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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: 'Mediaeval Rondeau' - John Riley

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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

TODAY: THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:30am PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles

There will not be any celebrations of weekday Masses this week due to the Rector shielding because of Sister Janet's planned surgery and the attendant care she will require after her return home. The Rector will be available by 'phone or via email.

Next Sunday: THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:30am PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles

Reflection after Mass:

No man is an island.' So goes the old saying; but each one knows his own solitude, his distance from others and the gap that can exist between people. Yet in being alone with the Father, Jesus drew strength to continue his mission and to go to other places. From our individual and communal meeting with the Lord today he will give us the strength to go to other places and to make his name known.

PARISH NOTICES

Automated Hand-Sanitiser: these have been introduced into both of our Parish Churches. One at the entrance to each church and one in the Parish Hall. We commenced using them at St Mary & St Giles on Tuesday of last week, and while we shall take a little while to get used to them (.....one person remarked on Tuesday that "if they dispensed money we wouldn't spill any!"), they are much more hygienic than the hand-held dispensers. The Rector was given a 50% discount on the order, so in total they cost us £269.99 - they are on heavy-duty metal stands, branded with our Parish Logo, refillable from 5 litre containers of hand-sanitiser, and battery operated.

Palm Crosses & the 'Imposition of Ashes': Please return your Palm Crosses to St Mary & St Giles so that they may be burnt to ash.. If you are shielding this can be done by 'posting' them through the gap at the bottom of the High Street door.

This year with the current restrictions and guidelines put in place, the Church has decreed that the Imposition of Ashes can take place, but that it will follow the practice of the Church throughout much of Europe where dry ashes is simply sprinkled on the top of our heads rather than a Cross being marked on our foreheads.

Omnia Christus est nobis!

To us Christ is all!



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

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

7th February AD 2021



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)

In Capernaum they saw Christ with their bodily eyes as a man of power amongst them; today we see him with the eyes of faith as he really was and is — the Son of God who came on earth as man in order to make us sons and daughters of God. We know who he really was and we know the full meaning of his mission. We have seen that mission completed amongst us by his death on the cross and his resurrection. By his death he conquered death for us; by his resurrection he opened the gates of heaven for us and led the way there for all who will follow him.

This is the good news Christ brought to our world. This is the meaning of Christianity; this is why we are Christians. We are members of Christ's kingdom on earth, so that when our life here ends we shall be members of his everlasting heavenly kingdom. Yet, with all of this knowledge and with the example of the thousands and millions of saints who have lived according to this knowledge over the past nineteen hundred years and more, and who are now enjoying the reward Christ promised them, how active and how effective is our Christian faith in our daily thoughts and deeds? Do we by our words and deeds, show to others that there is a better life to be lived in this life, and a future life after death?

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, we are required to observe the following restrictions:

- ◆ **FACE MASKS: MUST BE WORN** by all attending worship as required by Law, apart from the Priest and any Lay Ministers assisting him. **N.B. IF YOU CANNOT WEAR A MASK FOR MEDICAL REASONS YOU MUST WEAR A FACE SHIELD.**
- ◆ 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 - 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.
- ◆ 'Shared' **Mass cards** are not permitted. 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 small choir 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 own 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 - 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-dryers only used. In the lavatory at each church there is 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.

Reflection before Mass:

As we worship God each Sunday we gather round his Son as the poor and needy do in the Gospel today. Following their example we bring our burdens to Jesus, asking him to lighten them and to strengthen us.

(STAND) THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Introit: 'Verse for the Single Organ' - John Blow

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

O come ye adore the Lord God, bow down before the Lord.
Let us plead before him who hath made us because he is the Lord, our very God.

Ps. Come ye, exult in the Lord,
let us rejoice in God our Saviour.

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.

joy unto my youth..

Judge me, O God and plead my cause *
deliver me from the deceitful.

For Thou art the God of my strength *
why dost Thou cast me off.

Send forth Thy light and fidelity *
let them also lead me.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: 'Lullaby in the Dorian Mode' - John Riley

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.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift,
through Christ our Lord

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 with his hands extended over the people, blesses them using this form:

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

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

'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.**

after which all join in the acclamation:

(KNEEL)

**Holy, 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.

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/. I will go up to the altar of God, to God who giveth true

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 is said:

**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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

(Old Testament Page 398 in the Bibles) Job complains bitterly about the trials and frustrations of man's short life on earth.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 147)

R/. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. ®

The Lord builds up Jerusalem

and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. ®

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.®

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

(New Testament page 143) St Paul tells us of the primacy of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ took our infirmities and bore our diseases.
Alleluia!

The Gospel Mark 1: 29-39

(New Testament Page 30 in the Bibles) tells how the miracles of Jesus won him the applause of the people. .

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)

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, the Father sends his only Son to heal us. Confident of this let us pray for the Church, the world and for all in need of healing today..

Intercessor: That the Church may be continually healed of its human weakness, division and sinfulness....

V/. Lord, in your mercy

R/. **Hear our prayer.**

That the world may be raised up beyond the violence, pride and hatred of our fallen race....

That all those searching for hope and meaning in their lives may be found by Christ and that they may turn to him and be saved....

For our Parish and for the strengthening of our common life that we may share more fully with Christ in his continuing mission of redemption....

We pray for those who are suffering at this time, especially we are asked to pray for... Malcolm, Shirley, Cecilia, Christel, Joan Carrigan, Margaret DeSousa, Richard Desousa, Ronnie DeSousa, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Lorna, Sr Janet, James, Peter, Rosie, Susie, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, David, Adam Viard, Eric, Davida Wiseman...and for all those whom we have come here to pray for....

That the healing grace of God may purify those who have died, especially we are asked to pray for the souls of those who have died recently, amongst them...Jane Bull, Mary Bull, Fr Francis Rodriguez-Veglio, Phillip Tomlinson... and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time... **7th** Emma Taylor, Annie Maria Cowley; **8th** Bert Calvert; **9th** Christina Geoge; **10th** James Roberts, Bill Barby; **11th** Edna Turner, Vi Grove, Anthony Redgrave; **13th** Thomas Bull, Ann Taylor, Dora Bull, Charles Redgrave, Leslie Proctor, Glyn Wyatt... and all the faithful departed....

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: Almighty God, your Son bore our sickness and sinfulness, and endured the suffering that was ours. Hear the prayers we make for the healing and forgiveness of all those in need that with them we may be led by him to the life of glory in heaven We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

O hold Thou up my goings, O Lord, in Thy own paths, that unmoved be my footsteps. Incline Thy ears to me and hearken to my words. Show to me Thy loving kindness, who art the Saviour of them that trust in Thee, O Lord.

*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:

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

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,