

Tea / coffee in church. Please stay if you can

11th June 2023

**This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 2**

**Mon:** 9.30 Mass.

(II Cor 1 v 1-7; Matt 5 v 1-12). Int: The lapsed

**Tues** 9.30am Mass Int: All preparing for Confirmation

(II Cor. 1 v 18-22; Matt 5 v 13-16)

10.30 – 12.30: Coffee, tea & cake in church

**Wed:** 8.00am Mass Int: The dying

(II Cor. 3 v -11; Matt 5 v 17-19)

**Thurs:** **Eve of the Sacred Heart**

1.30pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for silent prayer

2.30pm Mass, Laying on of hands and anointing

(Deut. 7 v.6-11; I John 4 v.7-16; Matt. 11 v.25-30) Int: The sick

**Fri:** **MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (solemnity)**

Int: All penitents

(Deut. 7 v.6-11; I John 4 v.7-16; Matt. 11 v.25-30)

**Sat:** 10.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday (readings as tomorrow)

4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Int: The Society for the Maintenance of the Faith

**Next Sunday - 11th Year A**

9.30am Parish Mass and Address

(Exodus 19 v 2-6; Romans 5 v 6-11; Matt 9 v 36-10 v 8)

2.30 pm Tour of Norfolk Churches: Swanton Abbots, Scottow, Sloley and Westwick

**.NOTICES**

1. Please support the Healing service on Thursday
2. Our Patron's Annual Festival is next Saturday at St Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge. Mass 12.00 Noon
3. Bishop Norman's 40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Priestly ordination is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Walsingham Parish Church. Mass at 12.00 Noon
4. Thank you to those who have already offered to clean parts of the church. Please see Andrew and Jess if you would like to volunteer for any of the remaining parts.
5. Please remember to bring food or toiletries for the Stowmarket Foodbank.

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

**The Feast of Corpus Christi**

**THEME :** If we stopped eating we would die. We need food and drink to survive. Today's feast reminds us that Christ has left us a permanent memorial of his death and resurrection – the sacrament and sacrifice of the Eucharist. This really is his Body and Blood – the necessary staple diet of every Christian.

**Entrance Hymn : 219 v.1 - 3**

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant :** Forgive us, Lord, when we are lukewarm and carelessly prepared to meet you in your every word and sacrament. Lord have mercy.

**People :** *(sing)* **Kyrie Eleison** *(Ukrainian setting)*

**Celebrant :** Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to recognise your presence in your living word and sacrament. Christ have mercy.

**People :** **Christe Eleison**

**Celebrant :** Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to recognise your continued presence in the community of faith and fail to serve each other. Lord have mercy.

**People :Kyrie Eleison**

*Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness*

**SANCTUS GLORIA** – words on card.

**OPENING PRAYER :** Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading – Deut. 8v.2-3; 14-16.** The author exhorts the people to remember they are God's people who need to nourish themselves on his word. Do not forget all the Lord has done for you.

*'Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.*

*'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 147® O praise the Lord, Jerusalem**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, Praise your God;

He has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed the children within you.

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He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. ⑥  
He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. ⑥

**Second Reading – 2 Cor.10v.16-17.** In the Eucharist we all share the same bread, and so, however many we are, we form one body in Christ.

'The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.'

**Gospel Hymn:- 219 v.4**

( All ) **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL - John 6v.51-58.** As food and drink nourish the body, so Christ nourishes us for this life and everlasting life.

'Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

**ADDRESS CREED Apostles' Creed – P8 of hymn book**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** As one body we pray to the Living Father who gives life to the world.

**Reader:** Let us pray for all Christians: that the celebration of the Eucharist may form us into a community of love.

Let us pray for Frederick and Matilda Cowderoy to be Baptised in Scotland today. May they grow in the faith of Christ.

We pray for Nikita and James and Flo and Aaron, whose banns are called today, that as they each prepare for their weddings, they may walk in the light of true love

We pray for all Christians with whom we do not share our Eucharistic table, that by professing one Baptism and one Lord, we may become one in Christ.

We ask God to heal divisions that have prevented his followers from sharing the Eucharist and have caused Christians to persecute each other. We pray for those who serve in ministry at the altar. May they grow in love of Christ, present in the Eucharist. We pray for all of those injured or bereaved in the Indian rail disaster and those made homeless by the Ukrainian damburst.

Let us pray for those who are hungry for love; the lonely, the afflicted and the homeless. May our sharing in the Eucharist move our hearts in compassion for them.

We pray for the sick – for Margaret Maundrell, Billy Carter, Jim Wilson, Angie Wilson and all to be anointed at the healing service on Thursday.

We ask the Lord to bring all the dead to the joy of the heavenly feast where they will be with him forever. We remember especially Barbara Pyett, Hugh Cutting, Henry Webb, Alan Gooderham, Eddie Derrick, Beatrice Stannard, Russell Pipe, Eileen Wren, Edith Pelham, Ken Gray, Peter Williamson, Peter Gowlett, Eva Baker, Cecily Garrard, Margaret Stannard, Katherine Fletcher, Jean Davey and Jean Taylor, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

It was the consent of Mary that formed the Body of Jesus. We ask her as Mother of the Church and the Mother of all the people to pray for us: **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.**

**SILENCE**

**All: God our Father, help us through the sacrament to live more Christ-like lives. Amen.**

*Mass continues on p.9 of hymn book*

**Offertory Hymn 294 v.1 Offertory Prayers Hymn 294 v.2 - 4**

**SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS & MYSTERY OF FAITH – Sanctus setting**

After Eucharistic Prayer:

**Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in Excelsis!**

Lord's Prayer *p.11 of hymn book*

**AGNUS DEI: Sanctus setting**

*Communicants of other Christian denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If, instead, you would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding a hymn book.*

Hymns at Holy Communion. Please join in : **169 179**

Hymn at Ablutions: **623**

Post Communion Prayer                      Angelus                      Notices

(KNEEL) Hymn **373**

Hymn in Procession: **388**

(KNEEL) Hymn at Altar: **375**

**BENEDICTION**

After the Sacrament has been placed in the Tabernacle on the High Altar we STAND and sing – '**Blessed and Praised**' etc – 3 times