



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

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: PC, Yee Wing, CPO, Gillian Gibb, Phyllis Coffey, Ann Hull, Margaret O'Hanlon, Chris, RC, Theresa Mulvaney, Jodie Clarke, Kieran Maher, Rose Knights, Mary Honey, Peggy & John Cox, Diego Campigotto, Edel Rickard, Polly Thompson, Jean McGrath Antonio Rodrigues, Julie & Lawrence Hayes, Margaret O'Brien, Michael Rynne, Mary Geaghan, Annemarie Dax, Special Intention, Terry Highland, Joe Nemeth, Helen Faria, Margaret Callighne, Frank Hunt, Maggie Korrane, Vera Hylton, Monica Wisniewicz, Eileen Harrison, Ian Measham, David Colville, Josephine Smullen, Edward Reilly, Betty Cain, Callum Stewart-Robert, Betty Hickey, Bernie Marren, Sadie Burgess, Shayanayaki Kaithampillai, Richard Howse, Mia Harrison, RK., Special Intention, Ann Nemeth, Marjorie Hoareau, Max Perera, Michael Fahy, Mary E. Malone, Michael Griffin Snr., Titus Fernandes, Sean O'Connor, Alan Parnell, MTD., Breda Connellan, Marie Rego, Minneth Johns, Antonio DiLieto Snr, Yolande Dias, Paul Joseph Coughlan, Maria Nellie DeLima, Jim Quinn, Alan Woods, Henrietta Kalogroulis.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Colleen Thomas, Sabina Bonfil, Tommy Browne.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Darren O'Sullivan (33rd Ann), Bobby Graham, Anne & Gerald Haugh, Amanda Gallagher, Elizabeth Hannon (1st), Baron Ventry, Funnell Family, Rita Logan (10th).

RECENTLY BAPTISED: April Whitcombe, Noah Evans.

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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PRAYER TO SAINT ANN & SAINT JOACHIM *Grandparents' Prayer*

Good Saint Ann and Saint Joachim,
parents of Mary
and grandparents to Jesus,
be with all grandparents
that they may be wise and loving,
may they share heir time and stories and
sense of humour, and may they enjoy
and not spoil too much the grandchildren
who are close to their hearts,
for they are the sign of God's life to us.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
be with our grandchildren and all other
grandchildren that they may love and
respect their grandparents and all older
people, may remember to call, visit or
write, and grow in wisdom, age and
grace before God. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP
has been sponsored this week
IN MEMORY OF
DARREN O'SULLIVAN RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OFWALSINGHAM
has been sponsored this week
IN MEMORY OF
CHARLES KENNEDY RIP



**TURN OFF
ALL MOBILE
PHONES**



Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Week 17 Year 1
Divine Office
Week 1

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 30th July 2017 SEVENTEENTH 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



In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. In the third parable the kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net.

After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Second Gospel Reading: Romans 8:28-30
God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52
Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal"
St Thomas More

Sunday Reflection

Listening is a skill often unpractised today; we only need to note current political discourse, TV commentators on current events, and even observe carefully our own family communications to realise that we tend to talk a lot and listen relatively little.

In the midst of a world where there is so much chatter and so little respectful attention we hear Solomon asking God in today's first reading for the gift of "a listening heart", preferring this disposition of openness to others more than power or wealth. For his part the Psalmist extolls the virtue of listening, the wisdom books of the Old Testament insist upon it ceaselessly, and our Lord himself often begins his teaching by urging his disciples to "hear a parable..." as we heard at mass two weeks ago.

In that same passage Jesus explained why active, conscious listening was critical for those to whom he preached, and remains so for us; he says that if we do not make this effort: "they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand... they will hardly hear with their ears,

they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and be converted, and I heal them" (Matt 13:13, 15).

The wisdom that arises from careful listening enables us to discern what is truly important in life and in our faith; this is what Jesus was trying to explain in the parable of the buried treasure and that of the pearl of great price. We do not sell everything we have and use the proceeds to buy an object if that object is not of truly compelling worth.

Solomon recognized what was of real value in living his vocation as a follower of the Lord and as the King of Israel: the wisdom that only comes with "a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith" (1 Tim 1:5). In turn this wisdom only comes to those who are humble enough to listen to it quietly and peaceably. May we attune our hearts to be listening and understanding so that the Lord's precious gifts might not be lost on us, and so we may share them generously, "like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matt 13:52).



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 **PARISH GROUPS** have now finished until September.
OVER 60'S GROUP—BACK ON Tuesday 12th September at 1pm.
PRAYER GROUP - back on Thursday 14th September at 8.30am.
CEILIDH/SET DANCING back on Tuesday 19th September.
FRIENDS OF JESUS - back on Friday 22nd September at 5.30pm.

BAR/CAFÉ: TEA AND COFFEE after Friday morning Mass will reopen on 1st September and Thursday morning opening 9-11am will be back on 7th September. The Bar/Café will remain open during August after 11.15am Mass only.

TUCK SHOP - will next be open on Sunday 3rd September.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS UPDATE: We are now booked up until almost the end of January. If you have a special intention please make sure you book it early.

