

Tea/Coffee in Church after Mass ~ please stay

**This Week ~ Divine Office ~ Psalter Week 1**

**Mon: St Ignatius of Loyola**

9:30 am Mass (Ex. 32 v 15-24, 30-34; Matt. 13 v 31-35)  
Intention: Mission of the Church

**Tue: St. Alphonsus**

9:30 am Mass (Ex. 33 v 7-11; 34 v 5-9, 28. Matt. 13 v 36-43)  
Intention: All spiritual writers

10.30 am – 12.30 pm: Coffee and cake in church

**Wed:** 9:30 am Mass (Ex. 34 v 29-35. Matt. 13 v 44-46)  
Intention: The Departed – August anniversaries

**Thu:** 7:00 am Mass (Ex. 40 v 16-21, 34-38; Matt. 13 v 47-53)  
Intention: Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament

**Fri: St. John Vianney**

9.30 am Mass (Ezek. 3 v 16-21. Matt. 9 v 25-10 v 1)  
Intention: Parish Priests

**Sat: Dedication of St Mary Major**

10:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday (Readings as on Sunday)  
Intention: Mission of the Church

2.30 pm Tour of Round Towered Churches –  
West Lexham, Gayton Thorpe & Barmer

**Next Sunday: TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

9.30 am Parish Mass & Address  
(Dan. 7 v 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1 v 16-19; Matt 17 v 1-9)

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**NOTICES:**

1. List on table for ordering Mendlesham Beer.
2. Work on the Church roofs begins on Monday.
3. Next Healing Service is Mon 7 August at 2:30 pm.
4. Festival Patronal Mass – Fri 18 August with Bishop Norman.
5. Please take a copy of the free Together newspaper at back of church.

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

30th July 2023

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

**17<sup>th</sup> of Year A**

**THEME:** “Your will is wonderful indeed, therefore I obey it,” says today’s Psalmist. We pray in today’s Mass that we may seek God’s will by spreading His Kingdom on earth.

**Entrance Hymn:** 134 v.1-3

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have done our own will instead of yours. Lord have mercy.

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

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have put ourselves before others and failed to love. Christ have mercy.

**People: Christe Eleison**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have occupied ourselves with earthly treasures and ignored the Kingdom of Heaven. Lord have mercy.

**People: Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God’s forgiveness

**GLORIA:** Sanctus setting – words on card

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that we will make good use of the gifts that God has given us. God our Father and Protector, without you nothing is holy, nothing has value. Guide us to everlasting life by helping us to use wisely the blessings you have given to the world. Amen.*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading ~ 1 Kings 3 v. 5, 7 - 12** In order to govern his people according to God’s purpose, King Solomon asks for true treasure; a heart that is understanding and wise.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

**Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 118      © Lord, how I love your law!**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. ©

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live, for your law is my delight. ©

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts; I hate false ways. ©

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your work gives light and teaches the simple. ©

**Second Reading ~ Romans 8 v. 28 - 30.** Paul reflects on the activity of God ~ how He chooses, calls, justifies, glorifies. According to this plan of salvation, Christians grow gradually in the image of the Son of God.

*We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.*

**Gospel Hymn:** 134 v.4

**Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

**Gospel ~ Matthew 13 v. 44 - 52.** The Kingdom of Heaven is likened to the activity of finding a treasure and selling everything in order to possess it. In the Kingdom the good exists with the bad until the time of final judgment.

*Jesus said to the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field*

*'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'*

**ADDRESS      CREED ~ Apostles' Creed p.8 of hymn book.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** God's ways are not our ways, and our ways are not His. As we come together to pray for the needs of His people, let us try to ask only for what gives glory to Him and is of real value to His people.

**Reader:** Let us pray that we may be open to the promptings of the Spirit, leading us to recognise His will in the daily events and ordinary circumstances of our lives.

Let us pray for all who seek meaning and purpose in life; that their seeking will lead them to discover the true treasure that is Christ our Lord.

Let us pray for the grace to seek the Kingdom before all else and to share the treasure of our faith with others by the example of our daily lives.

Let us pray for the world leaders; that, like Solomon, they may have the gift of wisdom. We pray for our King and government.

Let us pray for all suffering from the wildfires in Southern Europe.

Let us pray for all who serve on Church committees and councils, that in all posts of responsibility we may see our relationship with God of primary importance and so be instruments of peace.

Grant Lord, that all may come to your Kingdom, especially the sick. We pray for Angie Wilson, Jan Ross, Jimmy Juby, Jim Wilson, Jan Robinson, Julie & Andrew Gray, Jessica Mercer, Ivan Hales, Margaret Maundrell and Billy Carter

Lord, lead those who have died into your Kingdom, especially Bob Robinson and Keith Brundell, who were buried this week (*pause while candles are lit*) and Fr Clive Beresford, Margaret Orr, John Rowe; Brenda Liddament, Katie Varley, Joyce Deverell, Fr. John Larter; Tony Walker, Herbert Jackaman; Ronald Jarvis and Sybil Kitchen, whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Calling to mind the wisdom of the Blessed Virgin, let us now pray with her:

**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: God our Father, your gift of wisdom comes through your Holy Spirit. Give us the humility to learn from the lesson of daily life what you would have us do in your service, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Mass continues on page 8 of the hymn book*

**Offertory Hymn:** 75 v.1 & 2      **Offertory Prayers**      Hymn 75 v.3-5

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

*At the end of the Eucharistic prayer:*

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

Lord's Prayer . p11

**AGNUS DEI:** Sanctus setting

*Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding a hymn book.*

**Hymns at Holy Communion.** Please join in ~ 460 & 593

**Hymn during ablutions:** 623

**Post Communion Prayer      Angelus**

**Notices**

**Blessing      Recessional Hymn:** 184