



PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Farrell Valmond, David Kankam,

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED : Daniel Daley, John Brady, Pearly Agnes Hendrick, Mary Margaret Anthony-muthu.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Alexis Watine, Charlie Martins Kennefick, Isabella Di Fede.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal: Centrality of the Human Person
That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre.

Evangelization: **Mission to Evangelize**

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

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SALVE REGINA
Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of Mercy,
Hail, our life,
our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
Poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up
our sighs,
Mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious
advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile,
Show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

SANCTUARY LAMP
has been sponsored this week
IN THANKSGIVING.
**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM** has been sponsored
**IN MEMORY OF
WILMA PRIMMER RIP**



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The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 11th September 2016 THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors and particularly those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.



TODAY'S MASS

"Christ welcomes and forgives sinners"

The story of the prodigal son is one of the most famous ever told by Jesus. The father in this story is merciful to his wayward son because he loves him and forgives him his past misdeeds. God is our Father who forgives us because he loves us. We should have no fear in returning to him no matter what we have done in the past. Our forgiveness is found in Christ who came into the world to forgive sinners.

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

By wanting to have for themselves a God conveniently to hand—the golden calf—the people, just like the prodigal son, left their God and the Father who had begotten them at the exodus from Egypt. When Moses pleads, God remembers his promises. His grace and pardon will always be greater than the unfaithfulness of his children.

Second Reading: First letter of St. Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

A son of Israel, a wilful child of the God of the promises, Paul had been seized, pardoned and saved by Christ. This was the foundation of his apostolic mission: to bear witness to the gospel of grace.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

The prodigal son is not first and foremost a model of conversion, rather the emphasis lies in the mercy of the father and his joy at finding the sinner again. Jesus, too, welcomed sinners. The Pharisees, the elder sons of the Kingdom, were conscious of their faithfulness and privilege to the point of taking scandal at this. Yet Christ was only giving practical expression to the father's invitation to all his children.

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

The generous attitude of Jesus to 'tax collectors and sinners' scandalised those who saw themselves as the guardians of Israel's true traditions. Luke gives us three parables with which Jesus responded directly to this criticism – he was, he said, giving expression to the merciful ways of his Father. The best know of the three, of course, is the story of the son who, after foolishly squandering his inheritance, is received back by his rejoicing father.

When we recognise how this elaborate story fits into the message that was central to Jesus teaching, we understand that it conveys far more than the brief parables before it. The story hinges on the relationship between the lost son and his father. The real shortcoming of the son, as the story shows, was not his prodigality, but the fact that, though he has lived with his father all his years, he had not had the generosity of spirit that would bring him to understand the love his father had for him. Even when he comes to his senses, his attitude is that of a mercenary – though he has lost the rights of a son, his father is a good man, he will give him a place among his slaves. Jesus saw his immediate mission as calling the nation to identify with the ways of the God of the covenant. Their situation is like that of the prodigal; they have lived for centuries in covenant with God; and they have found themselves in

exile for their infidelities; but even after their return they are far from appreciating the ways of the God of the covenant, and the loving designs God has for them. The elder brother in the story - whose relationship to his father, and his claim on his father, is established by his 'obeying the orders' he has received – also has the outlook of a mercenary. It is clear that he stands for the leaders who should have led God's people to an understanding of God's loving and generous ways, but have persuaded themselves that they show their faithfulness to the covenant by an exact observance of the requirements of the Law. Jesus is calling God's people to learn at last the clear message of the covenant experience, the loving, merciful and inclusive ways in the heart of his Father.

The words of the father in the story, to the sulking elder brother, are filled with the sorrow of Jesus' appeal: 'My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours'. The 'best robe', the 'ring', the 'sandals' and the 'feast', all marks of special regard, point to a mercy and generosity that have no limits. We are left to imagine the aftermath. Surely, the son's life is transformed, as he comes, at last, to share in the love in the heart of his father. The future the Saviour promises to the world, in fact, will be a sharing in the love of his Father.



MINIBUS—DRIVERS DESPERATELY WANTED! St George's provides a minibus service for those who are less able-bodied to get to the 11.15am Mass on Sunday. This is highly important for those who use the service. Could you help driving or assisting once a month? Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you are able to help in any way.

CHURCH CLEANERS - Would you like to join our happy team of cleaners who keep our church wonderfully clean and tidy. Could you lend an hour a month to help? If you can, please ring Julia on 020 8904 5324 or contact the Parish Office.

REPOSITORY AFTER 5.30PM MASS - We are looking for a responsible adult to take care of the Parish Repository after the 5.30pm Sunday Mass. If you are able to help please speak to Margaret Nunn or one of the Parish Team. Thank you!

