

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: Ballet des Matelotz - Michael Praetorius**

*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:**

**Wednesday**

**Feria**

18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles

*Intention: For the Local Employers & their Employees*

**Thursday**

**Feria**

10:30 Mass at All Saints

*Intention: For our Church Architect: Camilla Finlay*

**Friday**

**Feria**

12:00n Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles

*Intention: For our Refuse Collectors and Street Cleaners*

**Next Sunday:**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles

11:15am Family Mass at All Saints

*Intention: The Parish*

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

*'Judge not and you will not be judged.'* Lord, it is easy to forget these words of yours, so easy to condemn. Give us hearts filled with compassion, forgiving hearts, generous hearts, listening hearts, May we lift those who have fallen, calm those who are frightened, forgive those who have done wrong, welcome back those who have strayed. So may we receive from you what we give to others - mercy without judgement, and your redeeming love.

**Next Sunday:**

I hope to publish the next edition of the 'Newsletter' in addition to the Mass Sheet. Please encourage those who are still shielding and/or self-isolating who would like a copy to let the Rector know and he will ensure that one is posted to them.

Also next Sunday, as the following day, Monday 14th September, is Holy Cross Day, this years Palm Crosses, which were blessed on Palm Sunday, will be distributed. Again these can be added to the Newsletters that will be posted for those still not attending Mass in Church.



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

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
6th September 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)**

Ezekiel began delivering his prophecies about 592 years before the birth of Christ ... while the people of Judah were exiled in Babylon. In the Sistine Chapel fresco above, the scroll that Ezekiel is holding could either represent his prophecies written down, or it might symbolize a unique order that God gave to him before he began prophesying:

*It was then I saw a hand stretched out to me, in which was a written scroll ... He said to me: Son of man, eat what is before you; eat this scroll, then go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth and he gave me the scroll to eat. I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. He said: Son of man, go now to the house of Israel, and speak my words to them.*

Ezekiel 2:9; 3:1,2,3b,4

# 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.**

**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/. Promise unto the Lord, your God, and keep it, all ye 'round a-bout him. Bring presents unto him that ought to be feared, and to him who refrains the spirit of princes, and is wonderful among all the kings of the earth.

In Judah is God known \*  
his name is great in Israel.

In Salem also is his tabernacle \*  
and his dwelling place in Zion.

There brake he the arrows of the bow \*  
the shield, the sword, the battle.

Thou didst cause judgement to be heard from heaven \*  
the earth feared and was still

**Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: 'Tranquillo' Capriol Suite - Peter Warlock**

*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 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,

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.**

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)

### Prayer Thought

Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on the depth of our Christian Discipleship, and to accept fraternal correction. This is because God desires to enkindle the fire of his love in our hearts by drawing us gently into the peace that stills our restless hearts.

(STAND)

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Organ Introit: Air from 'Water Music' - G F Handel**

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

Righteous art thou, O Lord and true is thy judgment: O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy.

Ps. Blessed art those who are undefiled in the way \* and who walk in the law of the Lord.

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 God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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**

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

*(Old Testament Page 720 in the Bibles) points out that if a prophet -and so a pastor - fails to warn and admonish, he too is responsible for those who do wrong and go astray.*

### **The Responsorial Psalm**

*(from Psalm 95)*

**R/. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. ®

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. ®

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' ®

### **The Second Reading**

Romans 13: 8-10

*(New Testament Page 135 in the Bibles) reminds us that genuine love of others will ensure that we will carry out our obligations and will never hurt others.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.  
**Alleluia!**

### **The Gospel**

Matthew 18: 15-20

*(New Testament Page 17 in the Bibles) our Lord reminds me that I am by brother's keeper. I may have an obligation to correct and advise one who is doing wrong.*

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 his grace Christ the Lord, who is in the midst of us, has gathered us in his name. Let us pray that our prayers in his name will be granted by our heavenly Father..

*Intercessor:* That all the members of the universal Church may walk together in the unity for which Christ prayed...

V/. Lord, hear us.

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

That the leaders of the nations may respect and uphold the dignity and worth of each person, and avoid repression and dehumanising policies and actions....

For our parish and for all whose actions separate them from the Church, that they may be reconciled to Christ and his Church....

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, Lilit, James, Peter, Rosie, Fr Francis Rodriguez-Veglio, Susie, Eileen Scarff, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, David, Adam Viard, Eric, Ida...

That the dead may be cleansed and prepared for eternal unity with Christ, especially...Gail Anderson, Beryl Beach, Lucinda Lourie, Georgia Martin, Florence Ononeme, Wesley Salter, Jonny Thorp, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**6th** John Roberts, Laura Smith; **7th** Ann Shirley, Daphne Manistre; **8th** Diana Smith; **9th** Mary Rogers, Ernest Berrill; **10th** Jane Gent, Edie Copping; **11th** Jessie Millar, Alma Crompton; **12th** May Card, Bernard May, Frank Pugh...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

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

*Priest:* Lord God, our Father, grant the prayers of your people, joined to those of Jesus, our brother, priest and king, 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:***

I, Daniel unto my God have prayed, saying  
"Hear, O Lord, the prayer of thy servant.  
Cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary,  
and mercifully behold this thy people,  
which is called by thy name, O God.