

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

Mon	FIG MONDAY. Int: Christian Aid & the DEC 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 & Benediction
Tue	TEMPLE TUESDAY. Int. Those who betray others. 9.30am Mass. (Is.49 v1-6; John 13 v.21-33; 36-38) 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation. 7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction <i>also Livestreamed</i>
Wed	SPY WEDNESDAY. 12.00 Mass of Chrism in St Mary's Lit Walsingham (Bishop Norman) 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Int. All priests renewing their vows. 7.30pm Said Mass (Is. 50 v. 4-9; Matt. 26 v. 14-25)
	THE TRIDUUM
Thu	MAUNDY THURSDAY Int: All communicants 10.00 & 6.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper, <i>also Livestreamed</i> (Ex. 12 v.1-8, 11-14; 2 Cor. 11 v. 23-26; John 13 v. 1-15) 8.30 – 10.45 Watch in 'Gethsemane' 10.45pm 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. (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 4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.30pm Blessing of New Fire, Vigil, Blessing of Font and Sung Mass (Genesis 1 v 1-2v2; Gen 22 v 1 -18; Exodus 14 v 15 -15 v1; Romans 6 v 3-11; Luke 24 v 1-12) Int: Guild of All Souls
Next Sunday	EASTER DAY 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 Holy Week well especially the Triduum.
2. Last day for ordering Easter candles £9 each.
3. Free copies of Together & ACS Mag in church. Please take a box for ACS and bring it for dedication at the Last Supper (14th April)
5. Please sign for refreshments on Holy Saturday after 7.30 Mass. Also for Watch in Gethsemane.
6. Extra times this week for Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

Lent V1 - PALM SUNDAY

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

Theme: Both tragedy and victory figure in today's celebration. We are reminded of the great price God's faithful must pay. All the same we are assured that violence will not have the final word. The cross is inexorably linked to the empty tomb.

Distribution and blessing of palms in the churchyard.

Palm Sunday Gospel: Luke 19 v. 28 - 40

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."'

So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them.

And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.'

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.

As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

Hymn in Procession to Church - 8

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: Luke 22 v 14-23 & 56. ON SEPARATE SHEET

Please join in the crowd [C]

Address Creed *Apostles Creed* p.8 in Hymn Book

Prayer Of The Faithful:

Celebrant: Christ gave himself completely for us. This example of love prompts us to pray for all God's people.

Reader: We realise all too well that we have often lacked the fidelity of the suffering servant. May we find inspiration and courage in this Eucharist to be faithful to the end.

We know that we have frequently avoided emptying ourselves: may we discover in Jesus' example that to lose ourselves for others is really to find ourselves.

We proudly parade our palm branch. May we see it as a symbol of our dedication to the needs of those in our community.

Let us pray for those in pain of any kind; that they may learn from the example of Jesus to bear their sufferings with courage and love. We pray especially for those suffering in Ukraine

Let us pray that we may welcome Jesus into our hearts and into our lives with the same joy and enthusiasm as the disciples did on the first Palm Sunday.

Let us pray for all in our community and in our world who help to carry the crosses of other people; that when their own cross becomes too heavy they will not be alone on their road.

Let us pray for those who still make Jerusalem a battle ground and for all who stir up crowds to hatred.

Let us pray for the sick and suffering and especially: Julie Gray, Jan Ross, Lucy Muskett, Jan Robinson and Joan Hill. May they unite their illness and pain into the sufferings of Christ in his passion for the salvation of the world.

Lord, lead those who have died into your kingdom, especially Jessica Stobart, Elizabeth Greany, Lilian Brett, Keith Hammond, Marjorie Standard, Una Robinson, Andrew Drayson, Hazel Rowe, Herbert Footer, Arthur Braybrooke, Christianne Mawson and Winifred Webb, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Mary was told by Simeon that a sword would pierce her heart. We ask her to pray compassionately with us. **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: Jesus, you heal our spiritual blindness. May we always walk in the light of our Baptism, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 271 v 1 - 2 Offertory Prayers v. 3 - end.

Mass continues in Hymn Book P.9

SANCTUS: John Allen Setting Mystery of Faith:no.4

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most holy Sacrament.
Hosannah! Hosannah! Hosannah in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer etc. P 11. **AGNUS DEI** John Allen Setting.

Hymn at Holy Communion please join in. 84 - 347

Hymn at Ablutions: 316 **Post Communion Prayer**

Angelus (In front of Hymn Book). Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Stand up for Jesus ye soldiers of the Cross (on sheet).