NEW MUMS & TODDLERS GROUP - We are hoping to start-up a new Mums & Toddlers Group at St. George's this year. It would be open to all mums and toddlers of the Parish and provide a happy informal space for mums and toddlers to meet together on a weekly basis. If you are a mum and would be interested in helping with this new initiative please contact Dorina on 07929 758 767 or dorina1@gmail.com.

CHURCH LAMPS: If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office..

PANTO 2017: There will be a meeting on Monday 12 September at 8.30pm in the Russell Room for Adults (children in year 12 and above) . All budding actors and backstage crew are invited to register their interest in taking part in next January's Panto at the above meeting. No previous experience necessary! A meeting for those children interested in being part of the chorus will be held in November. If you are unable to attend the meeting and want to take part, please contact Greg Birch on 07990 566929

SET DANCING/CEILI DANCING at St. George's will be back on Tuesday 13th September and every Tuesday at 8.45pm. £4 entry. All are welcome – dancing partner not essential. Any profit made goes to charity. Please ring Patsy on 07533587348 for further information.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING at the home of Rosemary Turnbull, 972 Harrow Road (next door to the church) on Friday 30th September at 10am-11.30am. Entrance of £3 includes coffee and cake. With raffle, tombola, cake and plant stall. **ALL WELCOME.**

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Canonisation of Mother Teresa on Friday 16th September 2016 at 5.30pm at the Cathedral.

CAFOD Supporters Morning - Saturday 17th September. Meeting will take place at 10am at CAFOD Westminster Volunteer Centre, 1st floor, Catholic Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, London N14 4HE. Bookings taken on 0208 449 6970 or e mail westminster@cafod.org.uk

CARITAS WESTMINSTER: On Thursday 22nd September, Caritas Westminster will be sending a team of staff and volunteers to visit the Jungle in Calais. Please help by donating listed items by Friday 16th September to St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burrough's, Hendon, London NW4 4TY. Or call: 0207 931 6077.

Items needed for donation:

Toiletries: Shampoo/Conditioner/Hair Oil/Body oil/Moisturiser. **Food:** Dried foods eg., rice, pasta/Herbs & spices/ Cooking Oils/Canned foods e.g. fruit, veg, soups, beans/UHT milk/ No pork products please. **Clothes:** Jackets/Men's T-shirts/New Underwear/Shoes/Sandals Slippers. **Miscellaneous:** Toilet Paper/Tissues/Bicycles.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ITEMS CANNOT BE LEFT IN THE PARISH OFFICE BUT NEED TO BE DELIVERED BY YOURSELVES.

WHITE/YELLOW FOLDER INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING: (See in church porch)

- ◆ **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics.
- ◆ **SMART LOVING SEMINAR** for married couples.
- ◆ **CATHOLIC SINGLES** information
- ◆ **RETOUVAILLE**—a lifeline for married couples.
- ◆ **WIDOWED YOUNG**—support events.
- ◆ **CALIX CENTRE**—A Catholic ministry to addicts.
- ◆ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.**—new information.
- ◆ **PREMISES ASSISTANT** at St. Dominic's Sixth Form College.
- ◆ **DIOCESAN VACANCIES.** Please see folder and website for latest details
- ◆ **SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS**—details in folder for Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School (1st and 6th Form), The Sacred Heart Language, St. Dominic's Sixth Form College, Convent of Jesus & Mary Language College.

FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges .

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NEWS & VIEWS



WELCOME to all who have come to Mass today. Please stay on if you are able, for TEA & COFFEE after the 9.45am and 11.15am Masses, in the Parish Centre.

NEW TO THE PARISH? if you are, please know you are very welcome. Please fill in one of the new parishioners forms at the back of church and we'll get back to you ASAP

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 11 September:

Teas/coffees. After 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 12 September:

The Big Picture 1.00pm
Befriending Training 6.30pm
Panto Meeting 8.30am

Tuesday 13 September:

Set Dancing: 8.45pm

Wednesday 14 September:

The Big Picture 7.30pm
Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm

Thursday 15 September:

Prayer Group 8.00pm
Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

Friday 16 September:

Teas after morning Mass

RETURNING PARISH GROUPS:

OVER 60'S CLUB: Tuesday 13th September at 1.00pm
SET DANCING: Tuesday 13th September at 8.30pm
PRAYER GROUP: Thursday 15th September at 8.00pm
FRIENDS OF JESUS: Friday 23rd September at 5.30pm

TEA & COFFEE after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses will now be in the new Bar-Café. Come and give it a try!

CAN YOU HELP...as we'd like to run a small sweet shop after the 9.45am Mass, but we need someone or some people to co-ordinate it. It won't be an arduous task! Just speak to one of the Parish Team.

