

so by his ✠ Cross and Passion,
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Recessional:

'God be praised and blessed' - Heinrich Scheidemann

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

Tuesday Shrove Tuesday
10:30am Mass at St Mary & St Giles

Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY
09:30am Mass at St Mary & St Giles
6:00pm Parish Mass at St Mary & St Giles

Friday Feria
12:00noon Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles

Next Sunday: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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

Thank you: to Emma Heseltine for deputising for Jonathan, our Director of Music, this morning at St Mary & St Giles.

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.

Lent begins on Wednesday: If you have not received your parish mailing in time for Lent, do please let the Rector know. Lent is a time for growth in the spiritual life and the current mailing contains a number of devotional resources to aid us in our closer walk with the Lord this Lent. May God richly bless us as, day by day, we ask that we may know him more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly,

Omnia Christus est nobis!

To us Christ is all!



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

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

14th 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)

Thanks be to God, for his infinite compassion! Thanks be to God, for Christ his Son, who came and dwelt amongst us! He put heaven and a share in the life of God within our reach; he has shown us how to attain them, giving in his Church and the sacraments, all the necessary aids. But we still need all of Christ's compassion if we are to get there. Because of our inclination to sin and because of the many times we unfortunately give in to that inclination, nothing but the mercy of God can save us from our own folly. However, that mercy is available, if only we ask for it. What everyone needs is the faith and confidence of the leper in today's gospel reading. He believed firmly in the power and the mercy of Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean," was his approach to Jesus.

This should be our approach too, if we have the misfortune to fall into serious sin. Jesus does will and does want our salvation. His incarnation, and death on the cross, proves that. What folly for any Christian then, to commit sin and isolate himself, like the unclean leper, from God. But it is greater folly still, to remain in this unclean state when the cure for his disease is so easily available to any sincere penitent.

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: 'Vater unser im Himmelreich' 'The Lord's Prayer' - Sweelink

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND

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.

The priest introduces the Mass and then all say together the **Antiphon:**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. (cf Psalm 30: 3-4)

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

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.

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. 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.**

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,

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 said by the priest and then the people come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: 'Mein junges Lebens hat im end' - Sweelink

It is customary to kneel throughout the distribution of Holy Communion except when going forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament and

**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.

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling place pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46

(Old Testament Page 81 in the Bibles) duty of the priests to determine whether a case of leprosy was verified the excluded from normal society.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 32)

**R/. You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. ®

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. ®

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. ©

**R/. You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11: 1

(New Testament Page 144 in the Bibles) fraternal charity. Consideration for the interest in their spiritual advancement actions of a Christian.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has arisen among us,
and God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

The Gospel Mark 1: 40-45

(New Testament Page 31 in the Bibles) tells how the prayer of a leper won him the compassion of Jesus. When the unfortunate man was cured he could not refrain from telling everyone about his good fortune.

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, let us make our prayers to the Father, asking him to renew the cleansing and healing grace of his Son in our world today..

Intercessor: For the Church of God in every place, that she may shine forth as a community of reconciliation....

V/. Lord, in your mercy
R/. **Hear our prayer.**

For government agencies working for public health, that they may succeed in wiping out the scourge of disease....

For all those who have neglected the sacraments, that they may return to the healing peace that they bring to our troubled and sinful souls....

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....

For those preparing for the priesthood, that may prepare wisely and well for the grace of ordination....

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, Adam Viard, Eric, Jasmine, Davida Wiseman...and for all those whom we have come here to pray for....

That those who have died, may be cleansed by Christ and be brought by him to eternal glory, especially we are asked to pray for the souls of those who have died recently, amongst them...Jane Bull, Mary Bull, David, Fr Francis Rodriguez-Veglio, Phillip Tomlinson.... and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time...**14th** Judith Heath, David Millar; **15th** Harold Lane, Sylvia Clarke; **16th** Albert Orton, Reuben Underwood, Maud Richardson, Molly Foxley; **17th** Dorothy Blundell, Winifred Berrill; **18th** Noah Neal, Joseph Wilsher; **19th** Melville Somerton, Malcolm Ward... and all the faithful departed....

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of a penitent people, anointed and marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are placed upon the altar..

*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:

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. 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, 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.