11.45am Live-stream starts; 11.55am Welcome from Fr Kevin Smith, Priest Administrator; 12.00pm Sung Mass; 12.50pm Homily by The Revd Tim Pike, CMP; 6pm Shrine Prayers

**Parish Giving Scheme.** Thanks to all who give regularly to the work of the church, whether by Direct Debit or standing order. Please consider regular giving if you do not already do so. It is now possible to set up a regular Direct Debit gift through the Parish Giving Scheme by phone: 0333 002 1271, Mon to Fri, from 9 – 5pm. You will need to quote: **330633127 Mendlesham: St Mary.**

If you would prefer to give online by standing order or make a single donation, the church account details are:

Sort code: **40-52-40** Account No: **00021465** Bank: **CAF Bank**

#### Mass Readings this week (Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

**MONDAY: St Bede the Venerable** Acts 19 v 1-8; John 16 v29-33 Int: all teachers

**TUESDAY: St Philip Neri** Acts 20 v 17 -27. John 17 v 1-11.

Int: greater devotion to the Blessed Sacrament

**WED: ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY** 1 Thess.2 v 2-8; Luke 10 v 1-9

Int: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

**THUR:** Acts 22 v 30, 23 v 6-11; John 17 v 20-26. Int: Christian unity

**FRI:** Acts 25 v 13-21; John 21 v 15-19. Intention: lawyers, judges & magistrates

**SAT.** Acts 28 v 16-20, 30-31. John 21 v 20-25. Int: Confirmation candidates.

#### **Next Sunday: PENTECOST (Whitsunday)**

Acts 2 v 1-11; 2 Cor. 12 v 3-7 12-13; John 20 v 19-23.

Please continue to pray for one another, as I do for you – and continue to contact me about any requests for prayer or pastoral need. Tel: 01449 766359