

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN MENDLESHAM

Lent VI - PALM SUNDAY

Mon FIG MONDAY.
 9:30 am Mass (Is.42 v 1-7; John 12 v 1-11). Int: All penitents
 6:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Tue TEMPLE TUESDAY.
 10:30 am Mass. (Is.49 v 1-6; John 13 v 21-33, 36-38)
 Int: All who betray others
 6:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross:

Wed SPY WEDNESDAY. Int. All priests renewing their vows.
 12:00 Chrism Mass at St Mary's Walsingham: of the.
Lunches need to be pre-booked at the Shrine 01328 820239
 7:30 pm Said Mass at Mendlesham (Is. 50 v 4-9; Matt. 26 v 14-25)

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Thur 4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 7:30 pm Solemn Mass of the Last Supper, Presentation of Lenten giving and procession to Garden of Gethsemane. Int: Communicants (Ex. 12 v 1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11 v 23-26; John 13 v 1-15)
 8:30 – 10:00 Watch in 'Gethsemane' 10.45 pm Night Prayer

Fri GOOD FRIDAY. (*Day of Fasting & Abstinence from meat*).
 1:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 2:00 pm Liturgy of the Day. Int: All for whom Christ died.
 (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.
 4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 7:30 pm Solemn Vigil (Blessing of Easter Candle, Waters in the Font & renewal of Baptismal Promises, 1st Mass of Easter (Genesis 1 v 1-2, v 2; Gen 22 v 1-18; Ex 14 v 15-15 v 1; Rom 6 v 3-11; Mark 16 v 1-7) Int. The Departed
 Shared refreshments after Mass
 CHANGE CLOCKS TONIGHT, SUMMERTIME BEGINS

Next Sunday EASTER DAY
 9:30 am Blessing of candles for departed relatives & friends, Sung Mass and Address, Blessing of Eggs, Crowning of Our Lady (Acts 10 v 34, 37-43; Col. 3 v 1-4; John 20 v 1-9)
 Easter Egg draw after Mass during coffee

1. The Friends of St Mary's would be glad to receive draw prizes for Quiz Night – Sat 6 April.
2. Clocks change next Saturday – one hour less in bed.
3. Please observe Holy Week well, especially the Sacred Triduum.
4. Lent offerings for Kagera are blessed at Mass of Last Supper.
5. Extra times in the week for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter.
6. This is the last opportunity for ordering candles for departed loved ones.

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

Blessing of Palms in Churchyard

Palm Sunday Gospel: Mark 11 v 1 – 10.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly." ' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

Procession into church **Hymn 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. ®

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

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.

Gospel Hymn: 355

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. In Holy Week Booklet: *Please join in the crowd [C]*

Address

Creed Apostles Creed – pg 8 of Hymn Book

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. We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and Israel

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

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.

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. Let us pray for the sick and suffering and those who care for them. We

pray especially for Angie Wilson, Jim Wilson, Penny Sugden, Jan Ross, Taylor Birch, Jean Martin, for Karen and Ferdi in their bereavement and all prayed for at Shrine prayers.

Lord, lead those who have died into your Kingdom, especially Mike Galloway, who was buried on Thursday and Beverley Vincent who died on Friday (*pause while candles are lit*) and Alan Kitchen, Fr John Head, Teddy King, Joan Seaman, Minnie Old, Freda Hayward, Bette Godfree, Hugh Fletcher, John Upton, Fr Frederick Shaw and Alice Kay, 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**

SILENCE

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.

Mass continues on P8 of hymn book

Offertory Hymn: 260 v 1 **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 260 v 2 - end

Sanctus & Mystery of Faith (John Allen Lent setting – words & music on paper)

At end of Eucharistic Prayer:

(Stand to sing) **Blessed and Praised by Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in excelsis.**

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (John Allen Lent setting)

Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing, please carry a hymn book to the altar rail.

Hymns at Holy Communion: 84 & 347: - please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 316

Post Communion Prayer

Angelus Notices **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 262

NOTICES

Coffee & tea after Mass - please stay if you can.

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

Today 4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation