

This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 3

- Mon: 9.30am Requiem Mass April Anniversaries.
(I Cor. 15 v 51-57. John 11 v17-27)
(H. R. Highness Philip Duke of Edinburgh will be prayed for at this mass).
- Tues: 9.30am Mass. (Acts 7 v.51-8 v.1; John 6 v.30-35)
Int: Greater devotion to The Holy Sacrament.
- Wed: 9.30am Mass (Acts 8 v.1-8; John 6 v.35-40)
Int: Queen and Government
- Thurs: 9.30am Mass (Acts 8 v. 26-40; John 6 v. 44-51)
Int: Walsingham
- Fri: 9.30am ST. GEORGE Patron of England (Solemnity)
(Acts 9 v. 1-20; John 6 v. 52-59)
Int: Better fulfilment of our vocation
2.00pm Funeral Service for Frederick Charles.
- Sat: 10.00am First Mass of Sunday
(Readings as tomorrow.)

Next Sunday: FOURTH OF EASTER.

9.30am Parish Mass and Address,
(Acts 4 v. 8-12; 2 John 3 v. 1-2; John 10 v. 11-18.)

NOTICES:

1. Our Annual Parish Church Meeting is on Sunday 9th May at the end of Parish Mass. We need to elect sidesmen and three members to the P.C.C. We also need welcomers at the door as soon as covid restrictions are lifted.
2. Please pay Lenten offerings for Kagera as soon as possible.
3. Please note change for first Mass of Sunday next Saturday.
4. Today's Gospel stresses four points (i) The reality of the resurrection. (ii) The necessity of the Cross. (iii) The urgency of the task. (iv) the power of witness through the Holy Spirit.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**3rd Sunday of Easter**

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

THEME: We are gathered on this Easter Sunday in memory of the Crucified One who was raised to glory. The Spirit invites us to taste the presence of the risen Jesus so we might be nourished to preach the word in our lives.

Blessing of Candles for Dead.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to come to you for healing.
Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we come to you to be renewed, restored and forgiven. Christ have mercy.

People: CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we do not see you suffering for sin.
Lord have mercy.

People: LORD HAVE MERCY

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

GLORIA

OPENING PRAYER: Let us pray that Christ will give us a share in the glory of his unending life. God our Father, may we look forward with hope to our resurrection, for you have made us your sons and daughters and restored the joy of our youth. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Acts 3 v. 13-15, 17-19: Peter addresses the crowds and proclaims the crucified Jesus as the Risen and Holy One. All peoples are called to this faith.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 4

® "Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord"

When I call, answer me, O God of Justice;

From anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! ®

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;

The Lord hears me whenever I call him. ®

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. ©

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. ©

Second Reading: 1 John 2 v. 1 – 5: The true test of knowing God is keeping His commandments. To claim to know God whilst disobeying the commandments is to refuse to admit the truth.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours, but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Acclamation: (all) Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24 v. 35 – 48: The disciples cannot come to believe in Jesus when he appears in their midst. Only when Jesus discloses the meaning of all that has happened do the disciples come to believe in him.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Creed-Nicene

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Like the apostles, the Church today is called to bear witness to our risen Lord through lives characterised by peace and joy. Through him we are able to come to the Father. Let us do so once again as we make our prayers and petitions on behalf of all mankind.

Reader: Let us pray that Christians may recognise Jesus in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray for those who suffer, that they may find the plan of God even within their pain.

Let us pray for all who preach the Gospel, that they may be zealous ministers of God's word.

Let us pray for the unemployed and for all those who walk on the edge of despair, that they may find understanding and support.

Let us pray that we may experience the presence of the risen Christ with us in all the realities of life but especially in the painful and dark parts.

Let us pray for this community of faith, that we will honour the Gospel we have received and share its good news by our life of fidelity to the Lord.

Let us pray for the sick and suffering and the oppressed, especially Doug Hales, Billy Carter and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers. We pray for all suffering from the Covid Pandemic.

Let us pray for the faithful departed, that the Lord will call them to himself to share the peace he has prepared for all those who love him. We pray for Tom Morris, recently departed and HRH Prince Philip, buried yesterday (pause while a candles are lit) and Fr. Brindley Morgan, Edwin Tillsley, Frederick Jupp, Joy Pink, Michael Martin, James Farnbrough, Ada Penton, Johnny Buckle, Fr. David Woodwards, Patricia Studden, Madge Bird, Phyllis Falco, Dennis Neal, Francis Mapson, Kathleen Last, Henry Syrett, Fr. Michael Smith, Gordon Goodwin and Jim Sanders whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Mary rejoiced in the Lord. Let us rejoice with her as we say: **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: Almighty God, we bless you for revealing yourself in your beloved Son, Jesus. Wherever people gather in His name, wherever your word is spoken, wherever bread is broken, may your name be hallowed for ever and ever. Amen.
Sanctus.

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

Lord's Prayer. Agnus Dei.

Post Communion Prayer & Regina Caeli.