

Tea/Coffee in Church after Mass. All welcome so please stay.

6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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

**Mon. St Sixtus**

2.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for silent prayer  
2.30 pm Mass – Healing service  
Int. Ministry of Healing  
(Numbers 11 v 4-15; Matt 14 v 26-36)

**Tues. St Dominic**

9.30am Mass Intention: Peace of the world  
(Numbers 12 v 1-13; Matt 15 v 1-2, 10-14)  
10.30-12.30 Tea, coffee and cake in church

**Wed. ST TERESA BENEDICTA (Edith Stein) Feast**

8.00am Mass Intention: Europe  
(Wisdom 3 v 1-9; Matt 10 v 17-26)

**Thurs. ST LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr - Feast**

9.30am Mass Intention: Persecuted Christians  
(2 Cor.9 v 6-10; John 12 v 24-26)

**Fri. St Clare**

9.30am Mass Intention: Religious Communities  
(Deut. 4 v 32-40; Matt 16 v 24-28)

**Sat. 10.00am 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday**

4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Int: The Homeless

**NEXT SUNDAY: 19<sup>th</sup> of YEAR A**

9.30am Parish Mass and Address  
(1 Kings 19 v 9, 11-13; Romans 9 v 1-5; Matt 14 v 22-23)

**NOTICES:-**

1. Please note our festive week begins next week – 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Assumption of Our Lady Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm – Blessing of beer, Sung Mass and Address (Bishop of Richborough), Procession of Our Lady of Walsingham and Benediction.
2. Please order Mendlesham beer – list on table
3. Fr. Jeremy Lind is licensed as Parish Priest at St. Mary's Newmarket. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm. We are invited to attend
4. Please support our Healing Service tomorrow

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**  
**FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**THEME:** When Our Lord was transfigured, the disciples had a glimpse of the glory that belonged to the Son of God. They were given new hope and urged to listen to him. As we prepare to celebrate his presence among us we also must listen.

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

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Father, when we forget that all people are called to share your glory. Lord have mercy.

**People:** *(sing)* **Kyrie Eleison** *(Ukrainian setting)*

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Father, when we refuse the cross that leads to glory. Christ have mercy. **People:** **Christe Eleison**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Father, when we neglect your help in transfiguring our lives. Lord have mercy. **People:** **Kyrie Eleison.**  
*Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.*

**GLORIA:** Dom Gregory setting

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that we may hear the Lord Jesus and share his everlasting life.* God our Father, in the transfigured glory of Christ your Son, you strengthen our faith by confirming the witness of your prophets, and show us the splendour of your beloved sons and daughters. As we listen to the voice of your Son, help us to become heirs to eternal life with him for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

1st Reading: Daniel 7 v. 9 - 10; 13 - 14. This reading describes vividly the vision of the Son of Man that was to be fulfilled in Christ.

*As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps.97** **®The Lord is King, most high above all the earth.**

The Lord is King, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. ®

® **The Lord is King, most high above all the earth.**

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. ®

For you indeed are the Lord  
Most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. ®

**2nd Reading:** 2 Peter 1 v. 16 - 19. The writer uses his experience of Jesus to build up his companions' faith in the second coming.

*It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.*

*So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.*

**Gospel Hymn:** 4 v. 5 - 7

**Gospel Acclamation: (all) Alleluia, Alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved. He enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 17 v 1-9. On Mount Tabor three apostles of Jesus were given a glimpse of the glory that was his as the Son of God.

*Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.*

*As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'*

**ADDRESS CREED – Nicene** (pg 7 in front of hymn book)

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** Peter, James and John, the three close friends of Jesus, were given a glimpse of the transfigured Christ, glorious and majestic. Faith enables us, too, to come close to the risen Christ. Let us pray to him for the needs of the world.

**Reader:** We pray for the Church. May every member enjoy renewed hope this day in the glory of Christ, confident in his promises and sure of his resurrection.

Let us pray for those who suffer bitterness because of betrayal by friends or rivals. May they discover Christ's love and forgiveness and be transfigured by it.

Let us pray that all Christians may be steadfast in their faith despite the many trials they meet in life.

Let us pray for all who need a transfiguration in their lives.

Let us pray for the King and Royal Family; may they be worthy of their privileged position of respect and always be guided by Christian principles.

Let us pray that the leaders of all nations may work for justice and lasting peace especially in areas of tension and warfare.

Let us pray for those who suffer in mind and body especially Ivan Hales, Jimmy Jubly, Angie Wilson, Jan Ross, Jim Wilson, Jan Robinson, Julie & Andrew Gray, all prayed for in Shrine prayers and all to be anointed at the healing service on Monday.

Let us pray that our departed brothers and sisters may enjoy the company of Moses and Elijah and all the blessed in the Kingdom of God; especially Owen Jones, Allan Tye, Winifred Dennis, Mabel White, Elisabeth Jespersen, Gladys Bartrum, Hilda Farrow, John Walker, Brenda Welch and Fr Alfred Hope Patten.

We ask Mary, who lived by faith and now shares the glory of her Son, to take our prayers to 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, your Son was transfigured for the apostles who looked on him with love and understanding. May we his people look on him with the same love and not put any obstacles in the way of the full manifestation of God. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*Mass continues on page 8 of the hymn book*

Offertory Hymn: 244 v. 1 & 2 **Offertory Prayers:** Hymn 244 v.3 & 4

**Sanctus:** Dom Gregory Setting. Mystery of Faith: no.1

*After Eucharistic Prayer:* **Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in Excelsis.**

**Agnus Dei:** Dom Gregory Setting.

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

Hymns at Holy Communion: 500, 618

Hymn at Ablutions: 119

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

**Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 253