

All: God our Father, we pray that we may be instruments of your love in the world. May we receive in full what we ask for in prayer. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Sanctus. Angus Dei.

Post Communion Prayer

Visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

All. Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have revealed the beauty of your power by exalting the lowly Virgin of Nazareth and making her the Mother of Our Saviour. May the prayers of Our Lady of Walsingham bring Jesus to the waiting world and fill the hearts of all your people with the presence of her child, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Regina Caeli

This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 3

P.C.C. meets after Mass

Mon: 9.30 Mass (Acts 19 v.1-8; John 16 v. 29-33)
Int: All newly baptized and confirmed.

Tues: 9.30 Mass (Acts 20 v. 17-27; John 17 v. 1-11)
Int: Church in Kagera
7.30 Deanery Synod

Wed 8.00 Mass (Acts 20 v. 28-38; John 17. V. 11 – 19)
Int: Vocations to Priesthood.

Thurs: 9.30 Mass (Acts 22 v. 30 23 v. 6-11; John 17 v. 20-26)
Int: Persecuted Christians.

Fri: 9.30 Mass (Acts 25 v13-21; John 21v 15 -19)
Int: Additional Curates Society.

Sat: 6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
7.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday Readings as on Sunday

Next Sunday: PENTECOST/WHITSUN. End of Eastertide.
9.30am Parish Mass and Address
(Acts 2 v.1-11; 1 Cor. 12 v. 3-7, 12-13; John 20 v. 19-23)

Notices

1 Christian Aid week officially concludes today. If you have yet to make your contribution, the churn will remain in Church until Sunday week – 30th May and the website www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mendlesham will remain available until May 29th.

Please take this bulletin home with you.

16th May 2021

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

SEVENTH OF EASTERTIDE(B)+

THEME: In today's readings, there is an air of summing up: one thing is coming to an end but only so that something else may happen. Jesus is preparing to leave, but ensuring that his life and work will go on. Through the holy Spirit he will continue to live in each one of his people so that they can love and be his witness.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to see and do your will.
Lord have mercy.

People : **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we are afraid to commit ourselves too deeply. Christ have mercy.

People : **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord when we find the way of Jesus too difficult.
Lord have mercy.

People : **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

Gloria.

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that we may recognize the presence of Christ in our midst.* Father, help us keep in mind that Christ our Savior lives with you in glory and promised to remain with us until the end of time. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Acts 1 v. 15-17, 20-26. This reading shows the trust of the first Christians in the guiding power of the Holy Spirit.

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 102 © The Lord has set his sway in heaven

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. ©.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. ©

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word. ©

Second Reading – 1 John 4 v.11-16. This beautiful reading shows us that by sharing in the spirit, we share in Christ's life and his love.

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord, I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

Gospel - John 17 v.11-19. In His priestly prayer, Jesus asks His disciples remain true to His name. As His father sent His son into the world, so Jesus sends His followers, praying they will be consecrated in the truth.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
'Holy Father keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

Address and Creed- Nicene

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: In the resurrection of Christ all things are made new. Eastertide is therefore a time of renewal, for hope and joy in Christ's message. In this last week of Easter let us renew our promises to Christ.

Reader:

Let us pray that God will make us open to receive a greater share of His spirit, that we may be consecrated in the truth.

Let us pray that the church may always appreciate the many gifts and talents that its members possess.

Let us pray for those Christians who have strayed from the path of Christ's truth and who live in darkness of prejudice and bigotry.

Let us pray for those who cannot see beyond the narrow horizons of this materialistic world: that they may hear the voice of Christ calling them to eternal life. Let us pray for all who pass the doors of our church and who visit it; may this building be a sign to them of things they cannot see.

Let us pray for unity within our community-may we all be one in mind and heart, in our work for the spread of God's kingdom and experience the joy of the Lord's presence among us.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick; that through our prayers, laying on of hands and anointing they may be made whole. We pray for Pris Colchester, Doug Hales, Jan Ross, Jenny Mayes and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers.

Grant to the dead the glorious freedom of God's son and the completion of bodily redemption. We pray for Charlotte Woods; Eliza King; Rose Scott; Frederick Clark; Elsie Barker; Barry Warren; Massoud Ghorbanzadeh; Fr. Herbert Sillitoe; Evelyn Collins; Fr. Alan Rowe; William McAvilley; Mary Brown; Dorothy Mills; John Scuffins; Alice Huggins and Francis Collins whose anniversaries are this week.

Let us ask Mary, Mother of the church to add her prayers to ours.

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among woman 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