

Tea / Coffee after Mass please stay.  
**This week- Divine Office Psalter week 4**

**Mon:** 9.30 Mass of St. Christopher  
(Jer 3v.14-17; Matt 13 v.18-23) Int All who travel

**Tues:** **ST. JAMES, APOSTLE, MARTYR**  
9:30am. Mass (2 Cor. 4 v.7-15; Matt 20 v.20-28)  
Int: Our Diocese

**Wed:** **S.S. Joachim & Anne. Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:00 Mass (Ex 16 v.1-5, 9-15; Matt 13 v.1-9)  
Int: All grandparents and parents.  
6:00pm Sung Mass etc at West Tofts, Norfolk  
Celebrant – Bishop Norman  
Preacher – Fr. Harri Williams, Vicar of Walsingham

**Thurs:** 9.30 Mass (Ex 19 v.1-2,9-11,16-20; Matt 13 v.10-17)  
Int: Oppressed people

**Fri:** 9.30 Mass (Ex 20 v.1-17; Matt 13 v.18-23)  
Int: Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sat:** **S.S. Mary, Martha, Lazarus**  
10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday ( Readings as on Sunday)  
Int: Guild of All Souls  
2:00 Strawberry Teas, Music, Beer, Hot dogs – South Churchyard.  
In aid of Friends of St Mary's

**Next Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> of Year A**

9.30am Parish Mass & Address  
(1 Kings 3 v. 5, 7-12; Romans 8 v. 28-30; Matt. 13 v. 44-52)

**NOTICES**

1. Please support Friends of St Mary's Strawberry Teas etc on Sat 2:00-5:00. Work should begin on the Armoury Roof on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July. We need Tombola Prizes (see Jean Martin). Loan of a Gazebo (see Graham Baker) Help to set up on Sat am and help to clear up (see Graham Baker)
2. The Guild of All Souls would welcome support for festival Mass at West Tofts – 26<sup>th</sup> July – 6pm. Sung Mass (Bishop of Richborough). Refreshments after, provided by the Guild Patrons of this unique church. It is in the army restricted area in Thetford Forest and can only be visited on special occasions
3. There will be a tour of Round Towered churches Sat 5<sup>th</sup> August. 2:30 – West Lexham, Gayton Thorpe and Barmer
4. We are taking orders for Assumption Beer – details are on the table. Order now and avoid disappointment

Thought for the week: "When we say a situation or person is hopeless you are slamming the door in the face of God" (Charles L Allen)

Please keep silence from 09.25am to prepare for Mass. 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDELESHAM**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A**

**Theme:** We live in hope that the Kingdom established by Christ will be a reality on earth. During this Mass we pray that we will not lose hope or be tainted by those standards upheld by a non-Christian world.

**Entrance Hymn:** 119 v. 1 & 2.

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, when we have not responded to your great love when you died on the cross to redeem us. Lord have mercy.

**People:** (*sing Kyrie Eleison (Ukrainian setting)*)

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, when we have not acknowledged you as being full of love and compassion, abounding in mercy and truth. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, when we have not been open to the Holy Spirit in times of weakness. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

**GLORIA:** Sanctus setting. (On laminated card.)

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray to be kept faithful in the service of God.* Lord, be merciful to your people. Fill us with your gifts and make us always eager to serve you in faith, hope and love.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:**

**1st Reading: Wisdom 12 v. 13, 16-19:** The author of Wisdom reflects how God's sovereign power makes him lenient in judgement. This characteristic of God should teach us a lesson to be kindly to other people.

*There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.*

*You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.*

*By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 85 **® O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. ®

All the nations come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:

for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. ®

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. © **O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

**2nd Reading: Romans 8 v. 26-27:** Paul teaches the Christians in Rome about praying in the Spirit. They should allow the Spirit to pray in them and this prayer will surely express the mind of God.

*The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.*

**Gospel Hymn:** 119 v. 3.

**Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of your mind, so that we can see what hope His call holds for us. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 13 v. 24-43:** Jesus speaks about the lowly beginnings. People should be patient when they see how God is slow to judge; they should use the time to bear fruit themselves.

*Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"*

**ADDRESS            CREED – Apostles' Creed**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** All the nations shall come to adore the Lord and glorify His name, for He does marvellous things and Holy is His name. Let us come to the Lord and pray with faith for all mankind.

**Reader:** We pray for a spirit of understanding so that Christians may grasp the message of the parables and grow in faith.

We commend to God all who are concerned with the bereaved, especially nurses, doctors, undertakers, registrars and priests that they may find words and actions that are truly comforting.

We pray for all those who have been victims of violence: that they may not allow themselves to be poisoned by bitterness.

Friend of the hungry multitudes, touch our selfish hearts that we, and all people,

may share with our less fortunate brethren the food our world produces for human joy and well-being.

Let us pray for all Christians; that we will resist the temptation to exclude people from the community but leave judgement to the Lord of the Harvest.

Let us pray for ourselves; that we will be patient with the slowness of our growth and the slowness of God's justice. May we use our time to bear fruit ourselves.

Let us pray for Flo and Aaron who were married yesterday, that their common path may be lit up by the lamp of a true and faithful love for one another.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick especially for Angie Wilson, Julie & Andrew Gray, Jimmy Juby, Jan Robinson, Jim Wilson, Jessica Mercer and those anointed at our healing service on Tuesday, We pray that they may grow into an even closer union with God who lives in them.

Fulfil, Lord, the hopes of those who sleep in your peace: bring them to that final resurrection when you will be all in all, especially Dorothy Fisher, Frances Russell, Henry Pelham, May Thorpe, Peter Croft, Christian King, Muriel Henderson, Philip Edwards, Glynis Clements and John Williams whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Mary stored up many things in her heart and pondered on them. Let us join our prayers with hers for a deeper understanding: **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: Father, it is your Spirit who prays on our behalf, and so it is with confidence that we make these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Mass continues on P9 of Hymn Book*

Offertory Hymn: 7 v. 1 and 2.            **Offertory Prayers**            Hymn 7 v. 3 and 4.

**SANCTUS & MYSTERY OF FAITH:** Sanctus setting.

*At end of prayer of Consecration: Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosannah! Hosannah! Hosannah in excelsis.*

**LORD'S PRAYER.** (Page 11 of hymn book.)

**AGNUS DEI:** Sanctus setting.

*Communicants of other Christian denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If, instead, you would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding a hymn book*

Hymn at Holy Communion 618. *Please join in.*

Hymn at Ablutions: 166.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER            ANGELUS            Notices**

**BLESSING**

Recessional Hymn: 300.