

This week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Mon. 9:30 Mass. Int: Guild of All Souls
(Romans 8v.12-17; Luke 13v. 10-17)

Tues. Eve of All Saints (Halloween)

9:30 Sung Mass & Address(Rev 7 v2-4,9-14; 1John 3 v1-3; Matt 5 v1-12)
Int: Those who dabble in the occult
10:30 -12:30 Teas Coffee etc in Church.

Wed: ALL SAINTS

9:30 Mass. Int: Parish & Congregation
(Rev 7 v3-4,9-14; 1 John 3 v 1-3; Matt 5 v 1-12)

Thurs. ALL SOULS

Said Requiem. Int: The dead
(Wisdom 4 v7-15; 1 Thess 4 v13-18; John 11 v 17-27)
6.30pm Sung Requiem & blessing of graves in the Churchyard
(Wisdom 3 v 1-9; Romans 8 v 31-35,37-39; Luke 24 v 13-35)
Int: The dead Shared Refreshments after.

Fri. St. Victorinus

9.30am Mass. Int: Greater love of scripture
Romans 9v.1-5; Luke 14 v.1-6)

Sat. St. Charles Borromeo

10:00 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Christian Unity (Readings as tomorrow)
11.00 Service of Light
4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.

NEXT SUNDAY: 31st Year A

9.30am Parish Mass, Address and Blessing of candles for the departed.
(Malachi 1 v 14-2 v 2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2 v 7-9,13; Matt 23 v 1-12)

NOTICES:

1. Our next healing service is Mon. 6th Nov @ 2.30pm
2. All will receive a candle next Sunday for our departed relatives & friends.
3. There will be a Service of Light for all who suffer bereavement from loss of children (whatever age) on Saturday 4th Nov at 11:00.
4. Arrangements for Tuesdays over winter - Mass 10.30 then 11.00 - 1.00 Tea Coffee Cake & soup in church. Please sign rota for providing soup.
5. Please observe All Saints & All Souls this week.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
Dedication Festival or Feast of Consecration of our Church

THEME: Today we celebrate the Feast of Consecration of our Church. When thinking of a Church we think of the Church building, but the Church is all of us – the People of God. Therefore, this feast does not just celebrate bricks and mortar, but the people who make up the Church and the communion which the Church shares throughout the world.

BLESSING OF CANDLES FOR DEPARTED – IN HOLY CROSS CHAPEL

ENTRANCE HYMN 427 v 1-3

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us when we fail to make relations and be united with each other. Lord have Mercy.

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

Celebrant: Forgive us when we are blind to the Holy Spirit working in us and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Christ have mercy.

People: **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us for the times we block the work of God's Spirit in ourselves, in others, and in the community. Lord have mercy.

People: **Kyrie Eleison**

Gloria - St Thomas setting (words & music on paper)

OPENING PRAYER: Father, each year we recall the dedication of this Church in your service. Let our worship always be sincere and help us to find your saving love in this Church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: Genesis 28 v.11-18: This reading shows the value of a building as a sign of the presence and glory of God. In celebrating the feast of Dedication we must remember we form the Church; the building is but a sign.

When Jacob had reached a certain place he passed the night there, since the sun had set. Taking one of the stones to be found at that place, he made it his pillow and lay down where he was. He had a dream: a ladder was there, standing on the ground with its top reaching to heaven; and there were angels of God going up it and coming down. And the Lord was there, standing over him, saying, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. I will give to you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants shall be like the specks of dust on the ground; you shall spread to the west and the east, to the north and the south, and all the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you and your descendants. Be sure that I am with you; I will keep you safe wherever you go, and bring you back to this land, for I will not desert you before I have done all that I have promised you.' Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Truly, the Lord is in this place and I never knew it!' He was afraid and said, 'How awe-inspiring this place is! This is nothing less than a house of God; this is the gate of heaven!' Rising early in the morning, Jacob took the stone he had used for his pillow, and set it up as a monument, pouring oil over the top of it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 18

Ⓢ **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of hosts.**

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| 1. My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. Ⓢ | 2. The sparrow herself finds a home
and the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays here young by your altars,
Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Ⓢ |
| 3. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you,
they walk with ever growing strength. Ⓢ | 4. One day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
The threshold of the House of God
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked. Ⓢ |

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3 v. 9-13, 16-17: This passage should help remind us that the Church is not just a building but people.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Hymn: 427 v 4 & 5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I shall make my home above them says the Lord; I will be their God, they shall be my people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 4 v. 19-24: Today's Gospel reminds us that it is not the place, but the outlook of our hearts which make worship genuine and acceptable to God.

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, 'I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come—in fact it is here already—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

ADDRESS CREED – Nicene Creed (page 7 of hymn book)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Gathered together as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us call to mind God's many blessings bestowed on us in this place, and ask him for all the graces to meet the future needs of our Church and world.

Reader: Let us pray for all in authority in Christ's Church that they may always remember that the Church is the people and that they are her living stones, based on Christ himself, who is the cornerstone.

Let us pray for a greater dedication to the Church among the community; may we see the Church not merely in terms of bricks and mortar, but as the living body of Christ, which grows through the holiness of life and to which we renew our dedication.

Let us pray for our Government that they may continue to look on the Christian faith as an essential part of the nation's life, and so help the Church authorities to continue to provide buildings dedicated to worship and education.

Jesus cleansed the Temple of all evil – we pray that we, God's Church, may be kept free from evil.

Let us pray for all who have been Baptised and Confirmed here this year. Help them to be faithful to their promises.

We pray for all suffering in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine and for a peaceful end to hostilities.

We pray for the healing of the sick and all who have been anointed and administered to in our Church during the past year. For Angie Wilson, Taylor Birch, Ray Mayes, Jenny Ellwood and all prayed for in Shrine Prayers

We pray for the dead – that they may enter through the sanctuary of Jesus Christ and come into the glory of God's presence – especially all whose funeral rites were held at our church during the past year and for Diana Hammond, Stanley Bartrum, Winifred Goodall, Marjorie Pitt, Michael Pawsey, Frank Mawson, Mary Gray, Donald MacDonald, Alan Parks and Joseph Tinsley, whose anniversaries are this week.

We pray with Mary, Mother of the Church - **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, we have made our prayers in the name of the Church; we ask that whatever is lacking in our faith may be made up in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass continues on page 9 of Hymn Book

Offertory Hymn: **On Sheet v 1-2 Offertory Prayers**

Blessing of Friends of St. Mary's boxes Hymn v 3 to end

Sanctus & Mystery of Faith - St Thomas setting

Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in Excelsis!

Agnus Dei - St Thomas setting.

Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing; please carry a hymn book to the altar rail.

Lord's Prayer Agnus Dei St Thomas setting

Hymn at Communion: Be still, for the presence of the Lord; 227

Post Communion Hymn: 623

Post Communion Prayer Angelus Notices Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 472