

Coffee and tea in church after Mass. Please stay.

This Week Is HOLY WEEK - Psalter week 2

APRIL 3rd Fig Monday

9.30 Mass (Isaiah 42 v 1-7; John 12 v 1-11) Int; All penitents
6.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation.
7.00 Stations of the Cross and Benediction

APRIL 4th Temple Tuesday

9.30 Mass (Isaiah 49 v 1-6; John 13 v 21-33, 36-38) Int; All who betray others
10.30-12.30 Coffee, teas etc in church
3.00 & 6.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation
7.00 Stations of the Cross and Benediction

APRIL 5TH Spy Wednesday

12.00 noon Mass of Chrism and renewals of Priests' vows at St Mary's Little Walsingham
with Bishop Norman, Bishop of Richborough
6.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation
7.30 Said Mass at Mendlesham (Isaiah 50 v 4-9; Matthew 26 v 14-25).
Int; Priests renewing their vows

April 6th Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Sung Mass of Last Supper and Procession to Gethsemane.
Int; All Communicants
8.30pm to 10.45 – **Watch in Garden of Gethsemane**
10.45 Night Prayer

April 7th Good Friday (Day of Fasting and abstaining from meat.)

1.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.00pm LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY Biblical readings, Veneration of the Cross and Holy
Communion. Is.52v13-53v.12. Hebrews 4v14-16,5v.7-9. John18v,1-9v.42

April 8th Holy Saturday

7.30 Blessing of New Fire, Paschal Candle, Vigil Readings & Sung Mass.
Shared party after in the Church.
Int; Guild of All Souls and the departed
Gen 1v.1-2v.2. Gen 22v.1-18. Ex.14 -15v.1. Rom.5 – 6v.3-11. Matt 28v.1-10

April 9th Easter Day

9.30 Parish Mass: Address. Blessing of the candles for the dead. Blessing of Eggs
(Acts 10 v 34, 37-43; Colossians 3 v 1-4; John 20 v 1-9)

NOTICES:

1. Friends of St. Mary's are running an Easter Egg Draw to be drawn on Sunday 9th April after Mass. Tickets on sale inside the church.
2. Friends Quiz Night at URC on Saturday 15th April at 7.30pm - £5 per person. Teams up to 6 persons. To book a table contact Graham Baker 07912353105

Mendlesham Street Fayre – Monday 1st May

Friends of St Mary's are running a Tea/Coffee and Cake Stall at the church.
Request please for cakes and any help during the day.
Contact Jean Martin / Graham Baker

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

PALM SUNDAY

Theme: God calls us in this Holy Week to follow closely in the path of Jesus, his Son. May we enter into the mystery of the Lord's death this week, and rise with him to a changed life and a new hope at Easter.

Distribution and Blessing of Palms: Assemble in the Churchyard.

Palm Sunday Gospel - Matthew 21 v. 1 - 11. **Hymn in Procession:** 8.

IN CHURCH Opening Prayer: *Let us pray for a closer union with Christ during this holy season.* Almighty, ever-living 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 The Lord's servant, the perfect model of the disciple and the teacher, suffers out of fidelity to his mission.

'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: Ps 21 © My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me
they curl their lips, they toss their heads
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
Let him release him if this is his friend.'©
2. Many dogs have surrounded me
a band of the wicked beset me
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.©

3. 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!©
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are
assembled.
You, who fear the Lord given him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.©

2nd Reading: Philippians 2 v. 6 – 11. In this passage St. Paul is quoting a hymn which was written within a few years of the Resurrection of Our Lord. It emphasises the obedience and the humility of Christ. And it is precisely for this reason that he is our Lord and Master.

'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.'

Hymn: 271.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory: Christ 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 names. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Passion Reading: Matthew 26. (*printed in Holy Week Book*)

The story of our Lord's suffering and death was written down later and presented in the light of the resurrection. God's plan of salvation can be seen throughout the events. St. Matthew stresses that Jesus is Lord throughout these sufferings and that he chooses the path of humility.

Address Creed (*Apostles' Creed - P8 of Hymn Book.*)

Prayer of the Faithful:

Celebrant: Jesus shows us the way of Life. It is the path of loving obedience to the Father. It costs no less than everything and so we ask that his people remain faithful to his way.

Reader: Let us pray for missionaries who spread the Good News of the Lord's death and resurrection. May they preach the word with conviction and effect.

We pray for peace in our troubled world; to strained relationships, broken homes and war-ridden nations, especially Ukraine, Syria and the Yemen.

We pray for those in our own country who see this week as nothing more than a time of holiday. Jesus came to give them new life also. May they have the opportunity to hear his word through us and take it to heart.

Let us pray for ourselves and the whole Church of God. May the celebration of the mysteries of Christ during this Holy Week renew our hearts and minds.

We pray for all those who are crucified with Christ through oppression and torture. May the world see in them the face of Christ, whose cross and resurrection set us free.

We pray for all those who are involved in caring for suffering in the world; doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, relief workers and for all who support them with their generosity; may they be encouraged by the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for all those who are sick; especially Jose Pereira, Angela Wilson, Jan Robinson, Julie Gray, for our parishioners in homes and also the lonely and depressed; may they experience God's presence in their sickness or distress.

On this Palm Sunday let us bring to God's love every meeting, demonstration, and all large crowds, that they be peaceful and ordered, inspiring those present for good rather than inciting them to violence.

We bring to God's love those from whom we are separated by death. We pray for; Edith Howell, Judith Muskett, Donald Fraser, Fr Len Mepstead, Joyce King, Percy Sykes, Edith Westenra-Hartley, Judith Rabsey, Albert Harvey, Suzanne Dorsett, Harry Jacks, Percy Hammond, Fr William Waring, Fr Wolstan Churchill, David

Bailey and Joan Hill, whose anniversaries of death are this week, may God's love protect them from all that is evil.

Before all others in the Church, Mary follows in the footsteps of her Son. Her prayer for us sustains us on our journey. **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: Father, in a fallen world your Son was perfectly obedient to your will. May his obedience even unto death be for your people now the way to true life. We make our prayer in his name. Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 316 v. 1 & 2.

Offertory Prayers: v. 3 & 4.

Dom Gregory Sanctus. Mystery of Faith No. 4. (*Page 10 of Hymn Book*)

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

Lords Prayer etc. (P11 of Hymn Book)

Dom Gregory Agnus Dei.

Hymn at Holy Communion: Hymn No.84; 347; 618. *Please join in.*

Hymn at Ablutions: 355.

Post Communion Prayer

Angelus (front of Hymn Book)

Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 262.