

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,
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: Menuet Gothique - Leon Boellmann

*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 **Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs**
18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles
Intention: For the Local Employers & their Employees

Thursday **St Hildegard, Abbess**
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

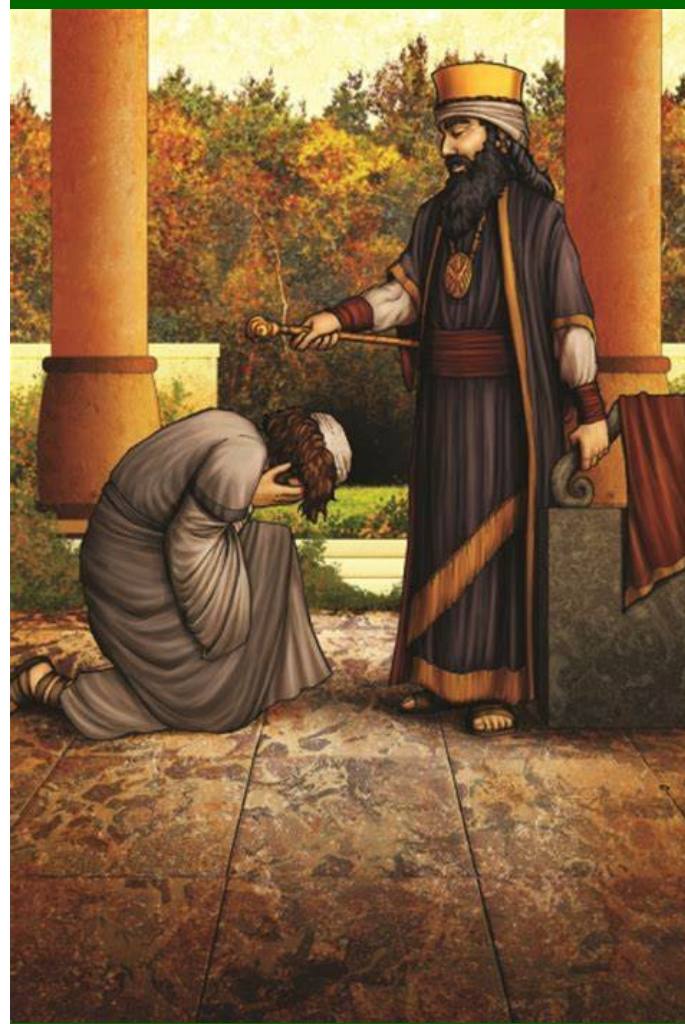
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
11:15am Family Mass at All Saints
Intention: The Parish

A Prayer to use after Mass

O God, it is easy to love the whole world, but hard to love the person who works next to me. O God, it is easy to campaign for world peace, but hard to contribute to the peace within my own home. O God, it is easy to be fascinated by some new truth, but miss you in the thing that I have known so long. O God, it is easy to share my home and my possessions with people I like, but hard with people I find it hard to tolerate. Help me today to say something, or do something that will make a difference to the discouraged, to the inexperienced, to the despairing. Let not my selfish concerns cut me off from any one today.



**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,
Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**
**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
13th 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)**

The Gospel Reading this morning gives us cause to reflect on how merciful we are towards others. It perhaps comes easy for us to want to receive mercy, but how good are we at being merciful to others? Whilst desiring mercy ourselves how can we continue to have enmity in our hearts towards others who offend us? If we adopt a hard-hearted stance and cannot bring ourselves to forgive, then do we not run the risk of following in the footsteps of the merciless servant? That merciless servant, we might think, deserved his punishment, yet this example should give us a reason to pause before condemning. The reason it is wise to pause and reflect is that we are all called to give an account to God. We are called to be merciful, because in so doing we also receive mercy.

The day of judgement has not yet come for us. We still have time to put our affairs in order. We still can forgive all our enemies from our heart. If we do not, we are cutting ourselves off from the possibility of having our own sins and offenses forgiven by God. We have the solemn word of the Lord for this in the lesson he draws from the parable. As harsh a lesson as it may seem, it is a salutary one that we do well to pay attention to.

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.

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/. Bring presents and come into his courts;
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

O sing unto the Lord a new song *
sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord bless his name *
show forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen *
his wonders among all people.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: Berceuse - Louis Vierne

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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Moses sanctified an altar unto the Lord, offering upon it burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings; and he made an evening sacrifice for a sweet smelling offering unto the Lord God, in full sight of the children of Israel.

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

Prayer Thought

We come to the altar that we may meet with the Lord in a life-giving encounter. It is only as he lives in us and we in him that we shall be able to live in harmony with our neighbour. We gather, then, resolved once more to put our hands into the hand of God and to know his love and mercy in our lives.

(STAND)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Introit: Priere a Notre-Dame - Leon Boellmann

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

Give peace O Lord, unto them that wait for thee, and let thy prophets be found to be faithful; O hear the prayers of thy servants, and of thy people Israel.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me *
we will go into the house 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, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7

(Old Testament Page 559 in the Bibles) tells us, very clearly, that we, who hope for forgiveness from God, must be willing to forgive others.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 95)

**R/. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. ®

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. ®

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. ®

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. ®

The Second Reading

Romans 14: 7-9

(New Testament Page 135 in the Bibles) we are warned that we may not act as we please. What we do, or fail to do, affects others. And, in any case, we belong to the Lord and are his servants.

Gospel Acclamation

(STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

The Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

(New Testament Page 17 in the Bibles) Jesus, through a parable, brings home to us the lesson of the first reading. We have received unlimited forgiveness from God; he expects us to be generous in forgiving others.

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, everyday we pray that God will forgive us our sins as we are prepared to forgive our neighbour. Let us seek the mercy of our loving heavenly Father.

Intercessor: For the Church and her ministry of bringing healing to penitents...

V/. Lord, hear us.

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

For those people among the nations who are skilled in diplomacy, that their work in areas of tension may bear the fruit of harmony peace and justice....

For our parish, the strengthening of our common life, and for all who find it difficult to forgive and harbour resentments...

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

That our beloved dead may have have mercy shown them by our heavenly Father, especially...Gail Anderson, John Beales, Stanley Groves, Lucinda Lourie, Georgia Martin, Wesley Salter, Jonny Thorp, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**13th** Derek Crook; **14th** Roy Goodman, Stanley Longhurst, Christine Rose, Derek Savage; **15th** James Marchant, Daphne Manistre; **16th** Samuel Edwards, Alan Haycock, Edna Haysman; Graham Sanders (*priest*); **17th** Reginald Humphreys; **18th** Charles Bates; **19th** John Taylor, Sidney Quick, Honor Salter, Eric Westley...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Most merciful and gracious Father, slow to anger, and rich in compassion, we beseech you to grant our petitions, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**