

join in 'The Angelus' (The Memorial of the Incarnation):

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;

R/. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

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.**

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

R/. Be it unto me according to thy word.

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.**

V/. And the Word was made flesh;

R/. And dwelt among us.

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.**

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R/. That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✕ Cross and Passion, we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Recessional: St Anthony Chorale - Haydn

*Please remain seated until the Recessional Music has ceased. This is integral to the liturgy of the Organ Mass and therefore applause is not appropriate. Once concluded, leave the Parish Church of St Mary & St Giles via the Parish Hall; and at All Saints via the West (Tower) door. The Priest will be outside in the churchyard.*

#### Masses this week:

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feria</b>
Intention:	18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles <i>For the Our Local Doctors &amp; Nurses</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St Gregory the Great, Pope &amp; Doctor</b>
Intention:	10:30 Mass at All Saints <i>For all Religious Communities</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St Cuthbert, Bishop</b>
Intention:	12:00on Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles <i>For the Bishops of the Church</i>
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Intention:	09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles 11:15am Family Mass at All Saints <i>The Parish</i>

#### A Prayer to use after Mass - by St John Henry Newman

Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of you. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my spirit. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus! Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, as to be a light for others; the light of Jesus will be all from you; none of it will be mine; it will be you shining on others through me. Let me thus praise you in the way you love best by shining on others around me. Let me preach you without preaching by words but by my example, by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you. Amen.



## St Mary & St Giles with All Saints, Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton

### THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th August AD 2020



*Welcome to the Parish Church where, after the example of the early church, we celebrate the Eucharist: the "apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)*

Because sin had entered into the world before the Incarnation took place, the Son of God in his human nature had to suffer the violent death of the cross at the hands of sinners. In this very suffering he became the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world, as the second-Isaiah had foretold in his "suffering servant" prophecies (Is. 53: 1-7; 42: 1-9 etc). His death, because he was God as well as man, was a sacrifice, an atonement, of infinite value, and therefore obtained forgiveness from the Father for all the sins of the human race.

In foretelling his sufferings and death, which took place some months later, Christ intended to prepare his disciples and other followers for what he knew would be for them a severe crisis of faith. He also sought to remind his disciples, and all others who would follow him, of what their attitude to suffering and death should be. He told them, and us too, that we must be always ready to accept sufferings in this life, and even an untimely death if that should be demanded of us, rather than deny our Christian faith.

To prove their loyalty to their faith in Christ thousands of Christians in the early Church, and thousands more during persecutions in later centuries, gladly took him at his word and went joyfully to their martyrdom. It is to be hoped that, aided by God's grace, we would all be ready to imitate their example, if called on to prove our fidelity to Christ and our Christian faith. But at the moment what Christ expects and asks of us is that we should bear the sufferings and hardships of daily life cheerfully and gladly for his sake.

This daily carrying of our Christian cross can be, and is for many, a prolonged martyrdom. Poverty, ill-health, cruelty and hard-heartedness met with in the home and in one's neighbours, are heavy crosses which only a truly Christian shoulder can bear. But, if we were offered health, happiness, peace, wealth and power for the next fifty or seventy years on this earth, in exchange for an eternal heaven after death, what rational one among us would accept that offer?

Christians know that this life is a period of training, which makes us ready to receive the eternal reward which Christ has won for us. Every trainee knows that one must endure certain hardships and sufferings in order to merit graduation into one's chosen profession or trade. On our Christian graduation day we shall, please God, hear the welcome words : "Well done good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater, come and join in your Master's happiness" (Mt. 25: 21). May God grant that every one of us will hear these words of welcome.

# INFORMATION



**Safeguarding:** Our Parish Churches have adopted and follow the Diocese of Oxford's recommended policies for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Details of these policies and of our Safeguarding Officers are available on the noticeboards inside each Parish Church. Should you have any safeguarding concerns then please see one of them.

## Restrictions During the Current Pandemic:

Unfortunately, there are certain restrictions that we are required to observe for some time. I am sure that you will understand that whilst these are requirements placed upon us, they have been done so for good reason.

