

This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 1

- Mon: BISHOPRIC OF ST. PETER (Feast)
9.30am Mass (1 Peter 5 v. 1-4; Matt 16 v. 13-19)
Int: Christian Unity
Give 5p for every jar or packet of Fairtrade coffee- 10p if not Fairtrade.
- Tues: 9.30am Mass (Is 55 v 10-11; Matt 6 v 7-15)
Int: Walsingham
10.30am Funeral Service in Church (Willi and Brenda Thiebes).
7.30 pm – ‘Zoom’ Lent course
Give 10p for each variety of vegetable eaten this week.
- Wed: 9.30am Mass (Jonah 3 v 1-10; Luke 11 v 29-32)
Int: Repentance and Reconciliation.
Give 5p for each packet of nuts in your house.
- Thurs: 9.30am Mass (Esth. 12, 14-16,23-25; Matt 7 v. 7-12)
Int; Renewal of our Prayer Life.
Give 10p for each garden tap hose or sprinkler
- Fri: 9.30am Mass (Ezekiel 18 v 21-28; Matt 5 v 20-26)
Int: Peace of the World.
Give 50p if you do not like avocados
- Sat 2.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday. (Readings as on Sunday)
IntDiocese of St. Eds and Ipswich.
Give 50p for every tree in the churchyard (!!)

Next Sunday : LENT II

9.30am Parish Mass & Address.
(Gen.22 v.1-2; 9-13;15-18. Romans 8 v.31-34. Mark 9 v.2-10)

1. Our online Lent course, on the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke Ch 15) starts on Tuesday at 7.30pm on Zoom. Please email a.f.m.gray@btinternet.com if you wish to join. Everyone is welcome.
2. Our Lenten appeal is for Kagera in particular for farmers, doctors and priests, who all provide vital services to their communities. (suggestions for ways to donate – in italics each day - are from the diocesan appeal leaflet.)
3. List in Church for Eastertide candles in memory of all departed loved ones, £9 each. They are blessed on Easter Sunday.
4. On 2nd March at 9,30 there will be a Requiem for Anne Heron’s 1st Anniversary. Please support if you are able.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAMLent 1 (B)

(Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass)

THEME :Today we hear how Jesus began his ministry. He was tempted in the desert for forty days of solitude, fasting and praying and returned to proclaim the powerful message of God – repent and believe the Good News. St. Peter explains how, by baptism, we join our lives to Christ and are saved, just as Noah and his family were saved by water long ago.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we so often compromise with evil.
Lord have mercy.

People : **LORD HAVE MERCY**

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

People : **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, for the times when our trust in you fails.
Lord have mercy.

People : **LORD HAVE MERCY**

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. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Genesis 9 v 8-15. God’s covenant with Noah was not solely with Noah and his sons. It was a promise of the continuance of life and a sign of God’s eternal fidelity to his people.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, ‘See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’

God said, ‘Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 24

® **Your ways, Lord are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways; Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour. ®

Remember your mercy, Lord and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me because of your goodness, O Lord. ®

The Lord is good and upright, he shows the path to those who stray
he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor ®

Second Reading – 1 Peter 3 v 18-22. Under the old covenant, water cleansed the earth by destroying man. Noah is saved from water. In the New Covenant water saves man by cleansing him in Baptism. Those in the new ark, the Church, who believe and are saved by the waters of Baptism are identified with Christ's death and resurrection.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Acclamation (all) **Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory!**
Man does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory!

Gospel - Mark 1 v 12-15. Jesus does battle with the elements of the desert and comes back from his trials and to preach the Gospel.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Address Creed - Apostle's Creed

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant : Let us pray that the words of the scriptures we have listened to may help to bring all Christian people to repentance and renewal.

Reader: Let us pray for the people either side of us now; for all families represented here and for all who live in the same street or area as we do; that we may live out the pattern of Christ's loving in a practical way.

Let us pray for all Christians whose faith is being tested by hardship, spiritual dryness or any other outside pressures; that they may hold fast to Christ and emerge stronger in the knowledge of his loyal, sustaining love.

Let us pray that we may be strengthened against temptation, daily committing ourselves more whole-heartedly to serve Christ in all we think or do.

Let us pray for the leaders of our country – may they proclaim true Christian standards and values so that the people are encouraged in the practice of their faith.

Let us pray for all Christians; that we may not be content with a superficial renewal of our lives but that we may strive after conversion of heart this Lent.

Let us pray for those who are struggling with temptations; that the grace of Christ may help them to be victorious.

Let us pray for all nations on the brink of war; that they may be quickly reconciled with their enemies.

Let us pray for those who are suffering in hospitals or in their own homes; that they might be able to unite their pain with the passion of Jesus and so prepare to be sharers in his resurrection; Michael Denny, Trevor Thorpe, Ralph Lambert, Billy Carter, and all prayed for at Shrine prayers and their needs for wholeness.

We pray for all our deceased relatives and friends and for all whom we have been asked to pray; that the Lord would bring them to his kingdom in heaven. We pray for Fr. Alfred Gordon Wright, Ruby Stevenson, Doris Elliott, Mandy Parker, Thomas Probert, Don Handscombe, Peter Newton, Blanche Neale, Lawrence Jones, Bamse Harvey-Samuel, James Telford-Taylor, Vera Westenra-Hartley, John Pitt, Doreen Fraser, Penny Davis, Rosemary Gillespie, John Clements and Isobel Hadley; whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Let us ask Mary to help us listen to her Son.

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: **Father, you have given your people a second birth in Baptism. Bring to birth in each of us the love we would like to have for each other. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory Prayers Mystery of faith: **Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the saviour of the world.**

Lord's Prayer

Post Communion Prayer and Angelus Blessing