

Christmasstide ends today.

This Week – 'Ordinary Time' begins – Psalter – Week 1. Readings Year 1

- Mon:** 9.30am Requiem Mass – January Anniversaries.
(Gen. 12 v.1-4; John 6 v. 44-51.)
- Tues** 9.30am Mass (Heb. 2 v. 5-12; Mark 1 v. 21-28.)
Int. All involved in Ministry of Deliverance
- Wed: St. Hilary:**
9.30am Mass (Heb 2 v14-18; Mark 1 v29-39)
Int: Covid 19 sufferers
- Thur:** 9.30am Mass (Heb 3 v7-14; Mark 1 v40-45)
Int: Leprosy sufferers
- Fri:** 9.30am Mass (Heb. 4 v. 1-5, 11; Mark 2 v. 1-12.)
Int: Forgiveness & Reconciliation
- Sat:** St. Furseay
2.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions).
3.00pm First Mass of Sunday. Int: Church in East Anglia

Next Sunday **2nd of Year B.**
9.30am Parish Mass & Address.
(2 Sam. 3 v.3-10,19; 2 Cor. 6 v.3-15; 17-20; John 1 v.35-42.)

NOTICES:

1. There are pieces of blessed chalk on the table.
2. We need more lamps for shrines to be endowed. £72 per year or £6 per month.
3. Our Crib Appeal for St Martin's Norwich & Christian Aid concludes today.
4. Thanks to all who helped during Advent & Christmass. Thank you to those who sent cards to Anne & me.

10th January, 2021

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDELESHAM
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Please keep silence from 9.25 a.m. to prepare for Mass.

Theme: Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. He was anointed with the Spirit of Power to bring the Kingdom of God on Earth. We pray at this Mass that we may share in Christ's mission.

Blessing of Crib Offerings

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our failure to accept our baptismal commitment of witnessing for you. Lord have mercy.

PEOPLE: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we forget that you have called us to be servants. Christ have mercy.

PEOPLE: CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have kept your good news to ourselves. Lord have mercy.

PEOPLE: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

Gloria

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that we will be faithful to our baptism.* Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

First Reading - Isaiah 42 v. 1-4, 6-7: We hear an ancient description of the servant of God, who is endowed with God's Spirit. His mission is to bring true justice to the nations through his gentleness.

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 28

Ⓜ **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. Ⓜ

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of
waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of
splendour. Ⓜ

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. Ⓜ

Second Reading - Acts 10 v. 34-38: Peter addresses his first converts, telling them how Jesus began his public ministry after John had been baptising. Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

All: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 7 v. 7-11: The beginning of Jesus' public ministry is marked by his baptism by John. Anointed by the Spirit, Jesus is empowered to make his beginning.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said:

'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Creed. (Apostles' Creed)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God calls us to bring true justice on the earth. We pray for the needs of a tormented world.

Reader: Let us pray for all newly baptised Christians and for all preparing for baptism; for everyone involved in teaching the faith, that the word of God may take root, grow and produce good fruit.

Let us pray for all baptised people: that everywhere Christians may rejoice to be sons and daughters of the Father.

Let us pray for all who carry heavy burdens of guilt or anxiety; for the terminally ill and for their loved ones who share their suffering; that the Spirit of Christ will comfort and strengthen them.

Let us pray for ourselves and our spiritual development; for all whom we irritate or annoy; for any we have unwittingly hurt or damaged; that fixing our gaze on Jesus we may see our true selves more clearly.

On this Plough Sunday we pray for all who work on the land.

Let us pray for those who live alone and for the housebound, that they may not feel the pain of loneliness. We pray for the sick, especially Doug Hales, Michael Denny, Billy Carter and Trevor Thorpe

Let us pray for our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners, especially: Dean Scruby; Florence Elliott; Olive LeGrys; Philip Barker; Arthur Battley; Renee Raven; Roger Perry; Fr. John Upton; Glenys Wyatt; Gertrude Gardner; George Thorpe; Mary Butlin; Bridget Goodall; Frank Wenden; Jessie Stevenson and Clifford Taylor whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Mary allowed Jesus to leave home to do God's work. May she help us to leave whatever hinders our following of her Son as we pray: **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: Father, baptism and membership of your family is a gift we have received from others. Help your people to be serious in their faith and to be ready to share it with others. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sanctus: Mystery of Faith No 1

Lord's Prayer - Agnus Dei - Post Communion Prayer and Angelus