

## NEWS & INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

**WELCOME** to all at Mass today—to anyone who is new or is on holiday at this time.

**AUGUST MASS TIMES** will be the same as throughout the rest of the year.

**FUNERAL** of **Yvonne Gallia RIP** on Friday 25th August at 1pm at Breakspear Crematorium.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** will be on Friday 25th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD** gaps may appear in the rotas Readers, Welcomers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion— please do look out to see what might be needed and try to fill in if required.

**PARISH OFFICE**—will be closed on some days during the summer. Please be patient! You may leave a message on the answerphone.

**VISIT TO FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL.** The parish visit to the friary in Canning Town is on Saturday 2nd September. There are only a few places left. Please contact Fr. Tony asap to book your place.

**THIS WEEK:** the Sanctuary Lamp has been sponsored in Thanksgiving by Derek Lodrick and the Lamp at the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham has been sponsored in MEMORY OF PETER MCGAURIN RIP.

**Recently Departed:** Yvonne Gallia, Phillip Nidea

**Anniversaries of the Departed:** Farrell Valmond, Maureen O'Sullivan.

**Intentions of Pope Francis for August:** That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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## 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 20 August	<b>20th OF THE YEAR</b>
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Luigi D'Amico RIP
8.30am	PRO POPULO
9.45am	Kristian Pethurupillai
	Thanksgiving
11.15am	Aidan Geaghan
5.30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Mon 21 August	<i>S. Pius X</i>
9.30am	Maureen Clench RIP
Tues 22 August	<i>The Queenship of Our Lady</i>
9.30am	Sharon O'Donnell RIP
Weds 23 August	<i>S. Rose of Lima</i>
9.30am	Rose Mullin RIP
Thur 24 August	<i>S. BARTHOLOMEW</i>
9.30am	Francis Donohue RIP
Fri 25 August	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Farrell Valmond RIP
Sat 26 August	<i>Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God</i>
9.30am	Ned McCormack RIP



Sunday cycle of readings Year A

Weekday readings  
20th week of Year (1)

Divine Office  
week 4

The Catholic Parish  
of St George, Sudbury

AUGUST  
HOLIDAY  
EDITION

## Sunday 20th August 2017 THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors especially 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 today's Gospel a woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. Eventually Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon *Ps 84 (83): 10-11*

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed  
one; one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

## Collect

O God, who have prepared  
for those who love you  
good things which no eye can see,  
fill our hearts, we pray,  
with the warmth of your love,  
so that, loving you in all things  
and above all things,  
we may attain your promises,  
which surpass every human desire.  
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 56:1-7*

*Theme: I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for  
justice, act with integrity, for soon my  
salvation will come and my integrity be  
manifest.

Foreigners who have attached  
themselves to the Lord to serve him and  
to love his name and be his servants - all  
who observe the Sabbath, not profaning  
it, and cling to my covenant - these I will  
bring to my holy mountain. I will make  
them joyful in my house of prayer. Their  
holocausts and their sacrifices will be  
accepted on my altar, for my house will

be called a house of prayer for all the  
peoples.

## Responsorial Psalm: *ps.66*

**Response: *Let the peoples praise you, O  
God; let all the peoples praise you.***

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon the  
earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.  
**R./**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult,  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R./**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R./**

## Second Reading: *Romans 11:13-15.29-32*

*Theme: With Israel, God never takes back his  
gifts or revokes his choice.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been  
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and  
I am proud of being sent, but the  
purpose of it is to make my own people  
envious of you, and in this way save  
some of them.. Since their rejection  
meant the reconciliation of the world,  
do you know what their admission will

mean? Nothing less than a resurrection  
from the dead! God never takes  
back his gifts or revokes his choice.  
Just as you changed from being  
disobedient to God, and now enjoy  
mercy because of their disobedience,  
so those who are disobedient now –  
and only because of the mercy shown  
to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually.  
God has imprisoned all men in  
their own disobedience only to show  
mercy to all mankind.

## Gospel acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***I am the living bread which came  
down from heaven, says the Lord; if  
any one eats of this bread, he will  
live for ever. Alleluia!***

## Gospel: *Matthew 15:21-28*

*Theme: Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew  
to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then  
out came a Canaanite woman from  
that district and started shouting, 'Sir,  
Son of David, take pity on me. My  
daughter is tormented by a devil.' But  
he answered her not a word. And his  
disciples went and pleaded with him.  
'Give her what she wants,' they said  
'because she is shouting after us.' He  
said in reply, 'I was sent only to the  
lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But  
the woman had come up and was  
kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said  
'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to  
take the children's food and throw it

to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah  
yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat  
the scraps that fall from their master's  
table.' Then Jesus answered her,  
'Woman, you have great faith. Let  
your wish be granted.' And from that  
moment her daughter was well again.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblation, O Lord,  
by which is brought about a glorious  
exchange, that, by offering what you  
have given, we may merit to receive  
your very self.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon *Ps 130 (129): 7*

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

## Prayer after Communion

Made partakers of Christ through  
these Sacraments, we humbly  
implore your mercy, Lord, that,  
conformed to his image on earth, we  
may merit also to be his coheirs in  
heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever  
and ever.

