

NEWS & INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

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

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 a few places left. Please contact Fr. Tony asap to book your place.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT—If your child is entering Year 3 in September please enrol them on the First Communion Programme this year. Forms are available at the back of the church today.

MEN'S BREAKFAST—next one will be on Saturday 9th September at 9am in the café/bar. A fry-up followed by a talk by a newly ordained priest Fr. Brian McMahon. All welcome!

THIS WEEK: the Sanctuary Lamp has been sponsored for a SPECIAL INTENTION and the Lamp at the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham has been sponsored for a PRIVATE INTENTION..

Recently Departed: Yvonne Gallia.

Anniversaries of the Departed: Mario Tribaudi, Anthony Hull (2nd Ann.), Joan Glendening, David Currie, David Keating..

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 27 August	21st OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Gray Kennady RIP
8.30am	Michael Howard RIP
9.45am	Anthony Hull RIP (2nd Ann)
11.15am	Melinda Peter RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

Mon 28 August	<i>S. Augustine</i>
9.30am	Patrick Naughton RIP

Tues 29 August	<i>The Passion of S. John the Baptist</i>
9.30am	Hugh Gilmartin RIP

Weds 30 August	<i>S. Margaret Clitherow</i>
9.30am	Mario Tribaudi RIP

Thur 31 August	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Vincent Collier RIP

Fri 1 Sept	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Brian Cassidy RIP

Sat 2 Sept	<i>Of Our Lady</i>
9.30am	Paul Brennan RIP



Sunday cycle of readings Year A

Weekday readings
21st week of Year (1)

Divine Office
week 1

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury

AUGUST
HOLIDAY
EDITION

Sunday 27th August 2017 THE TWENTY FIRST 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, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from

God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 86 (85): 1-3*

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I
cry to you all the day long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the
faithful to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you
command and to desire what you
promise, that, amid the uncertainties of
this world, our hearts may be fixed on
that place where true gladness is
found. 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 22:19-23*

*Theme: I place the key of the House of David on
his shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,

should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial psalm: 137

Response: *Your Love, O Lord, is
eternal, discard not the work of your
hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R./**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and
love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.
R./
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the
lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R./**

Second Reading: *Romans 11:33-36*

*Theme: All that exists comes from him; all is by
him and for him.*

How rich are the depths of God - how
deep his wisdom and knowledge - and
how impossible to penetrate his
motives or understand his methods!

Who could ever know the mind of the
Lord? Who could ever be his
counsellor? Who could ever give him
anything or lend him anything? All
that exists comes from him; all is by
him and for him. To him be glory for
ever! Amen.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our
heart, so that we may know the hope
to which he has called us.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*

*Theme: You are Peter, and I will give you the
keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say
the Son of Man is?' And they said,
'Some say he is John the Baptist,
some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or
one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he
said 'who do you say I am?' Then Si-
mon Peter spoke up, 'You are the
Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of
Jonah, you are a happy man! Because
it was not flesh and blood that
revealed this to you but my Father in
heaven. So I now say to you: You are
Peter and on this rock I will build my
Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out
against it. I will give you the keys of
the kingdom of heaven: whatever you

bind on earth shall be considered
bound in heaven; whatever you loose
on earth shall be considered loosed in
heaven.' Then he gave the disciples
strict orders not to tell anyone that he
was the Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself
a people by adoption
through the one sacrifice
offered once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace I
n your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. Ps 104 (103): 13-15*

The earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please
you. Through Christ our Lord.

