

**THEME** Today we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit who came so powerfully upon the disciples. The same Holy Spirit is given to each of us in our Confirmation. Let us open our hearts in this Mass to hear again the promise which he brings.

### **PENITENTIAL RITE**

- Forgive us, Lord, for not allowing the Holy Spirit into our lives during temptation. Lord have mercy.. **Lord have mercy**
- Forgive us, our grumbling about others and the varying situations of our lives. Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
- Forgive us, Lord, for not letting our lives proclaim that Jesus is Lord. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

### **GLORIA**

**OPENING PRAYER** - *Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.* **God our Father, let the Spirit you sent on your Church to begin the teaching of the Gospel, continue to work in the hearts of all who believe. Amen.**

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading – Acts 2 v. 1-11:** *St. Luke uses the symbolic language of the Old Testament to describe the reality of the Church as a community filled with the Holy Spirit.*

**'When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.**

**Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'**

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103** **® Send forth your Spirit, Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul! You take back your spirit, they die,  
Lord God how great you are, returning to the dust from which they came.  
How many are your works, O Lord! You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
The earth is full of your riches. **®** and you renew the face of the earth. **®**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **®**

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12 v. 3-7, 12-13** *St. Paul explains that there is only one Holy Spirit. No matter what gifts we have we belong to the same body.*

**'No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.**

**There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.**

**Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.'**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

**Gospel – John 20 v 19-23** *In the Gospel we hear the first greeting of Jesus to his disciples after the resurrection. He gives them the promised Spirit*

**'In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.**

**'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'**

**After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'**

**Fr Philip's ADDRESS WILL BE AT THE END, on a separate recording.**

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## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** Let us bring our many needs before our Heavenly Father. As we pray in the Spirit we may be confident that our prayer is heard.

**Reader:** Let us pray that the Church may live by the Spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness and gentleness and know that together we form the one Body of Christ.

We pray for Bishops, priests, deacons and all who hold positions of leadership in the Church of God, that they may each be moulded in the image of Jesus Christ. May they give a powerful living witness to God at work in people's lives today.

Let us pray for all who have been baptised and confirmed and all preparing for those sacraments, especially Graham, Paula and Shane, that our faith in God may be strengthened and deepened.

We pray for all healthcare workers and key workers, that they may be encouraged in their work and protected from harm and that those in government will be guided to do the best for those they represent.

Let us pray that through the Sacraments and through prayer the Lord's love may strengthen those who are sick, especially Nichola Berry, Ken Davis and Russell Pipe in hospital and Gordon Tozer, Billy Carter, Michael Denny, Janice Ross, Jessica Mercer, Joan Hill, Elizabeth Routledge, Amanda King and Keith Forsdyke. We give thanks for the improvement in Peter Wyatt.

Let us pray for the departed, especially John Davey, Archibald Godfree, The Revd John Pugh, Ellen Wood, Alfred Freeman, Hilda Lloyd, Mervyn Philips, Wilfred Parsons and Terry Spalding, whose anniversaries fall at this time, may they hear the word of Jesus granting them peace and rejoice forever in the gift of the Spirit.

Let us pray that like Mary we may learn to rejoice at the wonder of our being, to be thankful for the gifts of God which we and others have received and be more obedient to the Holy Spirit - **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: **God our Father, we praise and thank you for all your gifts. This day we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Give us the grace to live by that Spirit through all our days. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL HOLY COMMUNION

**Dear Lord, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from you.**

## EASTER ANGELUS (Regina Coeli).

*Joy to thee O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!  
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!  
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia!  
R. for the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia! †*

## EASTERTIDE ENDS TODAY & the Season 'Throughout the Year' begins tomorrow. The Angelus replaces the Regina Coeli

### Fr Philip Writes: Thought for this week

"I am a little pencil in the hands of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world" (Mother Teresa)

**Preparing to return to Church.** We still do not know when we can all return to church, but it is well to plan ahead and the entire church will need to be cleaned thoroughly first. If you would like to volunteer, please email or phone so we can compile a rota in readiness. Of course we will have to follow whatever social distancing and hygiene regulations apply at the time, which will probably mean only one person or members of the same household working at a time and we will only be able to start work when both the Government and the Bishop allow.

**Parish Giving Scheme.** Thanks to all who give regularly to the work of the church, whether by Direct Debit or Standing Order. Please consider regular giving if you do not already do so. It is now possible to set up a regular Direct Debit gift through the Parish Giving Scheme by phone: 0333 002 1271, Mon to Fri, from 9 – 5pm. You will need to quote: **330633127 - Mendlesham: St Mary.**

If you would prefer to give online by standing order or make a single donation, the church account details are:

Sort code: **40-52-40** Account No: **00021465** Bank: **CAF Bank**

You are also welcome to send a cheque made payable to 'Mendlesham PCC' to me [The Vicarage, Mendlesham, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5RS] to pass to Andi our treasurer.

### Mass Readings this week (Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

**MON: Mary, Mother of the Church.** Acts 1 v12-14; John 19 v25-34

Int: The Society of Mary

**TUE: Ss Marcellinus & Peter.** 2 Peter 3 v 11-15, 17-18. Mark 12 v 13-17.

Int: The Queen & Government

**WED: Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions.** 2 Tim 1 v 1-3, 6-12. Mark 12 v 18-27

Int: Persecuted Christians

**THUR: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST.** Gen 22 v 9-18. Matt 26 v 36-42. Int: All training for the Priesthood

**FRI: St Boniface.** 2 Tim. 3 v 10-17. Mark 12 v 35-37. Intention: Mission of the Church

**SAT:** 2 Tim. 4 v 1-8. Mark 12 v 38-44 Int: Forward in Faith

**Next Sun: MOST HOLY TRINITY** Exodus 34 v 4-6, 8-9. 2Cor.13 v11-13. John 3 v16-18.

Please continue to pray for one another, as I do for you – and continue to contact me about any requests for prayer or pastoral need. Tel: 01449 766359