



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

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### 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.

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### PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Loving Lord Jesus I come before You now and confess that You alone are the living God, You alone are worthy of all honour and praise for You set aside Your heavenly glory and came into this world as a man, to redeem lost sinners from the curse of the law, and I praise You that I am included in Your gracious forgiveness.

Thank You that You willingly offered up Your body to be the sacrifice for my sin. Thank You that Your body was broken for me, and that Your precious blood was shed to pay the full price for all my many sins – and not for me only but all who would trust in Your name.

Lord, I kneel before You in humble submission, as I partake of your Body and Blood - and I do this in memory of You. Amen.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week  
**FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF  
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**  
has been sponsored this week

**IN THANKSGIVING  
BY DILHANI**



**TURN OFF  
ALL MOBILE  
PHONES**



Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings  
Week 26 Year 1

Divine Office  
Week 3

The Catholic Parish  
of St George, Sudbury



## Sunday 8th October 2017 TWENTY SEVENTH 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



Our parable this Sunday richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. It tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's

patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

### First Reading: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

### Second Reading: *Philippians 4:6-9*

St. Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

### Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

***"The soul that is united to God is feared by the devil as though it were the God himself"***

St. John of the Cross

# Sunday Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his

audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects

the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?



**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 for Primary Schools** on Thursday 30th November 7-9pm in the Parish Centre.  
**BETHANY MASS** for the bereaved and their families on Thursday 9th November at 8pm.  
**BETHANY LUNCH** on Monday 20th November at 1pm.

**SCHOOL FORMS:** Admission information and forms for those children due to start school in September 2018 are now available from the school office at St George's Catholic Primary School, Sudbury Hill. Parents must also complete a Common Admission Form (available on line at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)). Applications will **NOT** be processed unless both forms are completed. Please ensure you read the criteria for admission in the school admission policy fully as this will affect the ranking of siblings who do not live in the parish of St George's. There will be a meeting for all prospective parents on **Thursday 09 November at 6pm**. There are a few places in Year 1 at St. George's School. Please contact the school office for more details.

**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.

**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 OPENING TIMES:**  
Thursdays from 9-11am and Fridays after morning Mass

**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.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:** a big THANK YOU to all who came, sent generous donations and worked very hard on the day. £2,218 was raised and all raff prizes have been claimed.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** The Marriage Encounter convention takes place this weekend 7-8 October. It is celebrating 45 years in England and Wales. Please remember all the couples and priest attending.

**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  
**RETROUVAILLE**—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:** St. George's School require a Reception Class Teacher (c/d 20/10). Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School require Dining Room Assistant/Cleaner. St. Richard Reynolds School require Learning Support Assistant (High School), High School Exam Invigilator/Student Welfare Officer/Safeguarding Officer. All details for these vacancies and others can be found in the folder in the porch and/or schools' website.

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

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

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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 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 8 October 2017:**

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

**Monday 9 October:**

Keep Fit 2.30pm

**Tuesday 10 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 11 October:**

Unlocking the Bible 10.15am

Unlocking the Bible 7.00pm

Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm

**Thursday 12 October:**

Café/Bar open 9-11am

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

**Friday 13 October:**

Teas after morning Mass

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

**Saturday 14 October:**

Divine Mercy Retreat 11am-4.30pm

**FUNERAL MASS** of Mauro Cirillo RIP on Tuesday 10th October at 11.00am followed by burial at Greenford Cemetery.

**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 was last Friday 6th October. There will be a collection of your envelopes at all Masses this weekend. Please don't forget, if you are a standard tax payer, you can increase your donation by signing the gift aid portion on the back of the envelope.

**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.

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT:** Counts will take place on this Sunday and next Sunday. This determines how many people come to Mass each week.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - Please can any Parents/Carers who have not yet provided a passport-size photo of their child for the

Enrolment Form ensure this is provided by the end of this week latest (with the name of their child clearly written on the reverse-side). Thank you.

**EASTER YOUNG ADULTS TRIP TO TAIZE** - During the Easter break the Parish is planning to take a group of young adults (aged 18-30) to a famous ecumenical community in France. If you are interested in joining us please pick up an Enquiry Form with further information from the church porch. 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 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.

**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 run two weekly sessions: one at 10.15am and another at 7.00pm, meeting in the café/bar. The course started last week and runs for eight weeks so it's not too late to join . For more information or to sign up, contact 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!

**RCIA**-Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or learning more about the Catholic faith? If so we would like to invite you to join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme which will run from the autumn until Easter. The programme consists of teaching and discussion in a welcoming and friendly small-group setting. Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to sign up or if you want further details.

**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.**

## AFTER MASS ... When To Leave

Mass ends only when the celebrant states, "Go forth, the Mass is ended," and the congregation replies, "Thanks be to God." If there is a recessional hymn, it is most polite to stay in the pew until the hymn is completed. If there is no hymn, the proper order of departure from the Mass first allows for the celebrant, concelebrant and assistances to descend from the Altar and proceed down the middle of the nave. It is only then, does the congregation begin to leave, starting with those in the front pews and followed by others in the successive pews. This order is important because upon leaving the pew, we are required to genuflect in the direction of the location of the tabernacle, where Christ's true presence remains always. When one leaves the pew, one should not be confronted with people walking toward one as one genuflects! Christ's true presence remains in the tabernacle always and as a sign of fidelity and respect to our Saviour and Redeemer, after Mass has ended, we should endeavour to leave the church in a quiet and reverent manner. This should also be done as a courtesy to those who have remained after Mass to pray!

## 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 8 Oct	<b>26<sup>th</sup> OF THE YEAR</b>
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Sherwin Sequeira RIP
8.30am	Daniel Nguyen RIP
9.45am	PJ Neylon RIP
11.15am	Nora Duffy RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

Mon 9 Oct	<i>Bl. John Henry Newman</i>
9.30am	Noel Rooney RIP/ Mary Marget RIP

Tues 10 Oct	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Mrs. D.H. Burton RIP
11.00am	<b>FUNERAL MASS</b> Mauro Civillo RIP

Weds 11 Oct	<i>S. John XXIII</i>
9.30am	Mrs. A. Cahill RIP

Thur 12 Oct	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Poraic Gorham RIP

Fri 13 Oct	<i>S. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR</i>
9.30am	Patrick Rice RIP

Sat 14 Oct	Dominic Harkin RIP
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# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones  
and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you

what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed  
on, and knock down its wall for it to be  
trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.  
The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9,12-16,19-20

*R/. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its  
shoots. *R/.*
2. Then why have you broken down its  
walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. *R/.*
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. *R/.*
4. And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon your  
name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be  
saved. *R/.*

## Second reading: Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.  
The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15:15

*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 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each

other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.  
This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?  
'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'  
The Gospel of the Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the sacrifices instituted by your  
Commands and, through the sacred  
mysteries, which we celebrate with  
dutiful service, graciously complete the  
sanctifying work by which you are pleased  
to redeem us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,  
that we may be refreshed and nourished  
by the Sacrament which we have  
received, so as to be transformed into  
what we consume.  
Through Christ our Lord.