

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: Prelude in G Major (BWV 550) - J S Bach

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 **Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles**
18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles
Intention: For the Government, SAGE & PHE

Thursday **Feria**
10:30am Mass at St Mary & St Giles

Friday **Feria**
12:00n Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles
Intention: For the Faithful Departed

Next Sunday: THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
11:15am Family Mass at All Saints
Intention: The Parish

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

Remembrance Sunday: there cannot be any observance at the War Memorial this year. The observance will be in church and limited to entry by ticket. Further details are included in the November edition of the Parish Newsletter.

All Souls Day (2nd November): Masses will be said at 09:30 in St Mary & St Giles and at 12:00noon in All Saints. Pious Lists for each Mass will available in each church prior to the Mass on the day.

Parish Sick List: I would be grateful to know of the condition of all those included in this list so as to maintain its accuracy. Thank you.



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

**THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
25th October AD 2020**

"Teacher, which is the greatest
commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord
your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and
with all your mind." This is
the first and greatest
commandment.

And the second is like it:
'Love your neighbor as
yourself.' All the Law and
the Prophets hang on these
two commandments."

Matthew 22:36-40

**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 Pharisees may not have had evil intentions when asking Christ the question as to the greatest commandment. But they have done us a good service by getting this crystal clear answer from him. In this answer he tells us that the man who loves God and neighbour fulfils all his obligations, and carries out all the duties that God's self-revelation in "the law and the prophets" imposes on him. God revealed himself to us in the Old Testament as our Creator and divine benefactor. He had no need of us, since he is infinitely perfect in himself, but out of his infinite goodness he wished to share his eternal kingdom of happiness with mankind and so he created us. That we should love such a benefactor and be grateful to him is not asking much of us; such love should surely be the spontaneous reaction of a rational being, and yet there were and there are many who fail to acknowledge any such obligation.

No Christian, worthy of the name, can ever be among such thoughtless and thankless people. We have greater proofs of God's love for us than "the law and the prophets" gave to the Israelites. We have the added proofs of God's infinite interest in us brought to us by the Incarnation. We have been raised to the sublime status of adopted sons of God.

Where Christians can, and too often do fail, is in their true love of neighbour. Yet Christ says that this commandment is like the first. Love of neighbour is an essential part of our obligations toward God. If we fail in this we fail in our love for God, for we refuse to carry out this sacred duty. If we do not recognize our neighbor as our brother, we do not recognize God as our Father and we do not love him. As St. John puts it: "Anyone who says 'I love God' and hates (does not love) his neighbour is a liar" (1 Jn. 3: 20).

Let each one of us ask himself today how seriously he takes this law of fraternal charity and how faithfully he carries it out. Not all of us may be able to give material help to a neighbour in need but the poorest of us can spare a kindly word, an encouraging word, for a neighbour weighed down with cares and troubles. All of us can pray for a neighbour who needs spiritual and temporal help. Most of us can deny ourselves some unnecessary luxuries in order to give a needed loaf of bread to a hungry fellowman, while those who have an abundance of this world's goods need not look far afield to find cases and causes worthy of their Christian charity.

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/. I will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of the Lord, our own God, we will set up our banners.

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble *
the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

Send thee help from the sanctuary *
and strengthen thee out of Zion.

Remember all thy offerings *
and accept thy burnt sacrifice.

Grant thee according to thine own heart *
and fulfil all thy counsel.

Some trust in chariots, some in horses *
but we in the name of the Lord God.

They are brought down and fallen *
but we are risen and stand upright.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: He shall feed his flock like a Shepherd (Messiah) - Handel

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.

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.

Prayer Thought

When we come together for Mass we are invited to listen to Jesus words and rarely do we hear such a basic word as we do today about loving God and our fellow human beings. Human love is a mirror and a window to the mysterious love of God. We want to thank God for the many wonderful people given to us as real living signs of love.

(STAND)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Introit: Sarabande & Interlude - Herbert Sumsion

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

Rejoice, ye hearts that seek the Lord; seek ye the Lord, and his great strength; seek ye his face alway.

Ps. O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name * make known his deeds among the people.

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Exodus 22: 20-26

(Old Testament Page 56 in the Bibles) we are reminded of our duty to be kind to the underprivileged members of our society. They are the objects of God's Special care, and we should be generous towards them.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 18)

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. ®

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. ®

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

(New Testament Page 171 in the Bibles) tells us that the Thessalonians who had followed Paul's instructions and imitated his example became model Christians. Paul assured them that they could look forward with confidence to the second coming of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If a man loves me, he will keep my words, says the Lord;
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia!

The Gospel

Matthew 22: 34-40

(New Testament Page 21 in the Bibles) shows that the law of love must be the guiding principle of Christian life. Our love must be directed both to God and to man.

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, as servants of the living God, our Saviour, our Rock, our Mighty Help, let us turn to him in humble prayer...

Intercessor: For the Church our Mother and Teacher guiding us to live according to the two great commandments...

V/. Lord, hear us.

R/. Lord, graciously hear us.

For leaders of governments throughout the world they they might live according to these commandments of love and inspire their people o love and serve the One True God and their neighbour....

For our parish, especially for those who are isolated, widowed, orphaned, recently unemployed, struggling financially, or deprived of justice...

For those whose vocation is to serve the sick and the aged in our community, and for those they serve amongst them.....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...

For the souls of those who have died that they may know the joy and peace of the Risen Lord, in particular we are asked to pray for... Carl Done, Bobby Wain, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them..25th Florence Read, Jerome Halliwell; 26th Paul Manchester; 28th Cynthia Greenall, Kate Shillingford; 29th Elizabeth Bailey; 30th Edward John Payne (priest), Dennis Poynter; 31st John Gent, Sylvia Tombs...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Almighty Father grant that, according to your will and as taught by your only-begotten Son, we may love you with all our heart, soul and mind and strive to love one another as ourselves. We ask this through the same 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:

O Lord quicken thou me according unto thy word, that I may know thy testimonies