

**This week: Divine Office - Psalter week 2 until Ash Wednesday then Wk4**

11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Mon.** 9.30am Mass (James 1 v 1-11; Mark 8 v. 11-13.)  
Int: Save the Children

**Tues.** 10.30am Mass (James 1 v12-18; Mark 8 v 14-21) Int: All Communicants  
11.00 - 1.00 Tea Coffee cake etc in church  
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Wed. ASH WEDNESDAY - Fast & Abstinence from meat**  
9.30am Mass & Ashing (Joel2v12-18; 2 Cor.5v20- 6v2; Matt.6v1-6,16-18.)  
3.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6.30pm Sung Mass & Ashing  
Int: A good observance of Lent.

**Thurs.** 9.30am Mass. Deut. 30 v 15-20; Luke 9 v 22-25)  
Int: All who suffer

**Fri.** 9.30am Mass (Is. 58 v 1-9 Matt. 9 v 14-15)  
Int: Church in Kagera

**Sat.** 10.00am 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday. Int: True penitence  
(Readings as on Sunday.)  
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**NEXT SUNDAY: LENT 1.**

9.30am Parish Mass and Address.  
(Gen. 9 v 8-15; 1 Peter 3 v 18-22; Mark 1 v 12-15.)

**NOTICES:**

1. Please observe Ash Wednesday
2. Extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Lent.
3. Sheet on Table for nominations for Churchwardens - Vestry Meeting 3rd March at 10.30am after Parish Mass
4. Friends of St Mary's AGM on 25th Feb at end of Parish Mass
5. Lent Giving begins on 14th February.
6. Suggestions for Kagera - Please put aside some money to help diocese to offer healthcare in regions through the Diocesan Hospital. **Suggested prayer:** Through the prayers, service & generosity of our brothers & sisters in Kagera, enable us to know more of your way, your truth & your life.

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**  
**QUINQUAGESIMA - 6<sup>th</sup> of Year B**

**THEME:** God does not exclude anyone from his love. But sometimes we cut ourselves off from God by our rejection of Him in sin. Like the leper in today's Gospel, our only sure hope is the healing and forgiving gift of God.

**Entrance Hymn: 60 v. 1 - 3.**

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Celebrant: Forgive our failure to acknowledge your power to forgive us our sins.  
Lord have mercy.

**People:** *(sing)* **KYRIE ELEISON** *(Ukrainian setting)*

Celebrant: Forgive our failure to ask you to stretch out your hand to bring healing to us today. Christ have mercy.

**People:** **CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive our hardness of heart and the times we think we put ourselves and others outside your love. Lord have mercy.

**People:** **KYRIE ELEISON**

*Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness*

**GLORIA:** St Thomas Setting (words and music on sheet)

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that everything we do will be guided by God's law of love. God our Father, you have promised to remain for ever with those who do what is just and right. Help us to live in your presence.*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**1st Reading: Leviticus 13 v. 1-2; 45-46:** This reading shows us how the Mosaic Law regarded those affected by leprosy. They had to live in isolation, and proclaim their uncleanness to all who approached them. The Hebrews regarded leprosy as a punishment by God which therefore required a ceremonial purification after cure.

*The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.*

*'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 31.

**® You are my hiding place O Lord; You surround me with cries of deliverance.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. ®

But now I have acknowledged my sins: my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord."

And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. ®

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult you just!  
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. ®

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10 v. 31; 11 v. 1:** St. Paul is telling the Christians at Corinth never to do anything offensive to non-Christians, but to follow his example as he follows that of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**Gospel Hymn: 60 v. 4 & 5.**

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

**Gospel: Mark 1 v. 40–45:** The Gospel tells of our Lord's encounter with a man suffering from leprosy, whom he heals with a touch of his hand and a word of command – a very different approach from the accepted practices of that time.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**NAMING AND BLESSING:** Isaac Toby Lomax

**ADDRESS CREED** - Apostles' Creed (*p8 of hymn book*)

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** Let us call upon Jesus, who never refused to help, and ask him to help all those most in need in the world today.

**Reader:** Let us pray for the many throughout the world who suffer from any debilitating or disfiguring disease and for those who work in medical research; that God may bring about abundant healing – we especially pray for The Leprosy Mission..

Let us pray for the work of the Church in all deprived areas of the world, that in the name of Jesus we may reach out to the poor and hungry, the outcast and despised and spread God's healing love – remembering especially St Martin's Norwich, Christian Aid and the Diocese of Kagera.

We pray for those who feel outcast by society and all who find themselves lost in the helplessness of addiction. May we never reject them but lead them to God's hope and salvation and may they know that they are not excluded from God's love.

Let us pray for Isaac Toby, named and blessed today, his parents Abi and Joel and his sister Erin; may we all welcome them into God's family.

Let us pray for all engaged couples and all preparing for marriage, especially Eleanor and James, whose banns are called today; that their common paths may be lit by the lamp of true and faithful love for one another and their home may be a place filled with God's love.

We pray for those who are sick, especially HM King Charles, Jim Wilson, Mike Galloway, Jan Ross, Julie and Andrew Gray, Angie Wilson, Jean Martin, Marjorie Rousseau and all who were anointed at last Monday's healing service. May they know the healing touch of Christ.

We pray for those who are terminally ill. May God give them peace and relief from pain.

Awaken the dead to a glorious resurrection. We pray especially for Ray Mayes who was buried on Tuesday (*pause while a candle is lit*) and Helen Flaherty, Fr John Roberts, Iris Kitchen; Dick Harvey-Samuel; Margaret Butlin, Fr. Percy Widdrington; Stephanie Mayes; Gordon Vincent, Sebastian Andrews, Richard Penistan, Ivy Nickless, Frederick Wylde, Lionel Stannard, Vera Ward, Peter Redhead and Horace Bennett, whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Let us ask Mary, the Mother who suffered with her Son, to pray for all her suffering children. **Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst 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: Lord God, you sent your Son to heal the wounds of the world. Look with pity on those who suffer today in so many different ways, and hear the prayers we make for them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Mass continues on page 8 of hymn book*

**Offertory Hymn: 312 v 1 & 2. Offertory Prayers Hymn 312 v3 – 5**

**Sanctus** St Thomas setting.

After the Eucharistic Prayer: **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in Excelsis.**

**Agnus Dei:** St Thomas 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: 298 and 353.** (Please join in.)

**Hymn at Ablutions: 623**

**Post Communion Prayer Angelus Notices**

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: 56.**