

eTea/coffee in Church after Mass. All welcome.

19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**This week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 3. After Ash Wed. - Week 4**

**Mon:** 9.30 Mass. (Eccles. 1 v.1-10; Mark 9 v.14-29)  
Int: Sick Children  
4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Tues** 9:30 Mass (Eccles. 2 v.1-11; Mark 9 v.30-37) Int: All penitents  
10:30-12.30 Tea/Coffee/Soup etc in Church  
4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Wed:** **ASH WEDNESDAY (Feast and Abstinence of meat)**  
9.30 Said Mass & Ashing Ceremony  
5.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm. Sung Mass & Ashing Ceremony  
(Joel 2v.12-18; 2 Cor 5v.20- 6 v.2; Matt 6 v.1-6;16-18)  
Int: A good observance of Lent

**Thurs:** 9.30 Mass Int: Walsingham  
(Deut 30 v.15-20; Luke 9 v.22-25)

**Fri:** 9.30 Mass (Is 58 v. 1-9; Matt 9 v.14-15)  
Int: Our Churchwardens

**Sat** 10:00 First Mass of Sunday (Readings as on Sunday)  
Int: Friends of St. Mary's  
4.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Next Sunday – Lent 1**

9.30am Parish Mass and Address  
(Gen 2 v.7-9, 3 v.1-7; Romans 5 v.12-19; Matt 4 v.1-11)  
10.30 Annual Vestry meeting for election of church wardens.  
11.30 A.G.M. of Friends of St Mary's

**NOTICES:**

1. Electoral Role Revision concludes next Sunday.
2. Vestry Meeting for Electing Churchwardens is Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> at 10.30
3. A.G.M for the Friends of St. Mary's is Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> at 11.30.
4. Lent giving is for the diocese of Kagera for Priests and Evangelists to study; help for motor bikes so priests can travel round large Parishes more easily.
5. Emergency Appeal for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria vis the churn.

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**

**7<sup>th</sup> of Year A - Quinquagesima**

*Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass*

**THEME:** We tend to hold grudges against people even after we have supposedly forgiven them, by never quite forgetting what they did to us. But God blots out the past completely; he does not remember our sins.

**Entrance Hymn:** 398 v.1-4

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we refuse to let go of our sins of the past.  
Lord have mercy. **People:** *(sing)* **Kyrie Eleison** *(Ukrainian setting)*

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we do not allow you to forgive our sins and to bring us wholeness. Christ have mercy.

People: **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we reject the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Lord have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

*Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.*

**GLORIA.** – Sanctus setting (on laminated card)

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that God will make us more like Christ, his Son.* Father, keep before us the wisdom and love you have revealed in your Son. Help us to be like him in word and deed, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading: Leviticus 19 v 1-2, 17-18** We are in tune with the holiness of God when we refuse to exact vengeance or bear a grudge against another.

**The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:**

**"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.**

**"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102** **®The Lord is compassion and love.**

My soul give thanks to the Lord,  
All my being, bless his Holy Name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
And never forget all his blessings. ®

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
Who heals every one of your ills,  
Who redeems your life from the grave,  
Who crowns you with love and compassion. ®

The Lord is compassion and love,  
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
Nor repay us according to our faults. ® **The Lord is compassion and love.**

As far as the east is from the west  
So far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
The Lord has pity on those who fear him. ®

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3 v 16-23.** Paul gives us a profound reason why we should respect one another: we are the Temple of God.

*Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.*

*Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.*

**Gospel Hymn:** 398 v.5

**Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 5 v 38-48.** What differentiates the disciples of Christ from others is their willingness to love as God loves.

*Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.*

*'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'*

**Address** **CREED** –Apostle's Creed (*page 8 of hymn book*)

#### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Celebrant: Jesus came to bring us the good news of the Father's forgiveness.  
Let us pray that we may believe and live this good news.

Reader: Let us pray for all the disciples of Jesus: that having experienced his forgiveness in our own lives we may set an example for the world in forgiving those who offend us.

We pray for all who are not quick to forgive others that we may remember to be reconciled to our brothers and sisters before coming to the altar to worship.

We pray for all members of families that are divided by feuds which took place long ago, especially for those who do not speak to each other or seldom meet.

We pray for peace between nations who find it difficult to forgive each other and for countries torn apart by internal troubles, especially remembering Ukraine.

Let us pray for those who are tempted to suicide and those who think they cannot be forgiven.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick; those who are ill and in pain, especially Eric Baully, Ferdi Vincent, Eric Boon, Marjorie Rousseau and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers

We pray for the dead, that they may be released from their sins: for Frank Smith, Anand Nair, Joyce Jackaman, Ruby Stephenson, Doris Elliott, Mandy Parker, Thomas Probert, Don Handscombe, Blanche Neale, Bamse Harvey-Samuel, Peter Newton; James Telford-Taylor; Lawrence Jones; Vera Westernra-Hartley; Doreen Fraser and John Pitt; whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Let us ask the prayers of Mary who was without sin. **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: Almighty and compassionate Father, as Jesus your son brought us the Good News of your forgiveness, help us never to doubt your forgiveness and constantly to avail ourselves of it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Offertory Hymn: 577 v.1      Offertory Prayers      Hymn 577 v.2 & 3**

*Mass continues page 9 of the hymn book*

**SANCTUS:** Sanctus setting

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in Excelsis.**

**AGNUS DEI:** Sanctus setting

*Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding a hymn book.*

**Hymns at Holy Communion: 477 and 340** (Please join in).

**Hymn during Ablutions: 316**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Angelus**

**Blessing**

Notices

**Recessional Hymn: 260**