HOLY BAPTISM: Information packs are available from the parish office. You can sign up there for the preparation evening. Parents to be, i.e. before birth, are welcome to attend. Please note that our next baptism preparation evening will be on Friday 30th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre..

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17: If your child is in Year 3, or for some reason has not yet received their First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, you are welcome to join the First Holy Communion Programme this year. Please ensure you pick up a First Holy Communion Enrolment Form from the back of

church today and bring your completed form to the Meeting for Parents/Carers only in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm.

DIVINE MERCY—afternoon of prayer in St George's on Sunday 2nd October. More news soon.

FRIENDS OF JESUS: The Parish offers Religious Education for children of primary school not attending a Catholic school. The Friends of Jesus meets on Fridays during term-time for an hour at 5.30pm. If you are interested in finding out more about the Friends of Jesus please pick up an Information Leaflet on your way out of church. Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS are still awaiting collection from the parish office.

RCIA: Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming Catholic? Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Church. Did you miss out on the Sacrament of Confirmation as a young adult? In October we will be starting a new series of enquiry sessions (called RCIA). If of interest please pick up a leaflet at the back of church today and/or speak to one of the Parish Team.

CATECHISTS— Would you like to serve the Sacramental Programme at St. George's for First Holy Communion or Confirmation from 2016-17? Please contact the Parish Team if you would like to help. Full training will be provided.

BEFRIENDING- Are you interested in befriending vulnerable people in the Parish?. If you have an hour or two to spare during the week and would like to help please contact one of the Parish Team. Caritas will be coming to lead a training session this coming week—6.30pm On Monday 12th September. If you are interested in attending please contact peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: If you would like to serve as an Extraordinary Minister Holy Communion, in particular for the 6.15pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 5.30pm Sunday Mass, please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Full training will be provided.

READERS - Would you like to read at the Saturday Vigil or one of the Sunday Masses? We are always happy to welcome new readers onto our rota so, if you would like to get involved with this ministry, please just speak to one of the Parish Team. Thank you.

KNEELERS - PLEASE take care of our new kneelers by keeping your feet off them. Please ask your children to do likewise. Thank you.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm, **WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am, **HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15-6.00pm **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm and any time by appointment, **DIVINE MERCY:** Tuesday 10.30am, **PRAYER GROUP:** Thursday 8.00pm **FRIENDS OF JESUS:** Friday 5.30pm.

G	Sun	11 Sept	24th of the YEAR	Sat. Vigil	6.15pm	John Brady RIP
					8.30am	Ann & Anthony Patten RIP
					9.45am	Jane Emma Lucy Intentions
					11.15am	Pearly Agnes Hendrick RIP RIP
					5.30pm	PRO POPULO
W	Mon	12 Sept	The Most Holy Name		9.30am	Kay Harrington RIP
			of Mary			
w	Tues	13 Sept	S. John Chrysostom		9.30am	Jimmy Philbin RIP
R	Wed	14 Sept	Exaltation of the Holy		9.30am	Fatima Daaz Intentions
			Cross			
W	Thur	15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows		9.30am	Daniel Daley RIP
R	Fri	16 Sept	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian		9.30am	Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP
						Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP
						Hermosinda Toucedo RIP
W	Sat	17 Sept	S. Robert Bellarmine		9.30am	Mary Casey RIP



A NEW SAINT

Last Sunday Mother Teresa of Calcutta (or Kolkata) was made a saint of the Church, just 19 years after her death.

The ceremony to proclaim the Nobel peace prize laureate,

who is recognised globally for her work with poor people in the slums of Kolkata in India, drew 100,000 pilgrims from around the world to St Peter's Square in Vatican City.

"For the honour of the Blessed Trinity ... we declare and define Blessed Teresa of Kolkata to be a saint and we enrol her among the saints, decreeing that she is to be venerated as such by the whole Church," Pope Francis, who presided over the ceremony, said

in Latin.

The pontiff said that even though the nun had been declared a saint, she would always be Mother Teresa to the Catholic family.

Echoing his own vision of a "poor church for the poor", Pope Francis described Mother Teresa's work as "eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor".

"Mother Teresa loved to say, 'perhaps I don't speak their language but I can smile'," he said.

"Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer."

Pope Francis also used his sermon to recall Mother Teresa's fervent opposition to abortion, which she termed "murder by the mother" in a controversial Nobel Peace prize speech in 1979.

Millions of Catholics revere her as a model of compassion.

Among the assembled crowd were 1,500 poor people looked after by the Italian branches of Teresa's order, the Missionaries of Charity.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Collect

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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.

First reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."'

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps.50:3-4,12-13,17,19

R/. I will leave this place and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *R/.*

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *R/.*

3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. *R/.*

Second reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he

found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they

began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these,
your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the
honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 35: 8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift,
O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
Through Christ our Lord.