

Coffee and tea in church after Mass. All are welcome.

AGM of Friends of St. Mary's – 11:30 in Church.

This week: Divine Office - Psalter Week 1

- Mon** 9.30am Mass Int: St .Martin's Norwich
(Leviticus 19v.1-2;11-18. Matt.25v.31-46)
(Kagera – 70% of people live on less than £1.70 a day)
- Tues** 9.30am Mass Int: Additional Curates Society
(Isaiah 55 v 10 -11; Matthew 6 v 7 – 15)
(Pray for teams of women who do craft stalls to pay for families to go to school)
- 10:30-12:30 Coffee in Church
- Wed** **ST. DAVID (Feast)**
9:30am Mass (Ezek 34 v.11-16; Matt 5 v.13-16)
Int; Peoples of Wales
(Homes in Kagera do not have running water and Electricity. Give £1 for thanks for these gifts)
- Thurs** 9.30am Mass of Requiem – March Anniversaries.
(1 Cor 15 v.51-57; Luke 24 v.13-31)
(Avocados grown as a cash crop. Give 50p for each avocado eaten this week)
- Fri** 9.30am Int: Forgiveness and Reconciliation.
(Ezekiel18 v 21 – 28; Matthew 5 v 20 - 26)
(Give 2p for every item of fruit in your home)
- Sat** 10:00 1st Mass of Sunday – Int: Centres of Pilgrimage.
Readings as on Sunday.
4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation.
(Give 20p for every music group you attend)
- Next Sunday - LENT II**
9.30am Parish Mass and Address
(Genesis 12 v 1 – 4; 2 Timothy 1 v 8-10; Matthew 17 v 1-9)

NOTICES:

1. The suggestions each day are for the Kagera Lent appeal
2. Please stay for Friends of St Mary's AGM -11:30
3. We will conclude our appeal for the disaster fund in Turkey & Syria on Lent III 12th March. Please give generously.
4. Our APCM is on 12th March. We need more sidesmen – list on table.
5. List on Table for candles for the dead during Eastertide.

26th February 2023

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

Lent I (A)

Theme: During Lent we are asked to make greater efforts to make and sustain better relationships with our fellow human beings and creation. This requires turning away from ourselves and towards others in love. We begin by asking God to forgive our sins and help us to use this time of grace to grow nearer to him.

Entrance Hymn: 206 v 1-5

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, because we so often compromise with evil. Lord have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison** (*Ukrainian setting*)

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, because we so often use dubious means to achieve our good intentions. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us Lord, because our trust in you often fails. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

No Gloria during Lent.

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that this Lent will help us reproduce in our lives the self-sacrificing love of Christ.* Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection, and teach us to reflect it in our lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

1st Reading: Genesis 2v 7-9; 3v 1-7 God is the source and giver of all life.

Humanity has shattered that life. For this reason people struggle through life until the day they die. Sin always disrupts relations with God and each other.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps50 ® Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O Wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. ®

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. ®

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. ®

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. ®

2nd Reading: Romans 5v 12; 17-19 St. Paul relates that Adam's sin is outweighed by the new life offered to everyone by Jesus, whose obedience brings grace for all.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Hymn: 206 v 6 & 7

Gospel Acclamation: (All) Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4v 1-11 Against the background of Israel's temptation in the wilderness, Matthew tells how Jesus is tempted in the wilderness but stays faithful to his mission through obedience to the word of God.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: We do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. As we have listened to God's word we now bring our needs before Him in sure hope that God listens and responds to our prayers.

Reader: Lord, we pray for ourselves and all tempted to worship false gods: money, power, success and others' opinion.

Father, we commend to you all those who have yielded to temptation on a large scale; for writers, booksellers and film-makers who deal in pornography; for those who traffic in drugs and for those who work in organised crime.

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world - especially for our parish and the diocese in Kagera that we are supporting this Lent. May it have the courage of Christ in his temptations, and remain steadfast in its actions and teaching.

Let us pray for the sick and dying: that our prayer will help them entrust themselves to the care of the Lord - especially Dawn Catling, Jose Periera, Ferdi Vincent, Eric Baully, Marjorie Rousseau, Julie Gray, Lucy Muskett, Billy Carter and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers

Let the dead rise in your glory: let them rejoice forever in your love. We pray especially for Pam Thorpe, recently departed (pause while a candle is lit) and Peter Newton, Penny Davis, Rosemary Gillespie, John Clements, Isobel Hadley, Anne Herron, Eileen Chevalier, Joan Blythe-Brook, Rhoda Perkins, Beryl Clarke and Harold Hubbard, whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Let us ask our Lady to pray with 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: Father you sent your Son to heal all broken relationships. May his response to your call bring enlightenment to all for whom we pray. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 80 v 1 – 3 **Offertory Prayers:** Hymn v 4 to end

Mass continues page 9 of the hymn book

SANCTUS (J ALLEN) Mystery of Faith No. 4.

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.

AGNUS DEI (J ALLEN)

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

Hymn at Holy Communion No. 227. 259 Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 183

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Angelus Notices BLESSING

Vestry Meeting

Recessional Hymn: 41