

Tea/Coffee in Church. All are invited to stay.

This week- Divine Office Psalter week 4

Mon: 9.30 Mass (Judge 2 v. 11-19; Matt 19 v.16-22))
Int: Christian Unity

Tues: **Blessed Virgin Mary-Mother and Queen**
9.30 Mass (Is. 9 v.1-6; Luke 1 v.26-38)
Int: Walsingham
10.30-12.30 Teas, Cake, Coffee etc in Church.

Wed: St. Rose of Lima
8.00 Mass (Judges 9 v. 6-15; Matt. 20 v. 1-16)
Int: Christian Aid

Thurs: **St. BARTHOLOMEW. APOSTLE.**
9.30 Mass (Rev 21 v. 9-14; John 1 v. 45-51)
Int: Our Bishop.

Fri: St. Louis
9.30 Monthly Requiem Mass
(Lamentations 3 v. 17-26; John 11 v. 17-27) Int: The Dead

Sat: 10.00. 1st Mass of Sunday (Readings as on Sunday)
Int: The Food Bank
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday: 21st of year A
9.30 Parish Mass & Address.
(Is. 22 v 19-23; Romans 11 v. 31-36; Matt 16 v. 13-20)

NOTICES:

1. Pilgrimage for Renewal and Healing at Walsingham- Monday 28th August. 12.00 Sung Mass at Shrine. 2.30 Sermon, Sprinkling and Healing Ministries.
2. Last Tour of Churches for the season Saturday 2nd September. 2.30 Stockton, Kirby Cane, Geldeston.
3. Ride and Stride Day for Churches is Saturday 9th September. Anne would be glad of sponsorship please. Her yellow form is at the back of church . Andi has full details of the day. We need more people to participate. Half funds to the Church (Friends of St Mary's) and half to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.
4. On Monday 21st August Fr. Jeremy Lind will be licensed as Parish Priest of St. Mary's Newmarket at 7.30pm.
5. This unique heritage has been closed since Covid lockdowns, but the PCC has agreed to start the process to apply for a lottery grant for better conservation, display and access. On the table at the back of the church are some questionnaires.. Please jot a line on the post-it-notes and stick on the relevant papers.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

THEME: Mary, the pattern and model of the Church was taken up into Heaven to share God's glory. We who are left as the Pilgrim Church today celebrate her feast and we look forward with hope to that day of our own Assumption – when we share in the resurrection of the Lord.

Entrance Hymn: 365 v 1-4

PENITENTIAL RITE

- Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for not expressing Christ in our parish, place of work and our homes. Lord have mercy **People (sing) Kyrie Eleison**
- Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord for not rejoicing enough in God our Saviour. Christ have mercy **People: Christe Eleison**
- Celebrant: Forgive us for not seeing the relevance of Mary's assumption in our lives. Lord have mercy **People: Kyrie Eleison**

Gloria – Sanctus setting - words on sheet

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that we will join Mary, the mother of the Lord, in the glory of heaven. All powerful and ever living God, you raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul to the glory of Heaven. May we see Heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Revelation 11v 19; 12v 1-6, 10 This powerful vision spanning heaven and earth promises that God will not let evil triumph over his people. God opposes the power of evil with a woman and her son. We can see in it an image of the victory over death Mary which has been given in her Assumption.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 44

® **On your right stands the Queen in garments of gold.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

On your right stands the Queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words,

forget your own people and your father's house. ®

Ⓜ **On your right stands the Queen in garments of gold.**

So will the king desire your beauty, He is your Lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy,
they pass within the palace of the king. Ⓜ

Second Reading – I Corinthians 15v 20-26 Christ is the first to rise from the dead and through Him each one of us will also be raised to life.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Hymn: 365 v.5 & 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into Heaven, all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 1 v 39-56 We hear two hymns in our Gospel today: Elizabeth praises Mary as the Mother of the Lord, and Mary praises God for the wonders of salvation.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

Address Creed - p.7 of Hymn Book (Nicene Creed)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Mary's Assumption is her resurrection with Christ. Seeing God's love so effective in her, we know that we can ask Him to give us what we need.

Reader: We pray that the whole Church will mirror the faithfulness of Mary, saying with her: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to your word.

We pray that in the search for Christian unity, Our Lady will not be a stumbling block, but a sign of hope; we pray especially the Shrine at Walsingham and our Cell of the Assumption and our branch of the Society of Mary

We pray for our Parish Church and for those who use it to pray, visit and rest.

We pray for peace in the world, particularly in areas of unrest and for ourselves; that we may never make peace with evil and destructive forces which would destroy our world and our lives.

We pray for the bereaved, for those who are terminally ill and for all whose work brings them close to the mystery of death.

Let us pray for those who are afraid of death; may the power of Christ's victory as revealed in the Assumption of Mary bring them hope.

Let us pray for our parishioners in homes- Angie Wilson. Marjorie Rousseau, Julie and Andrew Gray and all prayed for daily at shrine prayers.

Father, you exalted the Virgin Mary & crowned her Queen of Heaven; may the dead enter your Kingdom and rejoice with your saints for ever. We pray for Lilian Fletcher and Anne Fletcher, buried last Monday and Geoff Horndycroft (recently departed), (pause while candles are lit) and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:— Constance Wright, Malta Lockwood, Frances Brasier, Betty Sanders and Fr Gerald Child.

We pray with Mary whose feast we celebrate, - **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.**

SILENCE

All: **All merciful God, hear our prayers. The Blessed Virgin Mary is your gift to your church and a model of faithful love. May we always follow her example of faithful commitment. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: 1 (*special hymn book*) v 1 Offertory Prayers Hymn v 2 & 3

Sanctus –*Sanctus* setting Mystery of Faith –*Sanctus* setting

Mass continues p.9 of Celebration Hymnbook.

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

Lord's Prayer **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.

Hymns at Holy Communion. – 401,126 please join in.

Hymn during Ablutions: 11 (*special hymn book*) **Post Communion Prayer**

Regina Coeli: (Front of Hymn Book) **Notices Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 13 (*special hymn book*)