- ◆ **Face-coverings: MUST BE WORN** by all attending worship as required by Law, apart from the Priest and any Lay Ministers assisting him. The ONLY exceptions to this Law are where a worshipper has a Respiratory Illness diagnosed by a GP that would be aggravated by wearing a mask, or where a worshipper has a physical or mental condition that would make the putting on of a mask impossible. Those who have not been wearing masks inside our churches during worship when they should have done are putting others at risk of infection, and are politely asked to ensure that from now on they wear masks. If you have a written exemption from your GP please show this to the Rector, so that he can reassure others if he is asked.
- ◆ **Sidesmen:** It would be very helpful, especially at St Mary & St Giles to have one of the team scheduled to be on duty each Sunday to guide people up to the altar rail row by row during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- ◆ Only 3 or 4 **Church Bells** are permitted to be rung, because ringing chambers are not large enough for distancing requirements when a full team is present. The Tower Captain and Assistant must keep a record of who is present to ring on what dates and ensure that distancing is maintained on the staircase. Bell ringing practice is not permitted.
- ◆ **Entry and exit** to our Parish Churches must be via separate doors - entry via the West (Tower) Door and exit via the Parish Hall at St Mary & St Giles - entry via the South Porch and exit via the West (Tower) Door at All Saints
- ◆ There cannot be an **social gathering** in either of our Parish Churches before or after Mass - social intercourse may take place in the churchyards before or after Mass. Please allow the priest time to take off his vestments and move to the churchyard before leaving either of our churches yourselves.
- ◆ There will be no 'shared' **Mass cards**. Instead each week new Orders of Mass will be printed with the full text of the Mass printed upon them. Please do not take a copy for someone else - either retain it for your devotions at home, or place it in the bin provided at the exit points in both churches.
- ◆ Until further notice all **communal singing**, singing rehearsals and concerts are prohibited in all places of worship. It is now possible to have a single person as Cantor and Organ Music played.
- ◆ **Collections:** Cash donations and envelopes must be placed either in the large plinth donations box at St Mary & St Giles, or in the bowl by the south porch door at All Saints. We are not allowed to pass a collection plate/bag to one another.
- ◆ '**The Peace**' may not be shared physically. We may however join our hands and bow to each other at **The Peace**.
- ◆ **When going forward to receive Holy Communion** - at St Mary & St Giles please approach centre of the altar rail in single file via the main aisle, observing a two metre distance, and return to your place via the side aisle. At All Saints: again single file two metres apart but keeping to the south porch side of the main aisle on approaching the altar rail and returning to your place on the vestry side. N.B. in both churches Holy Communion must be received whilst standing and please extend your arms as far as you are able. Textile kneelers and cushions have had to be removed.
- ◆ '**Receiving Holy Communion**' is in one kind, i.e. The Host. This must be received in the palms of our hands and not on the tongue.
- ◆ **Please maintain a two metre distance** from each other on approaching the altar rails and on leaving our churches after Mass.
- ◆ **Lavatory Facilities.** Strict hand-hygiene must be observed and hand-driers only used. In the lavatory at each church there will be a spray sanitiser and single use sanitising wipes for each user to wipe the seat, flush-handle, water taps, sink and door handle. Used wipes should be placed in the waste baskets provided.

All of these restrictions, whilst not what we would wish for, do not detract from the fact that we are able to receive the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.

Please take this Service Sheet home with you  
and use as part of your devotions during the week.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## ***The Agnus Dei***

(KNEEL)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.

**¶ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The **Communion Antiphon** is sung by the Cantor after the Priest has received Holy Communion:*

R/. Who wisheth to follow me \* must deny his very self, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust \*  
let me never be ashamed.

Bow down thine ear unto me \*  
deliver me speedily.

**Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: The Lord's Prayer - BWV 636, J S Bach**

*It is customary to kneel throughout the distribution of Holy Communion except when going forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament and upon returning to your place.*

## ***Prayer after Communion***

(STAND)

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless the silence has just been observed. Then the priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion; at the end of which the people acclaim: **Amen.**

All then pray:

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

(STAND)

## **THE CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*For the dismissal, the Priest faces the people and blesses them using a form appropriate to the Season:*

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, **¶** and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Priest and ministers face the Shrine of Our Lady and we*

Priest: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, receive the prayers of a Pilgrim People, seeking to discover your will, by walking in the footsteps of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are placed upon the altar. The Cantor sings the **Offertory Antiphon:**

O Lord make haste to help me; let them be ashamed, and confounded together who seek after my soul to destroy it. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Then priest says the Offertory Prayers to which the people respond: **Blessed be God for ever.**

(STAND) Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts to which all respond: **Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The priest sings a Eucharistic Preface appropriate to the celebration, after which all join in the acclamation: (KNEEL)

**Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:

All: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faithful Departed. At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all join in the Great Amen.

Priest: .....for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer: (STAND)

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### Prayer Thought

In today's gospel Jesus declares that in pursuing the goal of his life he is going to meet opposition. There will be suffering before he reaches final joy. He tells his disciples that it is necessary to lose one's life in order to find it at a deeper level. Like Peter, we find it painful to lose, and all too easily we can find ourselves resisting paying the price of our principles.

(STAND)

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Organ Introit: Elegy - George Thalben-Ball**

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND, and the Cantor sings the **Introit Antiphon:**

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I unto thee have called daily; for thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Ps. Bow down thine ear, O Lord and hear me \* for I am poor and in misery.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.

In the name of the Father, ✕ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The priest greets the people*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**and also with you.**

### Penitential Rite

(STAND)

*The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The priest pronounces the general absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✕ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Kyries:***

Kyrie, eleison.

**Kyrie, eleison.**

Christe, eleison.

**Christe, eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison.

**Kyrie, eleison.**

***The Gloria in excelsis:***

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)**

#### **The First Reading**

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

(Old Testament Page 651 in the Bibles) tells how a prophet came to understand, from experience, the difficulties of his vocation. Yet, his call remained a great driving-force in his life.

#### **The Responsorial Psalm**

(from Psalm 63)

R/. For you my soul is thirsting,  
O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. ®

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. ®

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. ®

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. ®

#### **The Second Reading**

Romans 12: 1-2

(New Testament Page 134 in the Bibles) we Christians are reminded that the most pleasing sacrifice we offer to God is the sacrifice of our own selves, in obedient service to him.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may know  
what is the hope to which he has called us.

**Alleluia!**

#### **The Gospel**

Matthew 16: 21-27

(New Testament Page 15 in the Bibles) Jesus makes it clear to us that, as he suffered for our sake, so he expects us to take a stand against our selfishness. He wants us not to seek only our own comfort, but to follow his way.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

❖ ❖ ❖ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **The Homily**

#### **The Nicene Creed**

STAND

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*all bow during the next three lines*

by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **The Prayer of the Faithful**

(STAND)

*Priest:* My brothers and sisters, by self-denial we take up the cross each day, walking in the footsteps of our Master. Let us pray for all people that we may cast off the selfishness which keeps us apart from God.

*Intercessor:* For the Bishops, who carry the cross of pastoral care and responsibility...

V/. Lord, hear us.

R/. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For leaders in governments and industry who are blinded by a lust for power, and for those who suffer under the weight of the burdens placed upon them....

For our parish and for all those souls who are thirsting for God, the living God...

That the sick and the aged in our community may be given strength and grace through the Holy Spirit, especially....Jane, Cecilia, Joan Carrigan, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Lilith, James, Peter, Rosie, Fr Francis Rodriguez-Veglio, Susie, Eileen Scarff, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, David, Adam Viard, Eric, Ida...

For the souls of those who have died, that their desire for salvation may be fulfilled, especially...Gail Anderson, Beryl Beach, Georgia Martin, Florence Ononeme, Wesley Salter, Jonny Thorp, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**30th** Elizabeth Bailey, George Syratt; **31st** George Fountaine, William Tansley, Betty Webb, Sally Bradbury, John Cowley, Joyce MacPherson; **1st Sept** Thomas Poulter, Edward Eales, Doris Grieve, Joyce Plummer; **2nd** Kathleen Swann; **3rd** Leo Andrews, Lucy Roe; **4th** Iain Russell; **5th** George Bates, Edna Cowley, Barbara Willett, Gerald Redgrave, David Lewis; **6th** John Roberts, Laura Smith...

❖ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**