

Tea/coffee after Mass please stay. Procession at 11.15 to Kings Head
Christmas ends today.

This Week – ‘Ordinary Time’ begins – Psalter – Week 1. Readings Year 1

- Mon:** 9.30am Requiem Mass – January Anniversaries.
(Eccles 2 v1-9; Matt 5 v 1-10)
- Tues** 9.30am Mass (1 Sam 1v9-20; 1 Sam 2 v1,4-8; Mark 1 v. 21-28.)
Int. Ministry of Deliverance
- Wed:** 9.30am Mass (1 Sam 3 v1-10,19-20; Mark 1 v29-39)
Int: Guild of All Souls
- Thur: St Hilary**
1.30pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
2.30pm Mass Laying on of hands & anointing. Int: The Sick
(1 Sam 4 v1-11; Mark 1 v40-45)
- Fri:** 9.30am Mass (1 Sam 8 v4-7,10-22; Mark 2 v. 1-12.)
Int: Forgiveness & Reconciliation
- Sat: 10.00am** 1st Mass of Sunday (Readings as Sunday)
Int: All preparing for marriage
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions).
- Next Sunday 2nd of Year C.**
9.30am Parish Mass & Address.
(Is 62 v 1-5; 1 Cor 12 v4-11; John 2 v 1-11.)

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. Please respond either on line or via the churn by the Crib.
4. Thanks to all who helped during Advent & Christmas. Thank you to those who sent cards to Anne & me.
5. Please support our healing service on Thursday.

9th January, 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

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.

Entrance Hymn: 110 v 1 & 2

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: Sanctus Setting *on laminated card*

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.'

Gospel Hymn: 110 v 3 & 4

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

Gospel – Luke 3 v.15-16; 21-22: We hear in the Gospel how John announces the power of the Baptism that will be of Christ and meanwhile Jesus is baptised by him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. 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 Lucy Muskett, Julie Gray, Joan Hill, Enid Lambert and all prayed for at Shrine prayers

Let us pray for our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners, especially: Roger Perry; Dean Scruby; Florence Elliott; Olive LeGrys; Philip Barker; Arthur Battley; Fr. John Upton; Glenys Wyatt; Gertrude Gardner; George Thorpe; Mary Butlin; Bridget Goodall and Frank Wenden 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.

Offertory Hymn: 34 v. 1 & 2. **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 34 v. 3 - 5

Sanctus: Sanctus Setting on laminated card

Mystery of Faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Lord's Prayer - Agnus Dei: Sanctus

Hymns at Holy Communion: 99 and 500. (please join in)

Hymn at Ablutions: 179

Post Communion Prayer & Angelus (front of hymn book)

Recessional Hymn: 286