

Hymn at Holy Communion - Please join in. 401,126,

Hymn at Ablutions – 432

Post communion Prayer Angelus Blessing

Recessional Hymn – 109

PARISH CHURCH OF ST.MARY THE VIRGIN MENDLESHAM

LENT 1V of Year C Mothering Sunday

Tea and Coffee in Church after Mass. All welcome.

This week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

Mon: 9.30pm Mass . (Is.65 v.17-21; John 4 v.43-54) Int: Sick children
4:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Tues: 9.30am Mass (Ezek.47 v.1-9,12; John 5 v.1-3; 5-16)
10:30 – 12:30 Coffee in church.
7:30 pm Bible Study by Zoom. Church at Laodicea (Rev 3v.14-22)

Wed: 9:30am Int: Queen and Government. (Is.49 v.8-15; John 5 v.17-30)

Thurs: 9.30 Mass Int: Oppressed people.(Ex. 32 v.7-14; John 5 v.31-47)
4:00 Funeral Vigil in church until 7:00 (Jim Baker)

Fri: 9.30am Requiem Mass – Jim Baker. (Is 35 v.3-6,10; Matt 14 v.22-33)
1:00am. Funeral Service for Jim Baker

Sat: 10.00 1st Mass of Sunday. (Readings as tomorrow)
11:00 – 1:00 Cleaning session in Church
4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday - LENT V PASSIONTIDE

9.30 Parish Mass and Address.
(Isaiah 43 v.16-21; Philippians 3 v.8-14; John 8v.1-11)

NOTICES

1. Easter candles- please add to list on bier and pay Andi.
2. Cleaning session number 2 on Saturday. Everyone welcome – with brushes, brooms etc.

THEME: Jesus was accused of welcoming sinners and sitting at table to eat and drink with them. His actions scandalized the scribes and Pharisees, but Jesus knew that his mission was to seek and save those who were lost. We come before the Lord today conscious of our own sinfulness, but even more conscious of His mercy and compassion. Today too is Mothering Sunday when we thank God for our 3 mothers – Mother Mary, Mother Church and our own Mothers.

Entrance hymn : 365 v. 1& 2

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant :Forgive us, Lord, when our homes have not been places of light, centres of love and havens of joy. Lord have mercy.

People: (sing) **Kyrie Eleison** (*Ukraine Kyries*)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our unnecessary and trivial arguments. Christ have mercy. People: (sing) **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant :Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of patience and forgiveness. Lord have mercy. People: (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

Blessing of Mothering Sunday Candles as a sign of prayer for our mothers, whether living or departed. [Please come as directed and place your candle on the Lady Chapel Altar. For safety, don't let candles touch each other.] **Hymn** 365 v.3–end

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray for a greater faith and love.* Father of peace, we are joyful in your word, your Son Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to you. Let us hasten towards Easter with the eagerness of faith and love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Joshua 5v.9-12 When the people of Israel arrive at the home God promised them they find that His care for them continues.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Paodierasalm - Psalm 33® Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul will make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. ®

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise His name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. ®

Look towards Him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

The poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. ®

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5 v. 17-21 God reconciles the world to Himself in Christ. Not only are our sins wiped away; we become a new creation.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Hymn: 577

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my Father and say," Father I have sinned against heaven and against you"
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

The Gospel - Luke 15 v. 1-3; 11-32 Jesus answers the criticism of the religious leaders by telling them a parable emphasising God's desire to forgive the sinner.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he

comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Address Creed:: Apostles' Creed P8

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Aware of God's teaching that we must return to God in sincere repentance, we seek God's help for our community as we pray.

Reader: Let us pray for the church throughout the world. That in every place the forgiveness of sins will be preached and God's mercy made available to all.

Let us pray for ourselves, that we may always be ready to forgive others, knowing that God has forgiven us.

Let us pray for children who have abandoned their parents and for parents who have abandoned their children; that they may be reconciled one day around the family table. We pray for the work of the Children's Society and Save the Children.

Let us bring before God our mothers (living or departed), all foster mothers and all in labour now; may they be blessed and strengthened.

Let us pray for those who have abandoned the practice of their faith. May the story of the Prodigal Son find an echo in their hearts, and responding to God's grace, may they return to their Father's house and understand his readiness to forgive.

Let us pray for all who suffer from the war in Ukraine and for a generous response to our Appeal.

Let us pray for the sick and especially Lucy Muskett, Julie Gray, Joan Hill, Jan Ross, Billy Carter, Margaret Maundrell and Hazel Lockwood

Let us pray for those who have died, that they will find peace with God – we pray for Bette Godfree, Hugh Fletcher, John Upton, Donald Fraser, Dorothy Baker, Alice Kay, Jeff Stocker, Fr Frederick Shaw, Edith Howell, Brian Tree, Peggy Husselby and Judy Muskett whose anniversaries of death fall this week.

Let us ask Mary to help us to a deeper understanding of Christ's passion.

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 death. Amen

S I L E N C E

All : O loving and caring God, always be for us a forgiving Lord, that as prodigal children we may come back to you knowing that your embrace will heal the wounds of sin. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn: 306 v.1-2

Offertory Prayer: - 306 v.3-end

Sanctus – John Allen setting

Mystery of Faith – No 4

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament.

Hosannah! Hosannah! Hosannah in excelsis!

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei – John Allen setting