

Tea/Coffee after Mass and Annual Parish Church meeting,

This Week - Divine Office - Week 1

- Mon:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem
9.30am Mass (Daniel 13 v. 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8 v. 1-11).
Int: Forward in Faith.
- Tues:** ST, JOSEPH SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)
10.30 Mass
(II Sam. 7 v. 4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom. 4 v. 13, 16-18, 22; Matt.1 v. 16, 18-21)
Int: Int: Fathers and Grandfathers.
11.00-1.00 Tea, Coffee, soup in Church
- Wed:** 9.30am Mass. (Daniel 3 v. 14-20, 24-25, 28; John 8 v. 31-42)
Int: Christian Unity
- Thurs:** 9.30am Mass. (Gen 17 v.3-9; John 8 v. 51-59)
Int. All persecuted for their faith.
(Mike Galloway's funeral is at St. Mark's Hawthorn Drive Ipswich at 12.00 noon.)
- Fri:** 9.30am Mass (Jeremiah 20 v 10-13; John 10 v. 31-42).
Int: Walsingham
- Sat:** 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday. (Is. 50 4-7. Phi. 2 v. 6-11, Mark 14 v. 1-15 v. 47)
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Int: A good observance of Holy week

Next Sunday – PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Blessing of palms in north Churchyard. (Gospel: Mark 11: 1-10).
Procession into Church and Sung Mass (Is. 50 4-7. Phi. 2 v. 6-11, mark 15: 1-39)
4.00pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTICES

1. Next Sunday is the last for ordering candles for Eastertide for departed loved ones.
2. Friends of St. Mary's Egg Draw is on Easter Day after Parish Mass. Hazel has tickets.
3. Quiz evening Sat. 6th April 7.30pm in Mendlesham School Hall. £5 per person, teams of up to 6. Coffee, tea and nibbles available.
4. Please sign for food, drinks, etc after 1st Mass of Easter (30th March)
5. Please sign the list if you can volunteer to help before, during or after the Heritage Fair on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. All kinds of help required. I hope everyone will make this a priority so it is a real community effort for the Armoury restoration fund.

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass 17th March 2024

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDELESHAM

Lent 5 (Passiontide)

THEME: Holy Week and Easter are drawing near. May our minds and hearts be ready to receive the great fruit of Christ's death and resurrection – the opportunity to change, to begin afresh and to make something real of our lives.

Entrance Hymn: **80** v. 1 - 4

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for being blind to all the lovely things in the world.
Lord have mercy.

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

Celebrant: Forgive us. Lord, when we are blind to the love and kindness other people show us, so we never say "thank you". Christ have mercy.

People: **CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our blindness to the needs of others and our blindness to the ways we can help them. Lord have mercy.

People: **KYRIE ELEISON**

Celebrant proclaims God's Forgiveness

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray for the courage to follow Christ.* Father, help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by His love, guide us by His example, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Jeremiah 31v 31-34 In this reading, the prophet Jeremiah foretells that God will make a new Covenant with His people and the sins of the past will be forgotten. This was by Jesus, when he took the cup at the Last Supper and pronounced the blessing that here was the blood of the New and Eternal Covenant See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 50 **® A pure heart create for me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.	A pure heart create for me, O God,
In your compassion blot out my offence.	put a steadfast spirit within me.
O wash me more and more from my guilt	Do not cast me away from your
and cleanse me from my sin. ®	presence,
	nor deprive me of your holy spirit. ®

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. ®

Second Reading - Hebrews 5v 7-9 If we want eternal salvation, then we must obey him, who learnt to obey through suffering.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Hymn: 80 v.5 & 6

Acclamation: Glory to you O Christ, you are the word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory and praise to you, O Christ, you are the word of God.

Gospel - John 12 v 20-33 Jesus explains that the hour has come when he must die so that others may live. In order to help his listeners understand this paradox he tells about a grain of wheat ~ unless it dies and is buried, it produces nothing

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Address Creed - Nicene Creed (page 7 of hymn book)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us pray that the Church of God may learn to let go of what is less important, grasp what is of real value and so yield a rich harvest.

Reader: Let us pray that Christians may be the first to break down the barriers which separate people and replace them with reconciliation and new life.

Let us pray for those who have separated themselves from God, that this Lent may be the time they are reconciled with Him.

Let us pray that Christians may be given fresh strength to proclaim the New Covenant to the world – remembering especially the Church in Kagera, Tanzania, supported by this diocese..

Let us pray that this congregation may grow in grace and in numbers through faithfulness to the Eucharist in which we renew Christ's covenant.

Let us pray that all the members of our community may offer the hand of friendship to those who feel neglected.

Let us pray that we may never forget that each of us carries within us a divine spark which makes us capable of higher things such as acts of generosity and service.

Let us pray for greater trust and friendship between different nations on our planet and a universal desire for peace, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and Israel.

Let us pray for the sick and suffering and those who care for them. We pray especially for Angie Wilson, Jim Wilson, Jean Martin, Taylor Birch, Julie & Andrew Gray, Penny Sugden, Jan Ross, Jessica Mercer and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers.

Let us pray for those who have died, that they may be given the glorious freedom of the children of God and find eternal happiness. We pray for Gladys Tye, Mike Foreman, Iris Fulcher, Fr Ralph Wallace, Harry Hunt, Olive Bunn, Jim Perry, Cecil Pritchard and Shirley Keeble, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Let us ask Mary to pray for us and all mankind – **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

All: Father, your Son was the grain of wheat that died and bore fruit. Help us to die to our self-centredness so that we, too, may learn to love without limit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass continues on page 8 of hymn book

Offertory Hymn: 592 v 1 **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 592 v 2-4

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

Blessed and Praised by 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 carry a hymn book to the altar rail.

Agnus Dei (John Allen Lent setting)

Hymns at Holy Communion: **347; 575** (Please join in.)

Hymn at Ablutions: **204**

Post Communion Prayer Angelus Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: **134**