



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Julia Prasad (nee Ryan).

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Catherine Nolan (3rd Ann), James Griffin, Paul Sikdar.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Sofia-Rae Hannon.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Tom & Bridget Bolger (50 years)

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JULY

Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

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God of seed, God of soil, God of water and all of creation, you provide us with all the essential elements. May we recognise it is our part and our choice to be open to the nourishment and nurturing you offer. Grant us the openness to be guided by Your spirit and to bear abundantly the seeds of potential planted within us. Just as the sower bears fruit, we too are encouraged to sow, so that those who hear the word can be planted and built up in the one Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen Lord God you call us to be sowers of your fields. Open our ears to your call, inspire our minds with your wisdom, sustain us in our journey of faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

SANCTUARY LAMP
has been sponsored this week
IN MEMORY OF
IAN JULES RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHAM
has been sponsored this week
FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION



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Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Week 15 Year 1
Divine Office
Week 3

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 16th July 2017

FIFTEENTH 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



Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties.

Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:10-11*

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:18-2*

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:1-23*

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

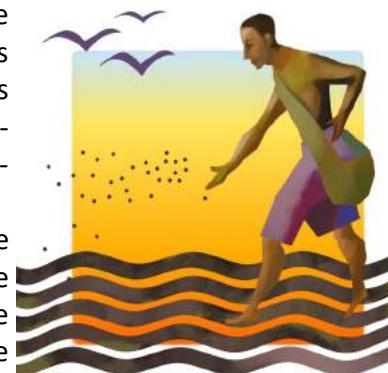
SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"He can preserve gentleness amid pains, and peace amid worry and multitude of affairs, is almost perfect"

St. Francis de Sales

Sunday Reflection

It is appropriate that in the warm days of mid-summer we should have readings at mass that reflect on life through the lens of planting and harvesting. The parable of the sower and the seed presents the familiar image of seed that falls without bearing a harvest, Jesus tells his hearers exactly what it is that makes the "good seed" yield such a rich harvest: "the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold" (Matt 13:23).



Two things are brought to our notice here: first, we are the seed; that is, each one of us contains the potential for a bountiful harvest. Whether we bear fruit or not depends on the second point: our listening carefully to the word and putting it into action. The word is the message of the Kingdom of Heaven, which is not like our world; it is frighteningly beyond all that we experience, yet it is also within grasp. The Kingdom requires growing pains at times, and helps us to flourish at other times, all the while drawing us closer to the vision of justice and love which is its essence.

What is said of planting and harvesting that people in our Lord's era would have immediately recognized is also true of life in general: it is a fragile process; it sometimes looks like it will flourish only to be nipped in the bud, and on the other hand it can turn up a greater yield than ever imagined. This sounds good, but what about our Lord's words in response to the question "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He replies,

"Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich" (Matt 13:10-11).

Knowing that the Kingdom of Heaven is both here and still coming, impossible, yet utterly attainable, let it be our prayer that the mystery of the Kingdom and our desire for it might grow like the crops of the fields, stretching and discomforting us at times but eventually yielding within us a bounty of "a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold" (Matt 13:23).

at the 5.30pm Mass? If you're interested please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

CHURCH CLEANING: We are always looking for volunteers if you are able to help on a Thursday once a month please contact Julia on 020 8904 5324. Thank you.

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 the change of date—the next baptism preparation evening will be on Friday **25th August** (not July) at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

The following **PARTH GROUPS** have now finished until September.

FRIENDS OF JESUS - back on Friday 8th September at 5.30pm.

OVER 60'S GROUP—BACK ON Tuesday 12th September at 1pm.

PRAYER GROUP - back on Thursday 14th September at 8.30am.

BEFRIENDING SERVICE - If you know of anyone in the Parish who might like to be befriended please let us know as we have a small group of befrienders who would be only too happy to help.

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. We now have cards (akin to Mass Cards) for the sponsoring of the Sacrament lamp or Walsingham Lamp if you'd like to use these if you are sponsoring a lamp in memory of someone. They can be obtained from the parish office.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS AT SALVATORIAN COLLEGE— for Information on recent changes and news on admissions for September 2017—please see folder in porch.

WANTED: HOME HELP required to assist with housework. Please contact Sinead on 020 8904 8494/07737 142 883 for more details.

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

RETROUVILLE—a lifeline for married couples.

WIDOWED YOUNG—support events.

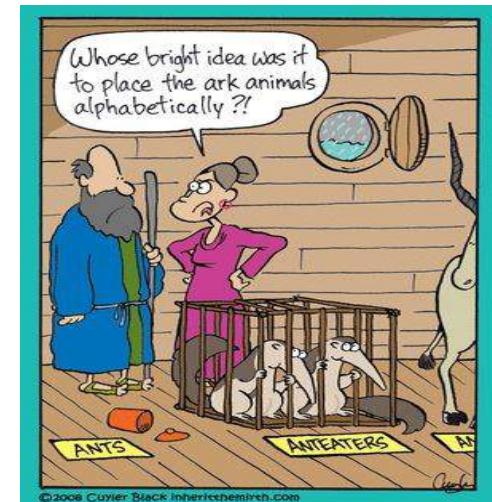
CALIX CENTRE—A Catholic ministry to addicts.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.—new information.

