

Please stay to coffee – all welcome.
Divine office psalter week 2

1st January 2023

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
The Motherhood of Our Lady. Octave Day of Christmass

- Mon:** St. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen
9.30am Mass – (1 John 2v.22-28; John 1v.19-28.)
Int: Eastern Orthodox Churches
- Tues:** 9.30am Mass – (1 John 2v.29-3v.6; John 1v.29-34.)
Int: All searching for faith
- Wed:** 9.30am Mass – (1 John 3v.7-10; John 1v.35-42.)
Int: Vocations to Priesthood
- Thurs:** 9.30am Mass - (1 John 3v.11-21; John 1v.43-51)
Int: All pilgrims
4.00pm Funeral Vigil for Hazel Foster
- Fri:** EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
9.30am Mass - (Is.60v1-6; Eph.3v.2-3.5-6; Matt.2v.1-12.)
Int: Parish and congregation
2.00pm Funeral for Hazel Foster
- Sat:** 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday and Blessing of Epiphany House.
Is.60v1-6; Eph.3v.2-3.5-6; Matt.2v.1-12.
3.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Next Sunday :** EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
9.30am Parish Mass, Address, Blessing of Chalk, Blessing of Plough
and Morris Dancing.
11.15am Procession of Plough –
Followed by shared lunch in church
1. Our Crib Appeal for Christian Aid and the Sock Bank appeal for St, Martin's Norwich concludes next Sunday.
 2. Christmas decorations should remain until after next Sunday's Mass.
 3. List in church for endowments to our shrine. (£96 per year/£8 per month)
 4. List in church for next Sunday's lunch for Morris Men and all who wish to come.
 5. Our next Healing Service is Thursday 12th January at 2.30pm
 6. List in church for caterers for soup/coffee/tea in church on Tuesdays
 7. 10.30 – 12.30. These resume Tuesday 10th January.
 8. Magazine for January is available
 9. The Friends of St Mary's Christmass draw made £771. Thanks to all who supported it and to Graham and Anita who organised it.

THEME : At the start of this new year, we celebrate the generosity of God to us. As we remember that Mary is the Mother of God, we recall that God has given to us his only Son the be our Saviour, that he has poured his spirit into our hearts, and has adopted us as his children.

Entrance Hymn : **214 v. 1** Blessing of toys by the crib. Hymn **214 vv 2 & 3**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we have not responded to you as Mary did. Lord have mercy. **People** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we have forgotten that as children of God we must be brothers and sisters to each other. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we become slaves to our sinful nature. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

GLORIA – to tune 'Infant Holy'

OPENING PRAYER : *Let us pray that Mary, the mother of the Lord, will help us by her prayers.* God our Father, may we always have the prayers of the Virgin Mother Mary, for you bring us life and salvation through Jesus Christ her son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading –Numbers 6 v. 22-27. This reading is a blessing. Mary was especially blessed in being chosen, and in consenting to be, the Mother of God.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 66 ® O God, be gracious and bless us.

God be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.®

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. You guide the nations on earth.®

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

® **O God, be gracious and bless us.**

Second Reading – Galatians 4v. 4-7. God sent his Son. He sent him at the special time he had prepared to enable us to become children of God.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Hymn:- 214 v.4

Acclamation (all) **Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!**

Gospel - Luke 2v.16-21. The shepherds move from being an audience to being preachers of the Gospel. Mary responds to this by treasuring all that is said.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

Creed - Apostles Creed (pg 8 of hymn book)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant : We bring our prayers to God our Father through Jesus, the Lord made flesh, asking him to fill the world with his loving presence.

Reader: Let us pray that this New Year that begins today may bring peace to our broken world, a peace which only God can give.

We pray that we too may hear the word of God and respond to it after the example of Mary.

Let us pray for our families, especially those under strain. May they find strength and comfort in the support of those around them.

We pray for all those involved in caring for refugees, the homeless, the hungry and rejected. May they know that as they welcome these brothers and sisters they welcome the Lord.

Let us pray that the New Year may bring peace and goodwill among people of every creed, class and colour.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick – especially Marjorie Rousseau, Julie Gray, Jan Ross, Jan Robinson, Lucy Muskett and all prayed for at Shrine prayers.

We pray for the dead, especially Helen Newton, recently departed (*pause while a candle is lit*) and those whose anniversaries fall at this time – especially Eric Munson, Jean Lacey, Kathleen Newton, Ethel Wood, Joan Keeble, Marguerite Gray, Olive Calver, Betty Rush, Edward Knock, Bertie Taylor, Fr. Bruce Murray, Frank Hardy, Christian Spalding, Robert Thorpe, Chester Smith, Thelma Thorpe, William Fletcher, Fr.Charles Searr, Muriel Jones and Renee Raven

We join our prayers with Mary, the Mother of God. **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 with us sinner, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

SILENCE

All: God our Father, we thank you for blessing us by revealing yourself to us in your Son and we thank you for Mary, who made this possible. Amen.

Offertory Hymn : **137 v.1&2** **Offertory Prayers : v.3 - end**

Mass continues page 9 of the hymn book

Sanctus: tune Iris (*Angels from the Realms*)

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.

Mass continues on page 11 of the hymn book.

Agnus Dei: tune Rocking

Holy Communion is given in 2 kinds. If you do not wish to receive from the Chalice, bow your head as it passes. Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and would like a blessing come to the altar holding a hymn book.

Hymn at Holy Communion. Please join in – **401; 126**

Hymn at Ablutions: **'Glory to God'** on sheet : tune: **'O Strength and Stay'**

Post Communion Prayer **Angelus** Notices **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn : **305**