



## 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 Kirrane, 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, 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, Paul Joseph Coughlan, Maria Nellie DeLima, Jim Quinn, Alan Woods.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Mary Ellis, Mauro Civillo

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Richard O'Dwyer (4th), Peter Golden (3rd), Bertie Hanly, Kiril Dudas, Jacqueline Waddington, PJ Neylon, Felix & Linda Lyons, Jerry Ryan (1st), Marganta Freely, Teresa Frances.

**RENTLY MARRIED:** David Janiszek & Louise Ruffle

### INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR OCTOBER:

**Workers and the Unemployed:** That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

### MAKING CONTACT AT ST. GEORGE'S

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**PRAYER TO OUR LADY  
OF THE ROSARY**  
**O blessed Mother and spotless  
Virgin, glorious Queen of the  
world, may all who celebrate the  
solemnity of the Most Holy Rosary  
feel thy help.**

**May we be helped, O Lord, we  
beseech Thee, by the prayers of  
Thy most holy Mother, whose  
Rosary we are honouring, that we  
may draw strength from the  
mysteries which we reverence and  
obtain the effect of the sacraments  
which we have received. Who  
livest and reignest forever. Amen.**

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
has been sponsored this week  
**IN MEMORY OF  
A "THANKSGIVING"**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF  
OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM**  
has been sponsored this week  
**IN MEMORY OF  
AMANDA GALLAGHER RIP (3RD ANN)**



**TURN OFF  
ALL MOBILE  
PHONES**



Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Week 26 Year 1  
Divine Office  
Week 2

**The Catholic Parish  
of St George, Sudbury**



## Sunday 1st October 2017 TWENTY SIXTH 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



*We all need God's forgiveness and it was for this reason that Christ came humbling himself to the death of a cross. When someone recognizes their error and changes their ways, God is prepared to forget the earlier lapses and consider what is being done in the here and now. The tax collectors and prostitutes accepted by Jesus had this experience.*

**First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28**

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11**

Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32**

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

***"Following after God is the desire of happiness;  
to reach God is happiness itself"***

St. Augustine of Hippo

# Sunday Reflection

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The

question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.



**FILM NIGHT:** We are pleased to announce the first in a series of movie nights at St George's, with a screening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October of *The Way*, starring Martin Sheen. This drama tells the story of a who father heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling the "El Camino de Santiago," and decides to take the pilgrimage himself. "*Gentle, likable and profoundly touching, it makes you want to dig out the hiking boots and make the same journey*" – Empire Magazine. "Refreshments will be served in the café/bar from 7.00pm, with the screening beginning at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity for discussion about the film afterwards. Please contact Fr Tony for more details.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP with CHURCH CLEANING** – JUST AN HOUR ONCE A MONTH, ON A Thursday. A new rota is being prepared so if you can volunteer please telephone Julia on 020 8904 5324. (If any of the current cleaners can no longer help –please let Julia know. Many Thanks).

**ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**  
**SCHOOL FORM SIGNING EVENINGS**—held in the Parish Centre.  
**Secondary Schools on Thursday 5th October 7-9pm.**  
**Primary Schools on Thursday 30th November 7-9pm**  
**BETHANY MASS** for the bereaved and their families on Thursday 9th November at 8pm.  
**BETHANY LUNCH** on Monday 20th November at 1pm.  
**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** The new rota will be ready shortly. Please continue to assist where necessary.

**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 and like to be considered please speak to Fr. Tony

**CALLING RCIA & BAPTISM PREPARATION CATECHISTS** - Might you consider helping to prepare Parents/Carers for the Baptism of their Infants or those entering into full communion with the Catholic Church (RCIA)? If you are interested or would like further information please speak to Fr. Tony.

**DIVINE MERCY RETREAT**—Saturday 14th October at St George's. 11.00am until 4.30pm. Flyers with the full programme are available in the porch. All very welcome!

**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.

**PARISH DIARIES** for 2018 are available at the back of church. Donations of 50p are welcome.

**BAR/CAFÉ:** TEA AND COFFEE after Friday morning. Why not come to Mass at 9.30am and stay on for some sociability?

**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. PLEASE REMEMBER to book your anniversary Masses early. We are now booked up until the end of February.

**SET DANCING** — takes place in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays from 8.45pm. All, with or without partners, are welcome!

**AFTERNOON TEA PARTY** at Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre on Thursday 28th September has now been postponed until Thursday 7th December.

**PEOPLE, FAITH & JUSTICE: A DIALOGUE.** An intergenerational conversation between young people aged 20-39 & older adults. London Saturday 7th October 10.30am-4.00pm CAFOD, Romero House, SE1 7JB. If you'd like to know more or attend please speak to one of the Parish Team.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS.** Please see folders in the porch for information on September 2018 admissions for Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School; Gumley House FJC; Newman Catholic College; The Sacred Heart Language College, St. Dominic's Sixth Form College and The Salvatorian College. Also see their websites.

