

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

This week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

- Mon:** 9.30am Mass (Dan 9 v 4-10; Luke 6 v 36-38)
Int: The ministry of reconciliation
- Tues:** 9.30am Mass (Requiem – 1st anniversary for Jim Baker and Joan Hill)
(Reading to be decided).
Give 50p for the food growers
10.15 - 12.00 Coffee & Cake in Church
- Wed.** 9.30am. Mass (Jer 18 v 18-20; Matt 20 v17-28)
Int: Persecuted Christians
- Thurs.** 9.30am Mass. (Jer. 17 v. 5-20. Luke 16 v. 19-31). Int: Christian Aid
Give 5p for each banana you eat or coffee you drink this week
- Fri.** 9.30am Mass (Gen 37 v3,4,12,13,17-28; Matt 21 v33-43, 45-46)
Give £1.50 for every child you have at school
- Sat:** 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Ex 17 v. 3-7 Rom. 5 v.1-2;5-8. John 4 v.5-42)
Int: All elected PCC

Next Sunday – LENT III

- 9.30 am Parish Mass & address (readings as Saturday)
(Exodus 17 v. 3-7 Rom. 5 v.1-2;5-8. John 4 v.5-42)

NOTICES:

1. Draw prizes for Spud Bash – 25th March – Graham Baker
2. Appeal for Turkey/Syria closes next Sunday.
3. Suggestions for Lent Giving to the Church in Kagera are from the diocese on certain days in Lent
4. Next Healing Service is on Tuesday week.
5. Easter Candles for the departed: Please order and pay as soon as possible. They cost £15 (which includes 3 candles per label to last through the whole of Eastertide.

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

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.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 32

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

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. ®

The Lord looks on those who revere him.
on those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. ®

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

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.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Hymn: 355 v. 4

Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

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.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Address Creed - Nicene (page 7 of the 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 our parishioners in homes and Marjorie Rousseau, Jose Periera, Jan Ross; Jan Robinson, Lucy Muskett and Jessica Mercer.

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 Bishop David Bentley, Fr Arthur Tooth, Ella Lockwood, Alan Froude, John Le Grys, Phyllis Fraser, Violet Abbott, Frederick Mills, Margaret Fletcher, Delphine Thorpe, Bob Keeble, William Carter; Michael Denny and Audrey Handscombe; 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

John Allen Sanctus John Allen- Mystery of Faith (tune: *There is a green hill*)

Mass continues page 11 of the hymn book

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

John Allen - Agnus Dei.

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

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

Hymn at Ablutions: 257. **Post-Communion Prayer** **Angelus**

Prayer at Shrine: Father in heaven, you changed Mary's sorrow into joy at the resurrection of your Son: grant to those who suffer, the grace and peace of your Holy Spirit; who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Notices **Blessing**

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