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE, Wealdstone Open Evenings for years 5 & 6 on Wednesday September 13th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm and Thursday September 21st from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Also see school website.

ST. ROBERT SOUTHWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL, KINGSBURY will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Please see notice regarding celebrations in folder in the porch.

NEW FOUNDATION DEGREE for Catholics working in Healthcare and those seeking to be Chaplains. Please see folder in porch for details.

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP at St. Joseph's Wealdstone. Please see folder in porch for details.

THEATRE GROUP outings in September/October/December and day out in August, organised from Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury. Coach pick up locally. For information see folder in porch or contact Mike Heffernan on 020 8908 0785 / mike@besswaytravel.co.uk

ROOM TO LET: Double room in Sudbury. Ring 020 8904 7229/07504 739 081.

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:
ST. RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE requires a Latin teacher and Assistant Site Manager from September.

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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A	C	H	V	U	L	R	E	U	K	ANGELS	FURNACE	SCRIBE
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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 30 July:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Thursday 3 August:

Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am

THE PARISH OFFICE is now closed and will re-open on Tuesday 10th September. If you need to contact the parish team please call at the Priests' offices or leave a message on the answerphone.

SABINA BONFIL RIP. Funeral Mass will take place at St Georges on Wednesday 2nd August 2017 at 11.00am. The committal will take place at Greenford Park Cemetery at 12.30pm.

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 ENROLMENT 2017-18 - If your child is beginning in Year 3 in September 2017 please pick up an Enrolment Form from the back of church today and bring your completed form (with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and £20 contribution) to the Enrolment Meeting in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm. Thank you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS - A big THANK YOU to all those who have offered to continue as First Holy Catechists next year and to those who have offered to join our little team. There will be a meeting for all FHC Catechists for the 2017-18 Pro-

gramme in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS - Many thanks to all those who are continuing to serve the Parish as Confirmation Catechists and to those who have generously offered to come on board next year. There will be a meeting for all Confirmation Catechists for the 2018 Programme in the Parish Café Bar on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CATECHIST AT ST.

GEORGE'S? - Catechists help in many ways at the Parish, teaching the faith to those preparing for their First Holy Communion, Confirmation, those being received in to full communion with the Church (RCIA) and parents preparing for the Baptism of their infants. Catechists also help throughout the year at the Children's Liturgy on Sundays at the 9.45am Family Mass and facilitating the Rosary at St. George's Primary School in May & October. If you would like to help as a Catechist at St. George's please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Thank you.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION—as there is no rota for the month of August please be generous and assist at whatever Mass you attend as and when required.

PARISH VISIT TO FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RE-NEWAL - 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 at the 5.30pm Mass? If you're interested please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

NED MCCORMACK RIP: Sarah and family would like to thank everyone who expressed their sympathy in any way and have supported them in their recent bereavement. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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.

Easy Ideas to Make Every Vacation Catholic

- Bring holy water. Bless your family and car before starting.
- Start the trip with a prayer for safety and end it with one of thanksgiving.
- Games and conversation are special when everyone is in the car together.
- Pray a rosary while traveling.
- Listen to inspirational CD's.
- Find the nearest Church where you are staying; stop in and make a visit. Plan ahead for where you will go to Sunday Mass and consider making time for Daily Mass... both at your destination and en route.
- Have the children take turns doing the daily Mass readings.
- Bring inspirational reading such as the lives of the saints or a good Catholic book you just haven't had time to read.
- Don't leave your prayer routine at home. Allow for quiet time to spend with Jesus
- Check out the local shrines.
- When enjoying the scenery, marvel at it being part of God's creation.
- Put together a pilgrimage to visit Catholic shrines or churches.

Whatever you do, and wherever you go this summer, take your faith with you. Vacation is a break from daily routine. By including God, there can be no better rest.

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.

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

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

Sunday 30 July	16th OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Mary & Richard Cooksey RIP
8.30am	Darren O'Sullivan RIP (33rd)
9.45am	Anne & Gerald Haugh RIP
11.15am	Bobby & Nellie Graham RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

Mon 31 July	<i>S. Ignatius Loyola</i>
9.30am	Tom Bugler RIP

Tues 1 August	<i>S. Alphonsus Liguori</i>
9.30am	Patrick Gannam RIP

Weds 2 August	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Elizabeth Hannon RIP (1st)
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS
	Sabina Bonfil RIP

Thur 3 August	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Matt O'Mara RIP

Fri 4 August	<i>S. John Vianney</i>
9.30am	Mark McNicholas RIP

Sat 5 August	<i>Of Our Lady</i>
9.30am	Gerald Cahill RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 68 (67): 6-7, 36*
God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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: *Kings 3:5.7-12*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, Ask what you would like me to give you. Solomon replied, Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great? It pleased the Lord that Solomon should

have asked for this. Since you have asked for this the Lord said and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.

Responsorial psalm: *ps. 119*

R/. Lord, how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R./**
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live,
for your law is my delight. **R./**
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R./**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R./**

Second Reading: *Romans 8:28-30*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 13:44-52*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end

of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Ps 103 (102): 2*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.