

Tea/coffee in Church after Mass –all welcome.

20th February 2022

THIS WEEK: Divine Office – Psalter week 3

- Mon:** 9:30 Mass (James 3v.13-18; Mark 9 v 14-29)
Int: Walsingham
- Tues:** **BISHOPRIC OF ST. PETER (Feast)**
9.30am Mass. Int: Christian Unity. (1 Peter 5v.1-4; Matt 16 v.13-19)
7:30pm Bible Study by Zoom. Rev 2 v.12-17. Church at Pergamum.
Loyal yet compromised.
- Wed:** **St. Polycarp**
9.30am Mass. Int: Our Bible Studies. (James 4 v.13-17; Mark 9v.38-40)
- Thurs:** 9.30am Mass. Int: Christian Aid (James 5 v.1-6; Mark 9v.41-50)
2:00pm Funeral of Beryl Allen at Finningham
- Fri:** 9:30 Requiem Mass – Beryl Allen (James 5 v.9-12; Mark 10 v.1-12)
- Sat:** 10:00 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Deeper penitence as we approach
Lent
Readings as on Sunday
4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation.

NEXT SUNDAY – QUINQUAGESIMA – 8th of Year C

- 9.30 am Parish Mass & Address
(Eccles 27v.1-7; 1 Cor 15v.54-58; Luke 6v.39-45)

NOTICES

1. Bible Study is on Tuesday by Zoom.
2. Ash Wednesday is 2nd March. Masses at 9:30 & 6:30pm.
3. Vestry Meeting – 6th March 10:30. AGM of Friends of St. Mary's – 11:15
4. The APCM will be on Sunday 13th March at 10:30 approx.
Nominations for PCC vacancies are on the bier.
5. We plan a cleaning morning for the Church on Sat 2nd April – 11:00-1:00.
6. Electoral Roll Revision concludes next Sunday.
7. Lent Boxes for Additional Curates Society are on Table.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
SEXAGESIMA (7th of Year C)

Theme: “Treat others (even your enemies) as you would like them to treat you”. These words are taken from today’s Gospel. We know exactly how we like others to treat us: we like them to be forgiving, merciful, generous and loving towards us. But how many of us could say we treat others in this way?

Entrance Hymn: 184 v.1-4

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we do not forgive others as you forgive us.
Lord have mercy. People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not been generous to others as you have been generous to us. Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not been compassionate to others as you have been compassionate to us. Lord have mercy.

People: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

GLORIA: Sanctus setting

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 – 1 Samuel 26 v 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Saul, jealous of young David, pursues him seeking to kill him. David gets an opportunity to kill Saul but he will not do so because he believes it would not be right before God.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, ‘Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.’ David answered Abishai, ‘Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord’s anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord’s anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.’ David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul’s head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, ‘Here is the king’s spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone

for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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.®

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

3.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. ®

4.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 – 1 Corinthians 15 v 45-49. Here we are dealing with the parallel between Adam and Christ. To Adam we owe the life on earth. To Christ we owe the life of heaven.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Hymn: 184 v.5 & 6

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 6 v. 27-38. Instead of seeking revenge on one's enemy, this Gospel urges us to show forgiveness and compassion towards all.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

ADDRESS **CREED** – Nicene -p.8

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us pray to Christ that through the gift of His spirit of love, we may be able to treat others, even our enemies, as we would like them to treat us.

Reader: Let us pray for all Christians; that they may be an example to the world in their tolerance of and forgiveness towards their enemies.

Let us pray for countries where there is war or threat of war; that their leaders may think thoughts of peace and seek the way of peace together – we pray for Russia and Ukraine

Let us pray for innocent sufferers caught up in the tensions and conflicts of rival factions.

Let us pray for families that are torn with dissension and unhappiness; that they may be able to find peace and reconciliation.

Let us pray for those who have been wronged and find it hard to forgive their wrong-doers, especially those who are victims of violent crime.

We pray for our community at Mendlesham; may we grow to know one another more deeply through the celebration of the Eucharist.

Let us pray for all multi-ethnic communities, for all areas where cultural differences flare into violence; that tolerance and mutual respect may replace divisive bitterness until seeds of trust and friendship can grow.

Let us pray for the needs of the sick– especially for Jim Baker and Joan Hill.

Let us pray for the departed, especially for Carole Mallet, Frank Smith, Anand Nair, Fr Alfred Gordon Wright, Ruby Stevenson, Doris Elliott, Mandy Parker, Thomas Probert, Don Handscombe, Blanche Neale; Lawrence Jones; Bamse Harvey-Samuel; James Telford-Taylor; Vera Westenra-Hartley; Doreen Fraser; John Pitt; Penny Davis and Peter Newton, whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

Let us ask Mary and all the Saints to join their prayers with ours. Hail Mary, etc.

S I L E N C E

ALL: O God and Father of all mankind, may your Spirit give your people the strength to love as you do, to love without expecting any return. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who loved without end, and now lives for ever. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 60 v. 1 & 2. Offertory Prayers v.3 -5

SANCTUS: Sanctus setting

After Eucharistic Prayer – **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.**

AGNUS DEI: Sanctus setting

Hymn at Holy Communion. Please join in – 205

Hymn at Ablutions: 213

Post Communion Prayer & Angelus Recessional Hymn: 432