JOB VACANCIES:

DIOCESAN VACANCIES: Please see folder and website. for latest details.

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 Bar of the Parish Centre. THE TUCK SHOP will be open in the Parish Centre after the 9.45am Mass.

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.

PLEASE TRY AND LEAVE THE PEW NEAT AND TIDY AS YOU LEAVE CHURCH TODAY.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 16 July:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Tuesday 18 July:

Over 60's Club meet for lunch 1.00pm
Set Dancing 8.30pm

Wednesday 19 July:

Thursday 20 July:

Teas/coffees in the Bar/Café 9-11am

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

Friday 14 July:

Teas/Coffees in Bar/Café after morning Mass

PLEASE PRAY at this time for all who are about to be ordained either Deacon or Priest but especially for ANTONIO PINEDA from our parish who was ordained deacon just outside Rome last week. Antonio will be ordained priest next year at St George's.

SEEKING CATECHISTS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & BAPTISM PREPARATION - If you might be open to help prepare next year's children for their First Holy Communion or help prepare Parents and Godparents for the Baptism of their infants we would be delighted to hear from you. If you are interested please speak to one of the Parish Team or email peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Might you be open to serve the

Parish as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion? We are always grateful to those people who assist the Priest with administering the Sacrament at Mass and taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Tony or email tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018 ENROLMENT FORMS

First Holy Communion Enrolment Forms are available from the back of Church today. If your child is entering Year 3 in September 2017 please pick up a form today. Thank you!

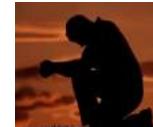
DESPERATELY SEEKING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS

- Due to the loss of a number of FHC Catechists this year (who are either leaving the area or are committed elsewhere) we are urgently seeking new Catechists to help with the First Holy Communion Programme (2017-18), preparing Year 3 children for their First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion. If you would consider helping please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk (020 8904 2552 option 5), speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Thank you!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CATECHISTS - Might you consider helping prepare Parents and Godparents for the baptism of their infants on a Friday evening once every few months? If so, we would be delighted to hear from you. If you might consider helping please contact Fr. Tony Thomas. Thank you.

PARISH VISIT TO FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - The Friars who came to facilitate our Parish Mission in Lent this year are welcoming a group from our Parish to their home, the Friary, in Canning Town on Saturday 2nd September. There are only 20 places available so please book your place soon with Fr. Tony to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

MUSIC AT 5.30pm Mass - Are you a singer or musician? Might you be open to help with the music



"To bend the knee"

In recent years, there has arisen the practice of simply only bowing to the Lord present in the tabernacle, rather than genuflecting before him. Such a profound bow — made purposefully and reverently from the waist — can be a fitting way to reverence the Divine Majesty, but only if one cannot genuflect, which is not always the same as having some difficulty genuflecting.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal provides that "if, however, the tabernacle with the Most Blessed Sacrament is situated in the sanctuary, the Priest, the Deacon, and the other ministers genuflect when they approach the altar and when they depart from it, but not during the celebration of Mass itself. Otherwise all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament genuflect, unless they are moving in procession. Ministers carrying the processional cross or candles bow their heads instead of genuflecting."

To genuflect means, literally, "to bend the knee." In the ancient world the knee symbolized the strength of a man. If a man is struck in the knee, he stumbles and falls; his strength is taken from him. When we genuflect before the Lord, our strength is not taken from us; rather, we willingly bend our strength to the Lord and place ourselves humbly in his service. When we bend our knee to the Lord of heaven and earth we should hear the words of the Psalmist ever in our hearts, "Lord, I am your servant", remembering that before the Lord every knee must bend (Psalm 116:16; cf. Philippians 2:10).

In order to keep these words in our hearts and put them into practice, it is helpful to be purposeful and deliberate in the moment of genuflection. One may avoid a hasty and irreverent slide through an attempted genuflection by consciously touching the right knee to the ground and humbly pausing momentarily before rising again. In doing so, we not only pay proper respect to the Lord, but we also remind ourselves in whose presence we are.

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.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

Sunday 16 July	15th OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	George Hillier RIP
8.30am	John Calnan RIP
9.45am	Emma Jane Kingston RIP
11.15am	James McHugh RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

Mon 17 July	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Gerald Fitzgerald RIP

Tues 18 July	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Bridie Kennedy RIP

Weds 19 July	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Kathleen Connelly RIP

Thur 20 July	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Giovanni Patti RIP

Fri 21 July	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Catherine Nolan RIP (3rd Ann)

Sat 22 July	S. MARY MAGDALENE
9.30am	Paul Sikdar RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 17 (16):15*

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.
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: *Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord: As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Responsorial psalm: 64

R./ Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. *R./*

2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. *R./*

3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. *R./*

4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. *R./*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:18-23*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Speak lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 13:1-23*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard

it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. Ps 84 (83): 4-5*

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.