

**This Week: Divine Office - Psalter Week 2**

**Mon:** 9:30 Requiem Mass for departed members of our Catholic Societies- Society of Our Lady of Walsingham, SMF etc.  
(Eccles 2v.1-9; Matt 5v.1-10)

**Tues:** 10:30 Requiem for our departed relatives and friends.  
(Is 35v.3-6, 10; Matt 14v.22-33)  
11:00-1:00 Coffee, cake, soup etc in Church

**Wed:** 9:30 Requiem – Unrested Dead  
(Is 49v.8,13-16; John 14v.1-6)

**Thurs:** **ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE**  
9:30 Mass. Int: Mission of Church  
(Romans 10v.9-18; Matt 4v.18-22)

**Fri:** 9:30 Requiem Mass – December Anniversaries.  
(Ezek 34v.11-12, 15-16; John 10v.14-15,27-30)

**Sat:** 10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday. Int; Our observance of Advent.  
4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Next Sunday : ADVENT – Year B**

9.30am Mass, and Blessing of Advent Wreath .  
(Isaiah 63 v.16-17, 64 v.1, 3-8; 1 Cor.1 v. 3-9. Mark 13 v. 33-37)

**NOTICES:**

1. Tea/coffee after Mass. Please stay. We have new members in our congregation and I want us to get to know them and welcome them.
2. PCC meets Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11:30 in Church.
3. Next Healing Service- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2:30pm.
4. Christmas Draw – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at the end of Parish Mass.
5. Carols and Santa – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec around the Parish- beginning at Mendlesham Green - 5:00pm. Collection for the homeless- St.Martin's Norwich. Last year we collected £212.23,
6. Christian Aid Crib Appeal begin 17<sup>th</sup> Dec and concludes 7<sup>th</sup> Jan.
7. Sock Bank for homeless begins 17<sup>th</sup> Dec and concludes 7<sup>th</sup> Jan,

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**  
**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

**THEME:** We know our Lord in many ways - as Son, Saviour, Shepherd and Servant, but today at the end of the church's year, we worship him as our King; the King of Kings who chose to give up the glory of the Godhead to come among us as a man and serve us all. He will come among us again in the full splendour of his majesty. This is what we celebrate in today's Mass.

**Blessing of candles for the departed in the Holy Cross Chapel**

**Entrance Hymn:** 311 v.1-5

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, for the times we fail to see Christ in our fellow men. Lord have mercy. **People:** *(sing)* **Kyrie Eleison** *(Ukrainian setting)*

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, for the times we fail to care for people. Christ have mercy. **People:** **Christe Eleison**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, when we doubt your Kingdom is within us and we become fearful of the future. Lord have mercy.

**People:** **Christe Eleison**

*Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness*

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that all men will acclaim Jesus as Lord.*

Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you. Amen

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading** - Ezekiel 34 v. 11-12; 15-17: The prophet Ezekiel portrays God as the Shepherd King who cares for his flock with the utmost tenderness.

*The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.*

*As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** - Ps 22 (23)

® **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. ®

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. ®

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.      ®

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.      ®

**Second Reading** - 1 Corinthians 15 v. 20-26; v.28. St. Paul looks forward to the universal reign of Christ as King who will ultimately hand over all sovereignty to the Father.

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. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

**Gospel Hymn:** 311 v. 6

**Acclamation** (all)      **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessing on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

**Gospel** - Matthew 25 v. 31 – 46. Jesus is depicted as the King who will ultimately hand over all sovereignty to the Father.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

**ADDRESS**      **CREED-** Apostles' Creed (p9 of hymn book)  
**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** The church of God lives always in the care of our Good Shepherd and King. Let us pray that we may always remain responsive to his unfailing love.

**Reader:** Let us pray for all members of Christ's Church and all organisations and societies who work for the poor & underprivileged. As they endeavour to ease and alleviate their sufferings, may they be inspired by the example of Christ.

We pray for all gathered here: that we may be renewed in our service and that the words of Jesus, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers & sisters you do to me" will influence our dealings with others.

We pray for areas of the world where there is war, tension and unrest and for all who work to bring peace, remembering especially those in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

Let us pray for all who exercise authority in civil governments - that they may rule with fairness and justice, following the example of Christ our Heavenly King. We pray, too, for King Charles and the Royal Family.

Let us pray for the sick – for Jean Martin, Ray Mayes, Jan Ross, Taylor Birch, Angie Wilson, Andrew & Julie Gray, Jenny Ellwood and all prayed for at Shrine prayers

We pray for all the dead; for Jean Hails, John Collins, Cyril Davey, Alfred Lockwood, Janet Finbow, Geoffrey Clarke, James Cutting, Julia Finbow, Marjorie Saunders, William Jackaman, Leonard Chamberlain, Catherine Hendry, Gladys Tyte, Geoffrey Welch, Samuel Bruce, Frank Hardy, John Hammond and Elsie Jackson, whose anniversaries of death occur at this time and for all commemorated by candles in the Church. May the Lord receive them into the joy of his Kingdom.

Mary is the first of all who belong to Christ. By her prayer may we, too, be made alive in him: **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 as a shepherd attends his flock so do you support and feed your people. We humbly ask the grace to be numbered among those at your Son's right hand when he comes again as King in glory. We make our prayer in his name, Jesus the Lord. Amen.

**Offertory Hymn** : 270 v.1&2      **Offertory Prayers** : Hymn 270 v.3&4

**SANCTUS, MYSTERY OF FAITH & AGNUS DEI:** St Thomas Setting

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

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

**Hymns** at Holy Communion No. 500; 99. Please join in.

**Hymn** at Ablutions: 7      **Post Communion Prayer**      **Angelus**      **Notices**

**Recessional Hymn:** 373, 253 (in procession), & 375.

**Benediction**      (At end stand to sing) **Blessed & Praised X3**