

Tea and Coffee after Mass – please stay
11.30am P.C.C, Meeting and lunch in church

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

3rd March 2024

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

Lent 3 (yr B)

This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 3

Mon: 1.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for silent prayer
2.30pm Mass, laying on of hands and anointing for healing
(2 Kings 5 v.1-15; Luke 4 v.24-30).
Int: The sick. Healing ministry

Tues: 10.30 Mass. Int: Forgiveness and reconciliation
(Daniel 3 v.25, 34-43; Matt 18 v.21-35)
11.00 – 1.00pm Coffee Tea Soup Caket etc

Wed: 9.30 Mass Int: Peace of the world
(Deut.4v.1,5-9. Matt.18v.21-35)

Thurs: 9.30 Requiem Mass Int: March Anniversaries
(Wisdom 3v.1-6,9. John 16v.16-22)

Fri: 9.30 Mass Int: Ministry of Deliverance
(Hosea 14 v. 2-10; Mark 12 v. 28-34)

Sat 10.00 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Mothers and Grandmothers
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
(Readings as on Sunday)

Next Sunday: LENT IV - MOTHERING SUNDAY

9.30am Parish Mass, Address and Blessing of Candles for our mothers
(II Chron 36 v 14-16, 19-23; Eph 2 v 4-10; John 3 v 14-21)

NOTICES:

1. Please fill in lists for
 - Candles for the dead to be lit at Eastertide
 - Watch in garden of Gethsemane
 - Refreshments for after Mass on Holy Saturday
2. Tickets for Easter Egg draw are available from Hazel Spalding

THEME: In today's Gospel Jesus created a riot in the Temple as he drove out the traders and cattle. His Father's house was then reclaimed for worship. Let us ask the Lord to drive out our sins of selfishness and self-centredness, so that we can become temples of the Holy Spirit, free to worship God and serve others.

Entrance Hymn: 262 v. 1 – 5

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we refuse to carry your cross.

Lord have mercy. **PEOPLE** (*sing*) **KYRIE ELEISON** (*Ukrainian setting*)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we do not follow your commandments. Christ have mercy. **People: CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have neglected you.

Lord have mercy. **People: KYRIE ELEISON**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

No Gloria during Lent.

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray for the confidence in the love of God and the strength to overcome our weakness.* Father you have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting and works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in your love. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading - Exodus 20 v. 1-17: God gives his people the commandments of life. Jesus sums them up by telling us we must love God and our neighbours.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps18 ® You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the simple. ®

The precepts of the lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear; it gives light to the eyes. ®

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. ®

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest gold and sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. ®

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1 v. 22-25: The Jews wanted a Messiah that would free them from oppression and could not accept one who suffered a criminal's death. The Greeks who exalted human strength and wisdom thought it madness. God's ways are not our ways for the Cross shows his power, love and wisdom.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Hymn: 262 v. 6-7

Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel - John 2 v. 13 – 25: Jesus' mission to renew all things is prefigured in His cleansing of the Temple. The earthly building will be replaced by the new exalted body of Jesus.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Address CREED -Nicene (page 7 of hymn book)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: We are all sanctuaries of God's presence. Let us pray that all people throughout the world will be treated with respect and understanding.

Reader: Let us pray that as Christ was strongest in the weakness of His passion, so may His strength be seen in those who are crucified by hardship and oppression today. We especially remember those suffering in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and Israel.

Let us pray that as God's commandments are for all time, so may politicians and those who rule nations come to see them as the only lasting basis for peace.

Let us pray for all who make our laws; that they will uphold Christian values to which we may respond in a positive way.

Let us pray for our Parish - that we may witness to the reconciliation which Christ won for us, for all who do not see the need for prayer and for those who do not like participating in the liturgy

Let us pray for ourselves, that we may fast, pray more and give money sacrificially during this season of Lent to become closer to Christ and to share with those who are less fortunate than ourselves.. We pray for the Church in Kagera that we are supporting.

We pray for the healing of the sick – especially Angie Wilson, Jim Wilson, Taylor Birch, Jean Martin, Jan Ross, Ken Davis and all to be anointed at tomorrow's healing service.

We pray for those who have died in the light of Christ and all people of good will: that God will welcome them all into His kingdom in heaven. We especially remember Peter Newton, Rhoda Perkins, Beryl Clarke, Harold Hubbard, Bishop David Bentley, Alan Froude, John Le Grys, Phyllis Fraser, Violet Abbott, Frederick Mills, Margaret Fletcher, Delphine Thorpe, Bob Keeble and William Carter, whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Let us ask Our Lady to pray with and for us as we say: **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: Heavenly Father, we praise you for your wisdom and love. May our faith and humility increase, our courage grow stronger and our love overcome all obstacles as we place all our trust in your Son, Jesus, through whom we make our prayers. Amen.

Mass continues on page 8 of hymn book

Offertory Hymn: 249 v. 1 . Offertory Prayers: Hymn 249 v. 2– 4

Sanctus & Mystery of Faith: John Allen Lent setting (words & music on paper)

At end of Eucharistic Prayer:

**Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in Excelsis.**

Agnus Dei : John Allen Lent 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: 477 and 508. Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 36.

Post Communion Prayer Angelus

Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 300