

Tea/coffee in Church after Mass – please stay if you are able.
This week Divine Office – week 4 of Psalter.

27th February 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
QUINQUAGESIMA (8th of Year C)

- Mon:** 9.30 am Mass. (1 Peter 1 v. 3-9; Mark 10 v 17-27)
Int. That we may exercise stewardship of the money.
- Tues:** **ST. DAVID PATRON OF WALES (Feast)**
9.30am Mass (Philippians 3 v. 8-14; Matt. 5 v.13-16)
Int. People of Wales
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.
7.30 Bible Study by Zoom. Church at Thyatira - split by false teaching
- Wed:** **ASH WEDNESDAY** - (Fast and Abstinence from meat)
9.30am Mass address & Ashing.
4.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.30pm Sung Mass, address and Ashing Ceremony
Int: Our observance of Lent.
(Joel 2 v.12-18, II Cor. 5 v.60 – 6 v.2. Matt. 8 v.1-6;16-18)
- Thurs:** 9.30am Mass (Deut.30 v.15-20. Luke 9 v.22-35).
Int. Persecuted Christians
- Fri:** 9.30am Mass (Isaiah 58 v.1-9. Matt. 9 v.14-15)
Int: Christian Aid
- Sat:** 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday (Readings as on Sunday)
Int. The Churchwardens

Next Sunday – LENT I

- 9.30 am Parish Mass & Address
(Deut.2 6 v.4 – 10. Rom.10 v.8-13. Luke 4 v.1-13)
10.30am Vestry meeting for the election of Churchwardens.
11.15 A.G.M. Friends of St. Mary's

Notices.

- 1 Our next healing service is Wednesday 9th March at 2.30pm.
- 2 Please support Tuesday's Bible Study and Ash Wednesday Masses.
- 3 List on the table for Vestry and A.P.C.M. meetings.
- 4 The Annual Parish church meeting is Sunday 13th March after parish Mass and followed by 1st P.C.C.
- 5 Lent Boxes for donations to ACS (the Additional Curates Society) which helps train priests and pay for priests in poor parishes are on the table at the back of the church.
- 6 March edition of Mendlesham Newsletter also on on table for those who don't have it delivered.

THEME: Today's Liturgy is part of the pre-Easter consolidation of our faith. As we celebrate the Lord's gift of life to each of us, we remind ourselves that we can limit or completely block the growth of this life in us. Today we are called prayerfully to reflect on one of the blocks we can place in the way of the Lord's work in our lives.

Entrance Hymn: 260 v. 1-3

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to be open with each other.
Lord Have mercy.

PEOPLE: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of trust in others.
Christ have mercy.

PEOPLE: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we can't be bothered to help each other.
Lord have mercy.

PEOPLE: **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

Sanctus Gloria (on laminated card)

OPENING PRAYER: Let us pray that God will bring peace to the world and freedom to his Church. Lord, guide the course of world events and give your Church the joy and peace of serving you in freedom.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Ecclesiasticus 27 v. 4-7 The first reading reminds us that speech reflects a person's true feelings and inner spirit. Jesus will make the same claim in the gospel affirming that one can know a tree from its fruits.
In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91 **® It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. ®

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. ®

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. © **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15 v. 54-58 Paul reminds the Corinthians that belief in the resurrection challenges us to complement the Lord's grace-filled action within us with our efforts to live in a new way.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Hymn: 260 v.4

Alleluia, alleluia! (all) Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 6 v. 39-45. Jesus invites us to examine our consciences. Our lives reveal the kind of persons we are. We cannot judge anybody else.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

ADDRESS Creed (Apostles) – p.4

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Today we recall how we can hinder the Lord's work in our life and in our world. Let us pray for the healing and strength that Lord alone can give.

Reader: Let us pray that the leaders of the Church may be models of Christian love and forgiveness.

We pray that Christians throughout the world may influence all nations with

Christ's love and we pray especially for peace between Russia and Ukraine
Let us pray that our families and friends may be filled with the forgiving love of the Lord.

We pray that all in our parish may build their lives on the solid foundations of Jesus' teaching.

Let us pray for the grace to be able to accept others as they are, and for the courage to aim to be as Christ-like as we can.

We pray that we will never delight in scandal and gossip, and for those whose reputations are damaged by others; that God's love will heal and renew, challenge and convert.

Let us pray for those journalists who make their living by exposing the weaknesses and failings of other people, that they may always be guided by love.

Let us pray for the sick and their wholeness – especially Joan Hill, Jim Baker, Julie Gray, Lucy Muskett, Jan Ross and all prayed for at Shrine prayers

Let us also pray for those who are close to death and who are afraid, that the Lord may give them peace and confidence.

Father, you have promised us a share in your Son's resurrection on the last day: remember those who have gone before us on the path to eternal life – especially Beryl Allen, whose funeral was last week (pause while a candle is lit) and Rosemary Gillespie, John Clements, Isobel Hadley, Anne Herron, Eileen Chevallier, Joan Blythe-Brook, Rhoda Perkins, Beryl Clarke, Fr Arthur Tooth, Ella Lockwood, Alan Froude, John le Grys and Bishop David Bentley, whose anniversaries are this week.

Mary always kept God's word in her heart. Let us ask for her prayers. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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: O God our Father, may this Christian community that prayerfully renews its commitment to your Son, mature in its faithfulness, reconciliation and love. This we pray through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 331 v. 1 & 2. Offertory Prayers v.3 to end

Sanctus & Benedictus (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 – 84

Hymn at Ablutions: 73

Post Communion Prayer + Angelus.

Notices Blessing Recessional Hymn: 119.