**Sunday 20th September 2015**

**Feast of Dedication**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***Celebration Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *German Mass - Schubert*

Motet:

Entrance Hymn: *109* Offertory Hymn: *S Giles Hymn*

Communion Hymns: *45*

Recessional Hymn: *113*

Voluntary: *Improvisation sur le Tedeum - Tournemire*

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*arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes*

*one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and*

*anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who*

*sent me. Mark 9.37*

What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart – who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

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**Psalter Week 1**

**Sunday Readings: Year B. Weekday Readings: Year 1.**

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**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

S Matthew, Apostle

12.00 Low Mass

Tuesday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

S Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

18.00 Evensong

Our Lady of Walsingham

09.00 Mattins

16.30 Evensong

Friday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time

11.00 Mattins

11.30 Bible Study

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Saturday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

21 September

Tuesday

22 September

Wednesday

23 September

Thursday

24 September

Friday

25 September

Saturday

26 September

**Sunday**

**27 September**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

*We welcome any visitors here this morning and hope that you will stay for refreshments after the service.*

This Monday is the **feast of St Matthew**, we will have a Low Mass at 12noon.

Many thanks to those who help with Heritage Days and Ride and Stride!

Bible Study will resume THIS COMING FRIDAY (25 September).

**SINNERS AND SAINTS** series will continue on Thursday 24 Sept. at 7.30.  Our speaker will be the Bishop of Reading, speaking about S Ephram the Syriac.

*If you have any notices that require adding to the sheet, please contact Anne or Geoff Canterbury at canterbury@ntlworld.com or 0118 961 0525 by Wednesday of the previous week.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***Greatly to be feared is God in his sanctuary: he, the God of Israel, gives power and strength to his people. Blessed to God.***

**COLLECT**

O God, who year by year renew for us the day when this your holy temple was consecrated, hear the prayers of your people and grant that in this place for you there may always be pure worship and for us, fullness of redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

**THE FIRST READING** (Wisdom 2: 12; 17-20)

*A reading from the book of Wisdom.*

The godless say to themselves, "Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law

and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death

since he will be looked after - we have his word for it."

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 83

**Response:** ***How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of Hosts***

***or***

 ***Here God lives among men***

My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home and the swallow a nest for her brood;

she lays her young by your altars, Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house for ever singing your praise.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

The threshold of the house of God I prefer to the dwelling of the wicked.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (James 3: 16 - 4: 3)

*A reading from the letter of St James.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayedproperly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***I shall make my home above them says the Lord, I will be their God and they shall be my people.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Mark 9: 30-37)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the qreatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all." He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Recalling the day when you were pleased to fill your house with glory and holiness, O Lord, we pray that you may make of us a sacrificial offering always acceptable to you. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***You are the temple of God, and God's Spirit dwells in you. The temple of God is holy; you are that temple.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
May the people consecrated to you, O Lord, we pray, receive the fruits and joy of your blessing, that the festive homage they have offered you today in the body may redound upon them as a spiritual gift. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***