

Tea/coffee in church after Mass. Please do stay.

11.00-12.00 Bread of Life Course – Module 3

This week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Mon: 1.30 pm – 2.25 pm: Silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament
2.30 pm Mass, laying on of hands & anointing (monthly healing service)

Tues: 9.30am Mass
10.00 – 11.00 Coffee & Cake in Church

Wed. 9.30am. Mass

Thurs. 9.30am Mass

Fri. 9.30am Mass

Sat: 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday – LENT III

9.30 am Parish Mass & address (readings as Saturday)

11.00 am – 12.00 noon: Bread of Life Course

NOTICES:

1. Bread of Life Course at 11.00 – on the importance of the Scriptures. All welcome
2. Please support tomorrow's Healing Service

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

LENT II (A)

Theme: Today we reflect on God's promise of a glorified life. We are asked to make a journey into the unknown. This requires complete trust in God.

Entrance Hymn: 355 v. 1-3

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we forget that all men are called to share your glory. Lord have mercy. **People** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we refuse the cross that leads to glory. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we neglect your help in transfiguring our lives. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

No Gloria during Lent.

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray for the grace to respond to the Word of God. God our Father, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your Word that we may find the way to your glory.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

(sit) **First Reading – Genesis 12 v. 1-4** God calls upon Abraham to leave those he loves. Abraham takes up the call. His trust in God is rewarded by God's blessing not only on Abraham but on all his descendants.

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 32

® **May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.**

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.®.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.®

Second Reading – 2 Timothy 1 v. 8-10 Paul encourages his companion Timothy to rely on the power of God to see him through the hardships to come from preaching the Gospel. The power of God can be seen in Jesus Christ.

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel Hymn: 355 v. 4

Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.!

Gospel – Matthew 17 v. 1-9 The disciples Peter, James and John receive a vision of the Transfiguration of Jesus. It is a glimpse of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection.

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

(sit) **Address Creed** - Nicene *(Profession of faith ,page 7 of hymn book)*

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: God's call to take the journey is rewarded with the promise of a new life. The journey is as difficult today as it was for Abraham. Let us all focus on that final promise of salvation.

Reader: We pray for all who are homeless. Father stir our hearts to bring them help and comfort. We pray for the Stowmarket food bank and St Martin's Norwich

Father, we pray for those who have lost faith through fear or despair, that your light may shine on them and rekindle their love of you.

Let us pray for all who seek the face of God; that the Lord will reveal himself to them and show them the way to the fullness of the Kingdom. We pray for vocations to the Priesthood & the work of the Additional Curate's Society.

We pray for the Christian communities of our country, that when they are gathered together in Christ's name they may be a sign of faith and love.

Let us pray for the sick, that they may be strengthened and healed, especially Marcel Rousseau and our parishioners in homes and Marjorie Rousseau, Anna Horsnell and

Jenny Wilikinson.

Let us pray for those in authority, that they may use their authority wisely and with compassion for the needs of those who are oppressed. For those who do not know God that His love will come into their lives and transform them.

We pray that God may bless our homes and families that our faith may shine through in our love, care and consideration for one another.

We pray for our deceased relatives and friends that they may receive God's promised reward and rest in His peace, especially Emily Molyneaux, Ivy Tye, Eileen Chevallier, Joan Blythebrook, Anne Herron, Rhoda Perkins, Beryl Clark, Harold Hubbard, Bishop David Bentley, Ella Lockwood, Alan Froude, John Le Grys, Jim Baker, Phyllis Fraser and Vi Abbott, whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

Mary knew her son in all his moods and lives with him now in glory. Let us ask her to join our prayers now and at the hour of our death.

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, enable us to see, as Abraham did, the wonder of your promise. Give us the courage to take that path which leads to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 575 v. 1 & 2. **Offertory Prayers,** Hymn 575 v.3 & 4.

Mass continues page 9 of the hymn book

Sanctus & Mystery of Faith *(John Allen Lenten setting)*

(After the Great Amen at the end of the Eucharistic prayer - stand) **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.**

(Kneel or sit) **Agnus Dei** *(John Allen Lenten setting)*

If you receive Holy Communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive here. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing, please bring a hymn book to the altar.

Hymn at Holy Communion (please join in): 41; 297.

(sit or kneel) **Hymn at Ablutions:** 257.

(stand) **Post-Communion Prayer** **Angelus**

(sit) Notices

(stand) **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: Stand up for Jesus *(on sheet)*