

Tea / Coffee after Mass. Please stay and welcome the newly baptised in
11.00 Heritage Fair meeting in church

This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 2

- Mon: ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD (Solemnity)
9.30am Said Mass
7.30pm Sung Mass and Address Int: Walsingham
(Is.7v.10-14, 8v.10. Heb. 10v.4-10. Luke 1v.26-38)
Short meeting of our cell of Society of Our Lady of Walsingham
- Tues: 9.30am Mass (Acts 4 v32-37; John 3 v 7-15)
Int: All receiving Confirmation
10.00 – 12.00 Tea/coffee in church
- Wed: 8.00am Mass Int: Peace of the world
(Acts 5 v 17-26; John 3 v 16-21)
- Thurs: St Stanislaus
9.30am Mass (Acts 5 v 27-33; John 3 v 31-36) Int: All wrongly imprisoned
- Fri: 9.30am Mass (Acts 5 v 34-42; John 6 v 1-15)
Int: Christian Aid
- Sat 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Acts 3 v 13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2 v 1-5; Luke 24 v 35-48)
- Next Sunday - THIRD OF EASTERTIDE
9.30am Mass & Address
(Acts 3 v 13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2 v 1-5; Luke 24 v 35-48)

NOTICES:

1. List on table for shared lunch for May Fiesta – 5th May
2. Next Healing Service – 15th April 2.30pm

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass 7th April 2024
PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
2nd Sunday of Easter Year B

THEME :The victory has been won! What we have to do is make it our own - now! By believing that Jesus is the Son of God, and like Thomas saying - "My Lord and my God!" - God makes us his children and the victory over the world can be ours.

Prayers for Departed – Holy Cross Chapel. Hymn: **622 v. 1 & 2**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we give way to doubt. Lord have mercy.
People : *(sing)* **KYRIE ELEISON** (*Ukrainian setting*)
Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, in our excuses and denials. Christ have mercy.
People : **CHRISTE ELEISON**
Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, for our hesitating faith. Lord have mercy.
People : **KYRIE ELEISON**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

Gloria – John Allen's Easter Setting (*on paper*)

OPENING PRAYER : *Let us pray for a deeper awareness of our Christian baptism.* God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the spirit and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew our gift of life within us. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD First Reading - Acts 4 v. 32-35.

Luke puts before us an idealized picture of the infant church. The whole group is united, the apostles respected, and everything is owned in common.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117

® **"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end."**

Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end."

Let the sons of Aaron say: " His love has no end."

Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love has no end." ®

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. ®

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad. ®

Second Reading - 1 John 5 v. 1 - 6. Faith is first a matter of believing that Jesus is the Son of God. Since the Spirit of God is the source of truth, the spirit is the witness to God's saving work in Christ.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Hymn: **622 v 3**

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said “You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Alleluia!**

Gospel - John 20 v. 19 - 31 John tells how the risen Christ invests the disciples with the Spirit and later challenges the apostle Thomas to believe. Thomas comes to profess his faith in Jesus as Lord and God.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Address

Holy Baptism: Isaac Toby (including Hymn 608)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant : The readings remind us of the quality of life that ought to be ours because of the Lord's saving redemption. May we witness to the love that Jesus gives to bind us together.

Reader: Let us pray for the church and all families represented here, with all our

particular joys and sorrows, needs and resources that our lives may be practical witnesses to our faith. So that others may be led to Christ.

We pray for Isaac Toby, whom we welcome into the Church today in Holy Baptism, for his parents Abi and Joel, his sister Erin and his godparents Laura and Oliver. May they and all of us grow in faith and love and may the light of Jesus shine ever more brightly in us and through to others.

Let us pray that we may learn to share our possessions with those in need. We pray for the church in Kagera, Tanzania, which we have supported this Lent.

Let us pray for all whose pain and anguish cause them to doubt the goodness of the Lord: that by faith they may see the wounded hands of the risen Lord which reach out to them in love. We pray especially for those suffering in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and Israel.

Let us pray for all who suffer from diseases which are as yet incurable, for any who are too weak or exhausted to pray, for any who are desperate or suicidal.

Let us pray for the sick - especially Penny Sugden, Taylor Birch, Angie Wilson, Ralph Lambert, Jan Ross, Jim Wilson and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers.

You descended into Hades and opened wide its gates; receive the faithful departed into your Father's house. we pray for all who have died in recent disasters and Joan Hill, David Bailey, Lucy Ardley, Bessie Vice, Elizabeth Lockwood, Elizabeth Greaney and Lilian Brett, Keith Hammond and Marjorie Stannard, whose anniversaries of death fall this week.

Let us ask for the help of our Lady 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.**

SILENCE

All loving and merciful God, we offer our prayers to you that we may recognise your presence in your Son Jesus Christ in the world. We offer our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen

Offertory Hymn : **543 v. 1 & 2** **Offertory Prayers** Hymn **543 v. 3 to end**

Mass continues on pg 9 of hymn book

SANCTUS: John Allen Easter setting **Mystery of Faith:** John Allen Easter setting
Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! in excelsis.

AGNUS DEI: John Allen Easter setting

Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant and/or would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding a hymn book.

Hymns at Holy Communion. **Be still, for the presence of the Lord... 508**

Hymn at Ablutions: **302**

Post Communion Prayer

Regina Coeli (*front of hymn bk*)

Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn : 328