

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

**29th of Year A**

**This Week: Divine office ~ Psalter Week 1**

**Mon:** 9:30 Mass – Int: Stewardship of our Gifts  
(Romans 4v.20-25. Luke 12v.22-31.)

**Tues:** 9.30 Mass - Int: Readiness for Christ's coming..  
(Romans 5v.12,15-21. Luke 12v.35-38)  
Deanery synod at Earl Stonham.

**Wed:** 9:30 Mass - Int: The Dying.  
(Romans 6v.12-18; Luke 12v.39-48)

**Thurs:** S.S. Chad and Cedd  
9:30 Mass.–Int: All preparing for Confirmation  
(Romans 6v.19-23. Luke 12v.49-53).

**Fri:** 9.30 Mass Votive of S.S Simon and Jude  
Int: The Society of Friends and Faith  
(Eph 2 v.18-22; Luke 6v.13-19)

**Sat:** S.S. Simon and Jude (Feast)  
10.00 Mass Int: All Bishops  
4.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Next Sunday - FEAST OF DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH.**

9:30 Parish Mass, Address & Blessing of Friends of St. Mary's Boxes.  
Blessing of November Candles  
(2 Chron 5 v 6-11, 13- 6 v 2; Ephesians 2 v 19-22; John 4 v.19-24)

**NOTICES**

1. Please bring Friends of St. Mary's Boxes for blessing next Sunday.
2. This is the last Sunday for ordering November candles; list is on the table.
3. We shall observe All Saints on the eve on 31<sup>st</sup> October with a sung Mass at 9.30 and a said Mass at 9.30 on 1<sup>st</sup> November. All Souls 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.30 and 6.30pm (sung) and shared refreshments after,
4. Change clocks next Saturday. One hour more in bed.
5. Service of Light for parents and relatives of children who have died: 11.00 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, with light refreshments after.

**THEME:** God is ruler over all, but he chooses people as his instruments. He speaks to us through all the events of our lives - work, family, politics, etc. Let us pray in this Mass for a greater awareness of God's presence in our lives.

**Entrance Hymn:** 629 v. 1~3

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the time we use people to satisfy our needs.  
Lord have mercy. **People (sing) KYRIE ELEISON (Ukrainian setting)**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we carry grudges and resentments  
against those we feel have hurt us. Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we do not show enough attention or  
interest for those in need of help or comfort. Lord have mercy.

People: **KYRIE ELEISON**

*Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness*

**GLORIA** - Sanctus setting– words on laminated sheet.

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray for the gift of simplicity and joy in our service of God and man.* Almighty and ever-living God, our source of power and inspiration, give us strength and joy in serving you as followers of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading ~ Isaiah 45 v. 1, 4~6** The prophet Isaiah tells us how God chooses Syrus, King of the Persians, to help fulfil his plan of salvation.

*Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.*

*I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'*

**Responsorial Psalm ~ 95** ® **"Give the Lord glory and power."**

O sing a new song to the Lord, Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. ®

The Lord is great and worthy of praise to be feared above all gods,  
the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made heaven.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. ®

Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him,

Proclaim to the nations: "God is King", He will judge the peoples in fairness.®

**Second Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 1 v. 1~5** St Paul echoes the first readings, at the power of the Holy Spirit can confirm us in our faith and hope in God and strengthen our love for him and each other.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**Gospel Hymn:** 629 v. 4

**Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

**Gospel ~ Matthew 22 v. 15~21** In the Gospel Jesus avoids the trap set for him by the Pharisees. He reinforces the message of Isaiah that while we have a duty to respect earthly authority, we are called first and foremost to give God the worship that is his due, and his alone.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

**CREED:** Nicene Creed (Page 7 of hymn book)

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** St Paul orders that prayers should be made for all in authority. We now direct our prayers to the Father in obedience to the apostle.

**Reader:** Let us pray that we may place loyalty to truth, to right and to God, before loyalty to friends, to political party or to country.

Let us pray for all deprived people in the world. May they experience the mercy of God through the goodness of people who look after their needs and may we play our part in sharing our resources with them.

Let us pray that God's people will work for justice and the liberation of the oppressed, wherever and whenever oppression and domination are found.

We pray for King Charles: bless him as he seeks to serve his country. We pray for his Government and especially our M.P. Daniel Poulter. We pray too for all

who live in areas of conflict, especially Israel. Gaza, Ukraine, Afghanistan and the Yemen.

Let us pray for those in authority in the Church, that they may be servants and not masters. May they not be afraid to speak out and so provide a courageous voice for truth and justice.

Let us pray for the sick ~ especially Jan Ross, Julie and Andrew Gray, Angie Wilson, Jim Wilson, Taylor Birch, Jenny Ellwood, Ray Mayes, Jessica Mercer and all prayed for at shrine prayers; and for Margaret Maundrell, Billy Carter and Sheila Sanders, our parishioners in care homes.

Let us pray for those who have died: especially Mary Greensmith, Sylvia Morphew, William Bunn, Jenny Dean, Lillian Ruggles, Edwin Drayson, Walter Fisher, Angela Cubitt and Sidney Gardner, whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Let us pray that Our Lady may help us when we falter and that we may have the courage always to do the will of God, **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

**Father we come to you in faith and hope, confident that you will listen to our needs. Fill us with your love so that we may always respond to your call in generous service. Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Mass continues on page 9 of hymn book*

**Offertory Hymn:** 300 v.1&2

**Offertory Prayers :** Hymn 300 v. 3 & 4

**Sanctus** - Sanctus setting

**Mystery of Faith** – Sanctus setting

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

**Agnus Dei** - Sanctus setting

*Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail holding a hymn book.*

Hymn at Holy Communion. Please join in: 508, 19, 340

Hymn at Ablutions: 184

**Post Communion Prayer** **Angelus**

Notices

**Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 388