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 now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

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**R/. Be it unto me according to thy word.**

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V/. And the Word was made flesh;  
**R/. And dwelt among us.**

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 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: Toccata in Seven - John Rutter**

*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:**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feria</b>
	18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>For those Isolating or Shielding</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St Teresa of Avila, Virgin &amp; Doctor</b>
	10:30 Mass at All Saints
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>For Spiritual Directors</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St Margaret Mary Aloccoque, Virgin</b>
	12:00n Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>For Devotion &amp; Fidelity to Christ</i>
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
	11:15am Family Mass at All Saints
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>The Parish</i>

**Prayer after Mass:** In this Eucharist, Lord, you are as truly present to me as to Saint Paul in his active life and when he was in prison. Like him, I now put my trust in you as my inmost friend. Be my guide and inspiration in all circumstances, so that I too am able to say: 'I can do all things in him who strengthens me'.

**PARISH NOTICES**

**Election of Churchwardens & Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** the election of Churchwardens will take place during the notices in both our Parish Churches at Mass next Sunday (18th). The APCM will take place in St Mary & St Giles Church on Tuesday 20th October at 7:00pm. Nomination forms for the Office of Churchwarden and for the Parochial Church Council are available from the Rector.

**Thank you:** to everyone who brought gifts of food to mark Harvest Thanksgiving in support of the MK Foodbank. The gifts from All Saints were collected last Thursday and those from St Mary & St Giles will be collected this week. So if you have brought your gifts today we can still ensure that they reach the Foodbank.

**Sacristy & Vestry Roof at St Mary & St Giles:** sadly the condition of the roof and the pointing of the exterior wall is far more serious than we had hoped. A full report will follow in the next Newsletter.



**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,  
 Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**  
**THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 11th October 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)*

How foolish the Pharisees were in not listening to our Lord's warnings. He gave them every opportunity to turn away from the false path which their pride had chosen for them. His divine heart was ever ready to embrace them if only they would say "mea culpa." "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone them that are sent to you, how often would I have gathered together your children, as the hen does her chickens under her wings, and you would not" (Mt. 23:37)? "God created us without our cooperation," says St. Augustine. "but he cannot save us unless we cooperate."

We can also make the same mistake as the Pharisees. We are invited to the wedding feast; in fact, we are already in the banquet hall, since our baptism; but are we wearing the wedding garment of virtue and grace? If not, we are no better off than those who rejected the invitation. The king may come in at any moment and cast out those who are not properly dressed. Being a member of the Church on earth is a wonderful privilege, and a sure guarantee that we will reach heaven, if we do what is expected of us. But the same obstacles which prevented the Pharisees from entering the kingdom - love of this world, its wealth and its pleasures - can impede us too, unless we are on our guard. The world with its allurements is very close to us; heaven seems very far away. Thus we must be prepared to do away with our base inclinations, to go against them whenever and wherever "the things that are Caesar's" tend to blot out or make us forget "the things that are God's."

This implies a daily carrying of the cross, a daily struggle against our evil inclinations, a daily endeavour to acquire true love of God and neighbour. This may sound beyond our capabilities, but Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible, and we are promised that he is with us on our journey and that the Holy Spirit will guide us. Our Lord Jesus Christ led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He also calls us to follow him and has placed within our reach in his Church all the grace we need through his Word and Sacraments. If we neglect to avail ourselves of these divine helps, if we are found without the wedding garment, then the parable this morning shows us the consequences of our neglect. In our modern age it is common to embrace a culture of blame when things go wrong for ourselves, sometimes yes we are let down, but very often we fail because we do not accept responsibility for our thoughts, words and deeds. However, the call remains, it is addressed to each of us today and every day. We have been called with the many. We can be among the 'chosen.' Are we prepared to accept the call to take up our cross and follow Christ?

# 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 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 not wearing masks inside our churches during worship when they should be are putting others at risk of infection, and are politely asked to ensure that from now on they wear masks - or if not a face shield. If you have a written exemption from your GP (N.B. Lanyards are not proof) 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 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/. Take thou from me reproach and contempt, for thy commands are pleasant, O Lord, and thy testimonies have I truly kept.

Turn away my reproach which I fear \*  
for thy judgments are good.

Behold I long after thy precepts \*  
quicken me in thy righteousness.

And I will walk at liberty \*  
for I seek thy precepts.

Let thy mercies come unto me \*  
that I may live.

I understand more than the ancients \*  
because I keep thy precepts.

**Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: Priere - Noel Rawsthorne**

*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.

sight of the King.

*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, 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.

### Prayer Thought

*We are all welcome guests at the altar of the Lord. When we gather for the Eucharist, it is God's invitation we are answering. God wants us here. So let us celebrate in God's presence with joy and devotion.*

(STAND)

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Organ Introit: Prelude - William Harris**

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

If thou, O Lord wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? For with thee there is great mercy, O God of Israel.

Ps. Out of the deep I have called unto thee, O Lord \*  
Lord, hear my voice.

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 and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 First Reading**

Isaiah 25: 6-10

*(Old Testament Page 598 in the Bibles) an Old Testament prophet speaks of a great feast God was to give to men at a future date. This banquet was a symbol of Christ's religion and of eternal union of the just with God in heaven. We are all invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.*

### **The Responsorial Psalm**

*(from Psalm 23)*

**R/. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. ⑥

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. ⑥

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. ⑥

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. ⑥

### **The Second Reading**

Philippians 4: 12-14,19-20

*(New Testament Page 167 in the Bibles) Paul speaks of his detachment from material goods, from riches and from poverty. He relies on God alone.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might know what is the hope to which he has called us. **Alleluia!**

### **The Gospel**

Matthew 22: 1-14

*(New Testament Page 20 in the Bibles) contains the parable of the wedding feast. We are all members of the Church and invited to eternal union With Christ. But we shall be cast out unless we have the wedding garment of good works.*

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 Fa-  
ther 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, almighty God invites us to his banquet of life, let us pray to him with all our hearts...

*Intercessor:* that the Church Militant here in earth may thrive and grow so as to draw many to the feast of the Kingdom...

V/. Lord, hear us.

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

For the world and all its peoples that peace, justice and harmony may prevail and that none may evade the call to the kingdom....

For our parish, that we may seek to fill the hungry with God's bounty, and that we may be found worthy to come to the supper of the Lamb of God...

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

That the dead may live in the house of the Lord and rejoice in the banquet of eternal life, in particular we are asked to pray for... Carl Done, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**11th** Charles Read, Robert Bryant; **12th** John Eales, Ivan Bazeley, Ivy Black, Marion Crook; **13th** Graham Faithful; **14th** Charlotte Ollington, Noel Bradbury; **15th** William Roebuck, Stuart Kay; **16th** Frances Perceval...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

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

*Priest:* Most generous Father, you call us to share your bounty and to share your love with all. Mindful of all that your Son has won for us, may we always share in your continuing mission of redemption. 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:*

Remember me, O Lord, of all power the King, give eloquent speech in my mouth, that my words may be pleasing in the