

This week is Holy Week - Divine Office - Psalter week 2

Mon FIG MONDAY. Int: the homeless
9.30am Mass (Is.42 v. 1-7; John 12 v. 1-11)
6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
For Kagera: give 10p for each language you speak

Tue TEMPLE TUESDAY. Int. Those who betray others.
9.30am Mass. (Is.49 v1-6; John 13 v.21-33; 36-38)
3.00 and 7.45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.
7.00pm Stations of the Cross: **ALSO LIVESTREAMED**
For Kagera: Give 20p for each church leader who helped you on your Christian journey

Wed SPY WEDNESDAY. Int. All priests renewing their vows.
7.30pm Mass (Is. 50 v. 4-9; Matt. 26 v. 14-25)
8.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
For Kagera: Give a thanksgiving donation for your friends.

THE TRIDUUM

Thu MAUNDY THURSDAY Int: All communicants
7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper, Presentation of Lenten giving and procession to Garden of Gethsemane. **ALSO LIVESTREAMED**
(Ex. 12 v.1-8, 11-14; 2 Cor. 11 v. 23-26; John 13 v. 1-15)
8.30 – 10.00 Watch in 'Gethsemane' 10.00pm Night Prayer

Fri GOOD FRIDAY. (Day of Abstinence from meat).
Int; All for whom Christ died.
1.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.00pm Liturgy of the Day. **ALSO LIVESTREAMED**
(Is 52 v 13-53 v 12; Hebs 4 v 14-16; 5 v 7-9; John 18 v 1-19 v 42)

Sat HOLY SATURDAY. Int. The Departed
9.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation
7.30pm Blessing of New Fire, Vigil, Blessing of Font and Mass **ALSO LIVESTREAMED** (Genesis1 v 1-2v2; Gen 22 v 1 -18; Exodus14-15 v1; Romans 6 v 3-11; Mark 16 v 1-8)

Next Sunday EASTER DAY ALSO LIVESTREAMED

9.30am Blessing of Easter Candles. Sung Mass and Address.
(Acts 10 v. 34-43; Col. 3 v. 1-4; John 20 v. 1-9)

1. Please observe the Tridium well.
2. Decorating and cleaning of Church on Saturday after 9:30.
3. Extra times for Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter.
4. Last day for checking Electoral Roll
5. Please nominate Churchwardens – Vestry Meeting – 11th April -10.15
6. Lent boxes should be returned on Maundy Thursday. You can pay by cheque to **St Eds & Ips DBF** and write '**Kagera Lent Appeal**' on the back, or online at **cofesuffolk.org/bishops-lent-appeal**, or by BACS Sort Code: **16-22-17**
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PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

Lent V1 - PALM SUNDAY

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

Theme: Holy Week begins today with the remembrance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the reading of the account of His passion, whereby He died for our redemption. Let us pray that during this coming week we may follow our Saviour more closely.

Blessing of Palms.

Palm Sunday Gospel: Mark 11 v. 1 – 10.

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."' And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

Opening Prayer: *Let us pray for a closer union with Christ during this Holy season.* Almighty, ever-lasting God, you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility. He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving his life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to you by following his example of suffering and make us worthy to share in his resurrection.

Liturgy of The Word Of God:

1st Reading: Isaiah 50 v. 4 – 7 In one of the servant songs the prophet Isaiah presents the suffering servant as the innocent and noble disciple who faces affliction with the help of God.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21

® **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl up their lips, they toss their heads.
He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, A band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and feet I can count every one of my bones.®

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! ®

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.
You who fear the Lord give him praise; All sons of Jacob, give him glory,
Revere him, Israel's sons. ®

2nd Reading: Philippians 2 v. 6 - 11. From an ancient hymn we hear how Christ, even though divine, emptied himself to become as we are and humbled himself by dying on the Cross. God raised him to be Lord of all.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a Cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acclamation: **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death on a Cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Passion Reading: Mark 15 v. 1 – 39. ON SEPARATE SHEET
Please join in the crowd [C]

Address

Creed *Apostles Creed*

Prayer Of The Faithful:

Celebrant: We have listened to the story of the Passion of our Lord. With sadness we look at the continued violence and sinfulness of our world. Christ's final words from the Cross were forgiveness, so let us ask God to soften people's hearts as we pray.

Reader: Let us pray for all those who share in Christ's sufferings through their sufferings in the world, that they may find comfort and strength.

Let us pray for those who have the honesty and courage to work openly for justice and peace, that their efforts may be rewarded.

Let us pray for increased generosity and mercy in our dealings with one another in our daily routine and everyday problems.

We bring to God's love our own loved ones and especially those from whom we are separated either by distance or death. May God's powerful love protect us from all that is evil.

We pray for our congregation; that it may be so infused with the life of Christ that others will be drawn to his saving joy and peace.

Let us pray for the sick and suffering and those who care for them. We pray especially for Doug Hales and all prayed for at Shrine prayers

Lord, lead those who have died into your Kingdom, especially Alice Kay, Dorothy Baker, Jeffrey Stocker, Fr. Frederick Shaw, Edith Howell, Brian Tree, Peggy Hesselby, Judith Muskett, Donald Fraser, Fr. Len Mepsted, Joyce King whose anniversaries fall this week.

Let us ask Mary, standing at the foot of the Cross, to teach us to forgive - **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: Almighty Father, the way of the Cross is given to us as the journey of supreme love. May the love of Jesus inspire us to make our own way of the Cross. This we ask in his name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sanctus

Mystery of Faith: Lord, by your Cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Post Communion Prayers: and Angelus

Blessing