

Please stay to Tea/Coffee in Church after Mass.
Thank you to Fr. John for celebrating Mass today.
There are no services this week until Saturday, when Fr. Philip will celebrate 1st Mass of Sunday at 5:00pm.

This week – Tues 10:30 -12:30 Coffee Morning in Church

Bible Readings for this week.

Mon: (Dan 13v.1-9;15-17;19-30;33-62. John 8v.1-11).

Tues: (Numbers 21v.4-9; John 8v.21-30).

Wed: (Dan 3v.14-20; 24-25,28. John 8v.31-42).

Thurs: (Gen. 17v.3-9. John 8v.51-59)

Fri: (Jer. 20v.10-13. John 10v.31-42).

Sat: (Is 50v.4-7; Phil 2v.6-11; Matt 21 v.1-11)

Next Sunday: ~ **PALM SUNDAY**

9.30am Blessing of Palms in N. churchyard, Procession into Church & Sung Mass

Intentions of Prayer for the Week –

Sun: Parish and Congregation.

Mon: All falsely accused.

Tues: Refugees

Wed: Lent Appeal for Kagera

Thurs: Sick children

Fri: Newly Elected PCC

Sat: Our observance of Holy week



NOTICES

1. Please return Lent offerings at Mass of Last Supper – 6th April (Maundy Thurs)
2. Please sign for shared refreshments after 1st Mass of Easter on Sat 8th April. (Holy Saturday)
3. For our altar servers there is a list in Vestry for serving at Mass in Holy week.
4. Friends of St Mary's are running an Easter Egg Draw on Sunday 9th April after Mass. Tickets on sale inside Church.
5. Friends Quiz Night at URC on Sat 15th April at 7:30pm.- £5 per person. Teams up to 6 people. To book a table contact Graham Baker 07912 353105
6. Friends of St Mary's are running a Tea/Coffee and Cake Stall at the Street Fayre – Monday 1st May. Request please for cakes and any help during the day – contact Jean Martin / Graham Baker.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

LENT V ~ PASSIONTIDE

THEME: In the Gospel of today's Mass we hear how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. This is a sign of God's power to bring the dead to life. Let us renew our faith in God, who in baptism gives us new life and destroys our sins.

Entrance Hymn: 134 v.1 – 3

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we refuse to forget the past and to trust you;
Lord have mercy. **People**(sing) **Kyrie Eleison** (*Ukrainian Setting*)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to have the courage to do what is right;
Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to comfort those in need; Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

No Gloria during Lent

OPENING PRAYER:

Let us pray for the courage to follow Christ. Father, help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by his love, guide us by his example, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Ezekiel 37 v. 12-143 God promises to put a new heart and spirit into his people.

'The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 129

Ⓜ **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness and redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. Ⓜ

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. Ⓜ

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than a watchman at daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord) Ⓜ

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. Ⓜ

Second Reading – Romans 8 v. 8-11 Paul tells the Church in Rome that because they have received the Spirit of Christ, they belong to Him

'People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.'

Gospel Hymn: 134 v. 4

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel - John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45 We hear about one of the last miracles of Jesus, where he raises Lazarus from the dead. He is prepared to put his own life at risk to give life to his friend.

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round

his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Address Creed– Apostles Creed- P8 of Hymn Book

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: We recognise Jesus as the resurrection and life, and so we come before him presenting our needs.

Reader: Lord show your closeness and concern to all whose lives are filled with loneliness and anxiety – especially all recently bereaved.

Let us pray for the dying, that they may look forward to new life and resurrection. We pray for St Elizabeth Hospice in Ipswich and St Nicholas Hospice in Bury.

Lord we pray for all parents who see their children die; for all concerned with the dying and bereaved, especially nurses, doctors, undertakers, registrars and priests: that they may find words and actions that are truly comforting.

Let us pray for all who are weighed down by guilt and feel powerless to turn to God, that Christ's message of forgiveness may touch their hearts and bring them peace.

Let us pray for all members of our parish; that we may, with God's help be a loving, caring and forgiving community and refrain from passing judgment on other people.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick: especially Angela Wilson, Jose Pereira, Marjorie Rousseau, Julie Gray, Lucy Muskett and all prayed for at Shrine prayers

Let us pray for the departed, that the Lord will call them to himself to share the peace he has prepared for those who love him, especially Bette Godfree, Hugh Fletcher, John Upton, Alice Kay, Jeffrey Stocker, Fr Frederick Shaw, Dorothy Baker, Edith Howell, Brian Tree and Peggy Husselby, whose anniversaries of death are at this time.

Let us pray that Mary may be our constant companion in times of both joy and sorrow.– **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.**

S I L E N C E

All: Heavenly Father, your son came to bring life to a world dead in sin, give your people a spirit of repentance that they may rise to a new life in Christ, who lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 333 v.1-3 **Offertory Prayers** Hymn v. 4-6

Sanctus: J Allen Lent setting **Mystery of Faith J Allen Lent setting**

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

Agnus Dei: J Allen Lent setting

Hymns at Holy Communion, please join in – 19 & 575

Hymn during Ablutions: 104

Post Communion Prayer **Angelus** Notices **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 119