

This Week – Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

Mon. 9.30 am Mass Int: All refugees.
(Acts 19 v.1-8; John 16 v. 29-33)

Tues. Visitation of Our Lady (feast)
9:30 pm Mass Int: All Pilgrims. Short meeting of Walsingham cell after
10.30 am – 12:30 Coffee in Church.
(Rom 12 v. 9-16; Luke 1 v. 39-56)

Wed. St. Justin
8.00 am Mass Int: Christian Unity.
(Acts 20 v. 28-38; John 17 v. 11-19)

Thurs: Saints Marcellinus & Peter
9.30 am Mass **nb change of time** Int: Peace of the World.
(Acts 22 v. 30; 23 v. 6-11; John 17 v. 20-26)
2.30 pm Churchyard prepared for tomorrow.
8:30 pm onwards: Lighting of Beacon at Mendlesham Green.

Fri: St Charles Lwanga
9.30 am Mass Int: People of Uganda
(Acts 25 v. 13-21; John 21 v. 15-19).
12:30 – 5:00 pm Church Open Afternoon. Jubilee Event.
Beer, Barbeque, Teas, Draw.

Sat: 10:00 am 1st Mass of Sunday Int: HM Queen Elizabeth.
(readings as tomorrow).
1.00pm – 4.00pm Jubilee picnic at Mendlesham Green
4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Next Sunday – PENTECOST, WHITSUN
9.30 am Parish Mass & Address
(Acts 2 v. 1-11; I Cor. 12 v. 3-7,12-13; John 20 v. 9-23).
1:00 – 5:00 pm Street Party – Old Market Street.
5:00 pm Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving Service in Church.

1. We need: Volunteers to help with the tent at 2.30 pm on Thursday and more helpers needed on Friday for the bar and ice creams etc. Please see Anne

Prizes for the Draw.

Please support the event on Friday and encourage your friends.

2. June magazine is available.

3. Thank you to our May Queen Lily and attendants Hannah and Leah.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
Seventh Sunday of Eastertide (C)

THEME: After Jesus' Ascension the apostles returned to Jerusalem and 'joined in continuous prayer' waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. At the invitation of the Church, that is exactly what we are doing during these days between the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. Without the Holy Spirit of Jesus to guide and inspire us we simply cannot live the life of a Christian.

Prayers for the Departed in Holy Cross Chapel. Entrance Hymn: 270 v. 1-3

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Lord, forgive us when we are afraid to commit ourselves too deeply. Lord have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Lord, forgive us for those times we find the way of Jesus too difficult to follow. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Lord, forgive us for the fear we have of being changed if we open our hearts to you. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

Gloria: Dom Gregory

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Acts 7 v. 55-60 Stephen, by testifying to his faith, became the first Christian Martyr. His faith enabled him to see Christ's presence in heaven. We should ask if our faith enables us to see Christ in the lives & actions of others.

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm 96 ® The Lord is King, most high above all the earth.

1 The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, 2 The skies proclaim his justice;
the many coastlands be glad. all peoples see his glory.
His throne is justice and right. ® All you spirits, worship him. ®

3 For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. ®

Second Reading – Revelation 22 v. 12-14; 16-17; 20 In this reading the author reminds us that Jesus is coming soon.

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Hymn: 270 v. 4.

Alleluia, alleluia! (All) 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. 20-26 At the Last Supper, before his death, Jesus prays that we may all become one with him in glory.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.

I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me.

I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'

Address Creed - Nicene (page 7)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: The Spirit invites all those who are thirsty to come so that they may receive the water of life. Let us pray to the Lord for he is good and his mercy is without end.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church of God; that the Holy Spirit may renew its life and make it radiant with hope.

Let us pray for those suffering in Ukraine; for all, like St. Stephen, who suffer hardship and even death for their faith.

Let us pray for unity in our homes, where we work among Christians and among all people of good will, so that the world may believe that the Lord is with us.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may help us awaken to the gifts and talents God has given us and help us to use and develop them. We pray for all taking important exams.

Let us pray for those who work in the communications media of newspapers, radio and television that, humbly conscious of their great influence for good and evil, they may use these media to create a safe and wholesome environment in which mankind may grow to maturity in the love of God.

Let us pray for all gathered here: that the Holy Spirit may help us bear witness with our lives to the faith we profess with our lips.

Let us pray for our own community; for the many groups of Christians; that Jesus' love and desire for our unity may inspire us to break down the barriers and build bridges.

Let us pray for those within our parish who are lonely, or feel overwhelmed by life, those who are bereaved and all who are sick; especially those anointed at Tuesday's healing service and Jimmy Juby, Jan Ross, Jan Robinson, Lucy Muskett and Julie Gray.

Let us pray for all those who have died, especially Gunner Godfree, John Hunt, Margaret East, Bertram Sandhurst, June Heather-Rand, Peter Cheves, Rose Fulcher, John Davey, Archibald Godfree, The Revd John Pugh, Ellen Wood and Alfred Freeman whose anniversaries fall this week and for those who have died alone and forgotten.

Let us pray with Mary that the Holy Spirit may overshadow us. **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: God our Father, your Son, at his Ascension, promised to send the Holy Spirit to his apostles. Through his coming they received power and wisdom from heaven. Grant us also, we pray, the gifts of your Spirit. We make our prayers to you through Christ our Lord.

Offertory Hymn: 308 v. 1-2. Offertory Prayers Hymn 308 v. 3-6

Sanctus: Dom Gregory. Mystery of Faith No.2 – page 10

After Eucharistic Prayer – **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.**

Lord's Prayer Agnus Dei Dom Gregory.

Hymns at Holy Communion 508 and 500. Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 233.

Post Communion Prayers Regina Coeli

Notices Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 1 (in Supplement)