

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 resurrec-
tion. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional: Improvisation No. 7 - Saint - Saëns

*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 Par-
ish 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:

Wednesday	Feria
	18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>For the Our Local Doctors & Nurses</i>
Thursday	St Monica
	10:30 Mass at All Saints
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>For all Religious Communities</i>
Friday	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
	12:00n Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>For the Bishops of the Church</i>
Next Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
	11:15am Family Mass at All Saints
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>The Parish</i>

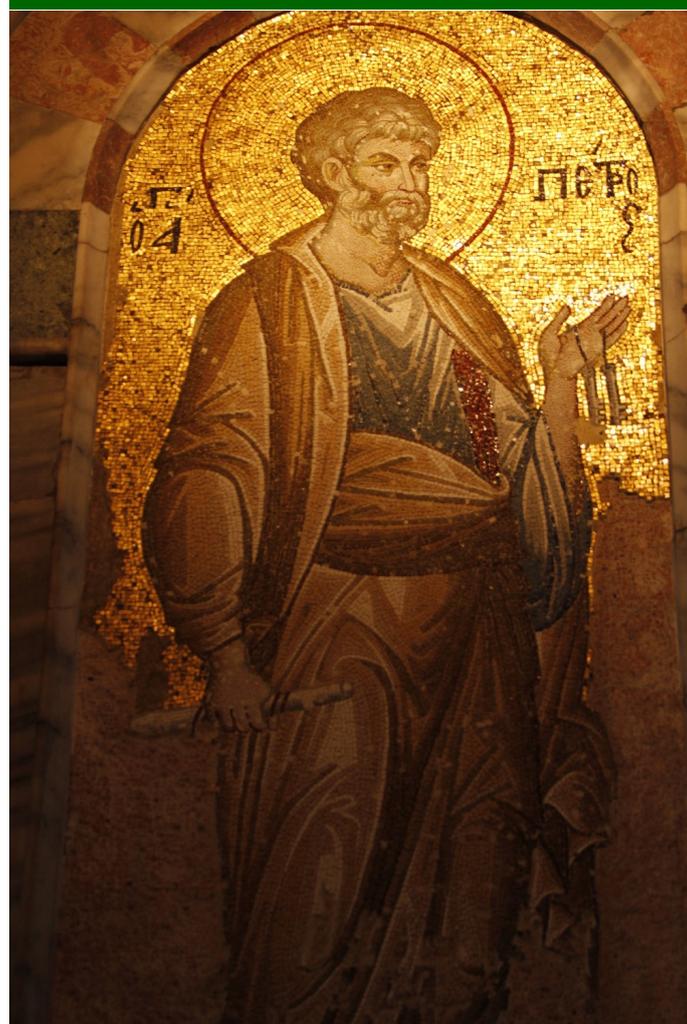
A Prayer to use after Mass

Caesarea Philippi, a strange place, in a land fought over - fraught with tension and frequent violence, we can no longer traverse its hills without a care as our Lord and his Apostles could. Gone is the glory of yesteryear, gone the temple to Caesar in gleaming white marble. Gone are the pagan shrines erected to Baal and Pan. The Jordan still flows out from the snow-capped hills. Was it here that the rugged fishermen hailed Jesus as the living Son of God? No memory of that unusual happening lingers here. One has to travel far, to Rome, to see where it all this led. Yes, in the person of that white-clad speck of a man who appears at a window high up above the crowds to bless the city and the world, *urbi et orbi*. For the Bishop of Rome is recognised by all Catholic Christians as the Successor to St Peter even if, as yet, they are separated from him.



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

**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
23rd August AD 2020**



*Byzantine Mosaic of St Peter, Chora Church, Istanbul.
Now a Museum as directed by the Turkish Government*

**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)**

Jesus, the true Son of God, became man in order to make all men His brothers and co-heirs with Him, to the divine, eternal kingdom. To carry on His divine mission on earth after his Ascension, He founded the Church on the twelve Apostles. This Church was to be God's new Chosen People. It was to be made up of all races from all parts of the world. As its mission was to bring the message of salvation to all men, it was to go on until the end of time. For this Church, this divinely instituted society of human beings, to carry out its mission of helping all men to reach their eternal kingdom, it was necessary to be sure of the road and the aids offered to its members. In other words, the Church should be certain that what it told men to believe and to practice was what God wanted them to believe and to practice. Today's reading from St. Matthew tells us how Christ provided for this necessity. In making Peter the head of the Apostolic College, the foundation-stone of his Church, the guarantor of its stability in the symbol of the keys and the promise that all his decisions would be ratified in heaven, Christ gave him the power of freedom from error when officially teaching the universal Church.

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-dryers 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.

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/. The earth O Lord, is filled with the fruit of Thy works, that Thou mayest bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man; and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Bless the Lord O my soul *
O Lord my God Thou art very great.

Thou art clothed with honour *
and with great majesty.

Man goeth forth to his work *
and to his labour until evening.

O Lord how manifold are Thy works *
in wisdom hast Thou made them all. R/.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: 'Lord Jesus Christ, to you I turn' BWV 632 - 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

Cantor sings the **Offertory Antiphon**:

I have waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me, and He heard my calling also, and He hath put in my mouth a new song - even a thanksgiving unto our God.

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, 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.**

Prayer Thought

It is a long, long way from Caesarea Philippi to Rome. At Caesarea, Peter is given authority in the Christian community; he is hailed as the rock and is given the power of the keys. Years later in Rome, all this will have much greater implications for him and for the infant Church. A day to pray for the unity of all Christians with the successor of Peter.

(STAND) **THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Organ Introit: Petit Prelude - Joseph Jongen

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

Bow down O Lord, thine ear to me, and hear me; save Thy servant, O my God, that putteth his trust in Thee.
Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon Thee.

Ps. Comfort the soul of Thy servant because unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through 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

Isaiah 22: 19-23

(Old Testament Page 596 in the Bibles) tells of God's dismissal of an unworthy servant and of his appointment of one who will be faithful. Our Lord will be the faithful servant holding the key of the house of David.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 138)

R/. **Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. ®

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. ®

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. ®

The Second Reading

Romans 11: 33-36

(New Testament Page 134 in the Bibles) we hear Paul's hymn of praise of the great might and mercy of God.

Gospel Acclamation

(STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia!

The Gospel

Matthew 16: 13-20

(New Testament Page 15 in the Bibles) the Lord promises to Peter the keys of the kingdom. Peter, as the servant of Christ, will share in our Lord's authority over his Church.

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, we praise God for his wisdom, which is beyond our understanding, but which he graciously shares with us in order that we may fulfil his purposes.

Intercessor: For the Church, the Bishops as successors to the Apostles, especially *Jonathan*, our Bishop, that they may use the power of the keys wisely, according to God's plan...

V/. Lord, hear us.

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

For world leaders, and all who accept the burden of public office, that the powers of evil may not prevail over them, and that they may actively promote the common good....

For our parish and for our families, the poor and the disadvantaged, that they may not be overlooked, treated with contempt, or underestimated; and for all in need in our community...

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

For the souls of those who have died, that the eternal love of the Lord may cleanse and perfect them, 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...**23rd** Hilda Martinez, Leslie Braggins, Godson Ononeme; **25th** Nikolas Dixon; **28th** Morgan Morgans, Norman Tombs; **29th** Betty Dickinson, John Hughes...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Father, source of all wisdom, your Son entrusted his power to his Church. Harken to our prayers we beseech you, and by your grace and strength fulfil your plan in our lives. 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