

Please stay for tea/coffee

This Week – Divine Office – Psalter week 1

- Mon.** 9.30am Mass, Laying Int: Those falsely accused
(Dan 13 v1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; John 8 v.12-20)
- Tues.** 9.30am Mass. (Num 21 v 4-9; John 8 v21-30)
Int: Society of the Holy Cross
10.30 – 12.30 Coffee in Church
7.30pm Bible Study by Zoom
- Wed.** 9.30am Mass Int. People of Ukraine
(Daniel 3 v.14-20, 24-25, 28; John 8 v31-42.)
- Thu.** No Mass today Int. Mendlesham School (Gen 17 v3-9; John 8 v 51-59)
- Fri.** 9.30am Mendlesham School Easter Service. All welcome
11.00am Mass (Jer 20 v10-13; John 10 v31-42) Int. All refugees
- Sat.** 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday. Int. Our observance of Holy Week
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions).

Next Sunday: PALM SUNDAY

- 9.30am Blessing of Palms in Churchyard, Procession into Church for Sung Mass.
(Luke 19 v.28-40; Is. 50 v.4-7; Phil. 2 v.6-11;
Passion Reading: Luke 23 v.1-49.)
11.30am Stations of the Cross & Benediction

NOTICES

1. Next Sunday is the last one for ordering Easter Candles – list on bier
2. The Friends of St Mary's is organising an Easter Draw for eggs. Please see Jean Martin or Amanda if you can help.
3. Please sign for watch in Gethsemane – Thursday 14th April - 8.30 -11.00
4. We are still collecting for Ukraine – churn near door
5. List for refreshments for First Mass of Easter on Holy Saturday – 7.30pm Sung Mass

3rd April 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

LENT V - YEAR C

Please keep silence from 9.25am to prepare for Mass.

THEME: The story of the woman taken in adultery is an uplifting revelation of the goodness of God. Jesus does not deny or condone the woman's sin, yet He does not condemn her. All sinners who turn for forgiveness can say with St Paul, 'I can forget the past and strain for what is to come.'

Entrance Hymn: 262 v. 1 – 5.

Penitential Rite

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we refuse to forget the past and to trust you; when we live with past failures and make many false starts; when we fail to live up to the aims of our Christian commitment. 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; when we fail to show love; when we fail to help carry other people's burdens; when we fail to see you in our neighbours; when we have exaggerated the faults of others. Christ have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to comfort those in need; when we lack generosity; when we have retaliated unjustly; when we crucify others by our words or actions; when we fail to turn to you for healing; Lord have mercy.

People: (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

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: Isaiah 43 v 16-21: Isaiah proclaims that the reason for God's liberation of Israel is not anything they have done, but simply the loving mercy of a caring God.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps125

Ⓜ **What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. Ⓜ

The heathen themselves said, 'What marvels the Lord worked for them.'

What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad. Ⓜ

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. ©

They go out, they go out, full of ears, carrying seed for the sowing.
They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. ©

Second Reading - Philippians 3 v. 8-14: Paul tells us that we do not receive the saving grace of God by observing the law, but that justification comes through faith in Christ.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Hymn: 262 v. 6 & 7.

All: Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live and that the Lord of Hosts may really be with you: Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel - John 8 v. 1-11: This relates to the incident concerning the woman caught in adultery, and how Jesus told her accusers that they should look to their own sins before condemning her.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

Address Creed – Apostles Creed – page 8 of hymn book.

Prayer Of The Faithful

Celebrant: As we pray let us take courage from the word we have heard. 'Do not cling to what is past or dwell on what happened long ago. See, I am doing a new deed, it is happening already.' Let us pray that the Lord will do new deeds among us.

Reader: Let us pray for all who are enclosed in a bitter or hurtful past, that they may experience the power of Christ's forgiveness which does not condemn them but helps them to live in peace. We remember all suffering in Ukraine.

Let us pray for all those who are forced to earn their living through degrading means, that human dignity may be restored to them.

Let us pray for all who are weighed down by their own sinfulness and feel powerless to return to God, that the Lord's message of forgiveness may touch their hearts and bring them peace.

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

Let us pray for all judges and lawyers, that in the exercise of their professions they may work to ensure that in all cases the truth is heard and justice done.

May the Lord, through prayer, laying on of hands and anointing heal those who are sick, especially Lucy Muskett, Julie Gray, Jan Ross, Joan Hill.

Let us pray for those who have died – Jim Baker, whose funeral was last week (pause while a candle is lit) and Fr. Len Mepsted, Joyce King, Percy Sykes, Elsie Westenra- Hartley, Judith Rabsey, Albert Harvey, Suzanne Dorsett, Harry Jacks, Percy Hammond, Fr Norman Waring, Fr Dixie Churchill, David Bailey, Lucy Ardley, Bessy Vice and Elizabeth Lockwood, whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray that they may rest in the peace of Christ.

At the foot of the cross stood Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We now ask her to pray with us – **Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with Thee. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the time of our death. Amen.**

SILENCE

All: Heavenly Father, help us to keep our hearts pure, our minds clean, our words true and our deeds kind. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 204 v. 1 - 3. Offertory Prayers v. 4 – 6. (Page 9.)

Sanctus (John Allen Setting) Mystery of Faith No 4. (Page 10.)

After Eucharistic Prayer: **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.**

Lord's Prayer etc. (Page 11 of hymn book.)

Agnus Dei (John Allen Setting)

Hymns at Holy Communion: 347 and 477. Please join in.

Hymn during Ablutions: 316. Post Communion Prayer

Angelus Blessing Recessional Hymn: 279.