

Tea/Coffee after Mass. Please stay.

Important Meeting after coffee for all helping before, at or after the Heritage Fair.

This Week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 1.

Mon: ST CATHERINE OF SIENA (Feast) Co-Patron of Europe.

9.30 Mass. (1 John 1v. 5-2v2: Matt 11v 25-30)

Int: People of Europe.

2.00pm. Funeral Service – Terence Jackson

Tues: VOTIVE MASS OF St. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN.

9.30 Mass (Acts 15 v.1-6: Matt. 13 v.54-58)

Int: All Workmen

10.00-12.00 Tea/Coffee etc. in Church

Wed: ST. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN

8.00 Requiem Mass for Beverley Vincent.

Readings to be decided.

Thurs: St. Athanasius

9.30 Mass (Acts 15 v.7-21: John 15 v.9-11.)

Int: Forward in faith.

6.00 Preparation for heritage fair

Fri: S.S. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

9.30 Mass (2 Cor. 15 v, 1-8: John 14 v. 6-14.)

Int: Our Bishops

Sat: ENGLISH MARTYRS (Feast)

10.00 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday. Int: Our May Festival.

Readings as on Sunday.

Next Sunday - SIXTH OF EASTERTIDE B (May Fiesta)

9.30 Parish Mass & Address. Crowning of May Queen and Attendants.  
(Acts 10 v. 25-26; 34-38; 44-48; I John 4v. 7-10; John 15 v.9-17.)

11.15 May Procession.

12.30 Lunch in Church.

#### NOTICES:

- 1 Please see Val Arnold if you can help collecting for Christian Aid week-12-18<sup>th</sup> May
- 2 We need everyone to be involved on Heritage Fair day Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May and need more help before and afterwards
- 3 Please sign list in church for Shared lunch next Sunday after the May Procession next Sunday.
- 4 Please note Ascension Day is a holyday of obligation. Mass said on Eve. (8<sup>th</sup> May) at 6.30pm and on the day 9<sup>th</sup> May and Sung at 7.30pm.
- 5 Guild of All Souls Conference is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Walsingham.

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM FIFTH OF EASTERTIDE (B)

THEME: Think of a grape vine - or any other kind of tree. The life of the branches or the leaves comes from the trunk. That is what Jesus says we are in relation to Him. We depend on him – we die if we get cut off.

### Prayers for the departed commemorated by Easter Candles

Entrance Hymn: 622 v. 1 & 2.

#### PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when our love has degenerated to just words or mere talk. Lord have mercy.

People: (*sing*) **KYRIE ELEISON** (*Ukrainian setting*)

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when we say “no” to you. Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, when we do not uphold the Gospel of Christ in our parish and place of work. Lord have mercy.

People: **KYRIE ELEISON.**

Celebrant proclaims God’s forgiveness.

**GLORIA:** John Allen’s Easter setting (on paper)

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that we may enjoy true freedom.* God our Father, look upon us with love. You redeem us and make us your children in Christ. Give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading - Acts 9 v. 26-31: Luke tells the story of Paul’s arrival in Jerusalem.

The new convert finds it difficult to be accepted and he has to leave the city when his life is endangered.

*When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21 **®You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him

May their hearts live for ever and ever! ®

**®You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth,  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. ®

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
Declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: "These things the Lord has done." ®

**Second Reading - I John 3 v. 18-24:** For Christians mutual love must show its reality in actions. Whoever believes in Jesus and loves his neighbour is keeping the commandments of God, and God lives in him.

*My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.*

**Gospel Hymn:** 622 v. 3

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**

**Gospel - John 15 v. 1-8:** In Jesus' farewell discourse to his apostles he tells them that he is the true vine and that they are the branches. As long as they remain in him they will bear fruit in plenty.

*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'*

**ADDRESS CREED** - The Apostles Creed – page 8 in hymn book

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Celebrant: We are branches of the true vine and Jesus invites us to be his disciples. Let us pray that we may bear rich fruit as we try to live the faith of our Baptism.

**Reader:** May all those who acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God be filled with his Spirit so that they may love one another as he commanded.

We pray for those who, like Barnabas, put fresh heart into the discouraged, who build up communities by their encouragement: that they may always know the support of the Lord.

We pray for Charlie and Chantal, whose Banns are called today, that as they prepare for marriage their love for each other and for God may continue to grow.

Let us commend to the tenderness of the Lord all those who live without support or encouragement: that they will hear from us the voice of hope. We pray especially for those cared for by St Martin's Norwich and all helped by the Stowmarket Foodbank and Christian Aid

We pray for the healing of the sick – for Jean Martin, Marjorie Rousseau, Jan Ross, Angie Wilson, Penny Sugden, Taylor Birch, Margaret Maundrell, Billy Carter and Ralph Lambert.

May Jesus, who rose from the dead share his glory with all who have hoped in him, especially David Jones, recently departed and Betsy Self, buried this week (*pause for candles to be lit*) and Stan Clements, Alice Curson, May Barker, Ethel Hurford, Aiden Jones, Catherine Kitchen, Anna Rodlief and Stephen Crysell; whose anniversaries are this week.

Let us ask Mary that we too may show to others the love and truth that were in her. **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: Lord God our Father, you are the vinedresser. Prune us but do not cut us away, and we shall bear much fruit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Mass continues on page 9 in front of Hymn Book.)*

Offertory Hymn: 167 v. 1 & 2. **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 167 v. 3 – 5.

**Sanctus & Mystery of Faith** – John Allen Easter setting

*At end of Eucharistic prayer stand to sing: Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.*

**Lord's Prayer**

**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: 179 & 169. (Please join in.)

Hymn at Ablutions: 49.

**Post-Communion Prayer** **Regina Caeli** Notices

**Blessing** Recessional Hymn: **328.**