**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.  
**DAY WITH MARY** at the Cathedral on Saturday 7 October.

**JOB VACANCIES & DIOCESAN VACANCIES:** Parish administrator, Cleaner, Housekeeper, catechetical Co-ordinator, Learning Support assistant, Tutor, Sales assistant, safeguarding Officer. Please see folder and website for latest details.

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

**PAINTING & DECORATING:** David Peter is available on 07904 913443.

# 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 Café-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 1 October 2017:**

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses— All Welcome

**Monday 2 October:**

Keep Fit 2.30pm

**Tuesday 3 October:**

Over 60's Group: 1.00pm

Children's Art Class 5.00pm

First Holy Communion Preparation 7.30pm

Ceilidh/Set Dancing 8.45pm

**Wednesday 4 October;**

Bible time line 10.15am

Bible time line 7.00pm

**Thursday 5 October:**

Café/Bar open 9-11am

Church Cleaning Group D 10.30am

Prayer Group 8.00pm

**Friday 6 October:**

Teas after morning Mass

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

**FUNERAL MASS** of **Mary Ellen Ellis** on Thursday 5th October at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

**OCTOBER** is the month dedicated to the holy rosary. The rosary will be prayed in church every evening Monday-Friday at 7.30pm.

**CAFOD**—please take an envelope today. The fast day is this Friday 6th October. We'll be making a collection at all Masses next Sunday.

**LIST OF THE SICK** on the back of the weekly Newsletter has got very long. From Advent Sunday we'll be stating again with a new list. If you want to renew names or put someone new on it please let the office know.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - This week's session will begin with all Parents/Children gathering in the Parish Hall for 7.30pm. Please wait with your child until they have been

allocated their group, have been introduced to their Catechists and have learnt the room where they will be based for the duration of the Programme. Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT** - The Information Evening for those wishing to enrol on the Confirmation Programme during the coming year will be on **Monday 8th January 2018**.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - We are extremely grateful to Una Moran who has generously offered to take on the Children's Liturgy for us at the 9.45am Family Mass. We are keen for our team of Catechists/Helpers to grow. If you might consider helping in the future please contact Una on 07932 620 504. 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. The next baptism preparation evening will be on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.

**FRIENDS OF JESUS** - The Friends of Jesus Programme takes place on Fridays from 5.30-6.30pm providing a little religious education to those children in the Parish not attending a Catholic school. An Information Leaflet is available in the porch.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR CARDINAL CORMAC**, to take place on Wednesday 4 October 2017 at 5.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. This Mass is especially envisaged for those who were unable to attend the funeral Mass: this is their opportunity to come to the Cathedral to pray for the Cardinal. No tickets are required.

**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE!** If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. This is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. We will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. We will run two weekly sessions: one at 10.15am and another at 7.00pm, meeting in the café/bar. The course runs for eight weeks. For more information or to sign up, contact Fr Tony.

**THE RISE THEATRE GROUP** are coming to St George's to perform a play about Bishop Oscar Romero (who may be made a Saint next year). We are very lucky that this lively theatre group will be here for one day only—**Friday 20th October**. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses and from the office from next weekend. **An opportunity not to be missed! We have been asked to provide accommodation for 3 actors on the night of Friday 20th October. If you are able to help please let us know.**



**St. George's Catholic Church**  
**Young Adult Trip to Taizé**  
 8th - 15th April 2018

Discover God in a new way,  
 meet new friends from around the world,  
 spending a week on pilgrimage in Southern France.

*Information Evening: Thursday 2nd November, 7.30pm*

*If you are aged 18-30 and would like to join us,  
 please pick up an Enquiry Form from the Church Porch.*

*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.

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

**DIVINE MERCY:** Tuesday 10.30am.

**ROSARY:** Daily after Mass.

Sunday 1 Oct	<b>26th OF THE YEAR</b>
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Felix & Lynda Lyons RIP
8.30am	PRO POPULO
9.45am	Bertie Hanley
11.15am	Richard O'Dwyer RIP (3rd Ann)
5.30pm	Jerry Ryan (1st Ann)

Mon 2 Oct	<i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>
9.30am	Maurice Hickey RIP

Tues 3 Oct	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	P.J.Neylon RIP (1st Ann)
4.00pm	Harrow VA Schools Mass

Weds 4 Oct	<i>S. Francis of Assisi</i>
9.30am	Peter Golden Jnr RIP (3rd Ann)

Thur 5 Oct	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	John Kealy RIP
11.00am	<b>FUNERAL MASS</b> Mary Ellis RIP

Fri 6 Oct	<i>S. Bruno</i>
9.30am	Jacqueline Waddington RIP

Sat 7 Oct	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Sept 9.30am	Kiril Dudas RIP

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42*

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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: *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.' The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 24:4-9*

*R/. Remember your mercy, Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. *R/.*

2. In you I hope all day long because of your goodness, O Lord. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me. *R/.*

3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor. *R/.*

## Second reading: *Philippians 2:1-11*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks

of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation: *Jn14:23*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.*  
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel: *Matthew 21:28-32*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He

answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *1 Jn 3: 16*

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

## Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever