



## 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, 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 Anne Romane, Catherine Calnan, Nora Dunne, Anna Bogdanowicz-Rosco.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Evelyn Philip, Vincent De Lima.

### 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.

"Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you all my being. Moreover, I owe you as much more love than myself as you are greater than I, for whom you gave yourself and to whom you promised yourself. I pray you, Lord, make me taste by love what I taste by knowledge; let me know by love what I know by understanding. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours, too, in love." (prayer of Anselm, 1033-1109 AD)

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
has been sponsored this week  
**FOR A  
SPECIAL INTENTION**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF  
OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM**  
has been sponsored this week  
**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF  
THE McDONALD FAMILY**



**TURN OFF  
ALL MOBILE  
PHONES**

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Sunday cycle  
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Divine Office  
Week 1

The Catholic Parish  
of St George, Sudbury



## Sunday 22nd October 2017 TWENTY NINTH 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



The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar. This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness. We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### First Reading: *Isaiah 45:1,4-6*

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

#### Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b*

Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

#### Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:15-21*

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"Be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are."**

Pope St. Gregory the Great

# Sunday Reflection

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the

Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the

Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt

to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells

them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?



**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.

**SCHOOL FORM SIGNING** by the priests of the Parish for **Primary Schools** on Thursday 30th November 7-9pm in the Parish Centre.

**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 9 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.

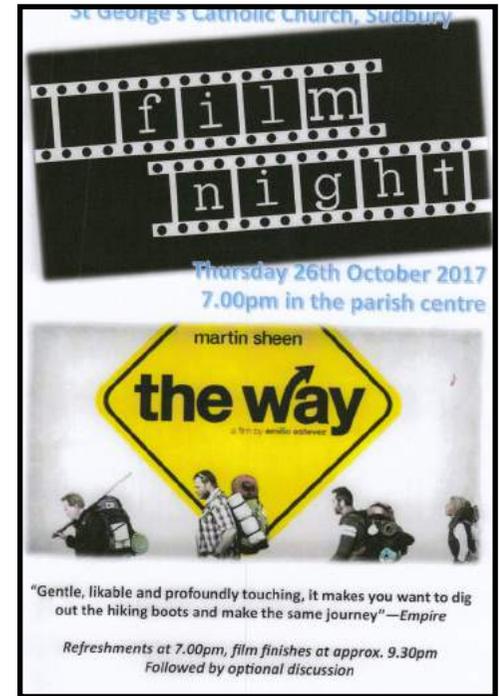
**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** - Might you be open to serve the Parish as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion? We are always grateful to those people who assist the Priest with administering the Sacrament at Mass and taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you are 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.

**CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE** - The Annual Charity Christmas Card Sale will be taking place in the Parish Centre after all Morning Masses on 5th November. If you would like to have a Charity Card Table please let Margaret Nunn (020 8904 1517) know as soon as possible. Thank you!



**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 March 2018..

**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..

**JOB VACANCIES & DIOCESAN VACANCIES:** Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School require a Cleaner (c/d 30/10). Latest diocesan vacancies list in porch folder.

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

# 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 22 October 2017:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am

and 11.15am Masses – *All Welcome*

### Monday 23 October:

Keep Fit 2.30pm

### Tuesday 24 October:

Over 60's Group: 1.00pm

Ceillidh/Set Dancing 8.45pm

### Wednesday 25 October:

Unlocking the Bible 10.15am

Unlocking the Bible 7.00pm

### Thursday 26 October:

Café/Bar open 9-11am

Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am

Film Night ("The Way") Café/Bar OPEN 7.00pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

### Friday 27 October:

Teas after morning Mass

Baptism Preparation 7.30pm

### Saturday 28 October:

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

**FUNERAL** of Anna Danuta Bogdanowicz-Rosco on Monday 30th October at 12.45am at Breakspear Crematorium.

**CAFOD:** It's not too late to donate as envelopes are still available at the back of the church. Please don't forget, if you are a standard tax payer, you can increase your dona-

tion 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 starting 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** - If you haven't yet provided a passport sized photo of your child please ensure you bring it to the next session. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - Might you be open to help with the Children's Liturgy at the 9.45am Family Mass? If you might consider joining our team of Catechists/Helpers please contact Una Moran on 07932 620 504. Thank you.

**EASTER YOUNG ADULTS TRIP TO TAIZÉ** - 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.**

**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.

**NOVEMBER** is the Month of the Holy Souls when we pray for our departed. Envelopes are now available for you to supply names and make an offering.

◆ **BLESSING OF GRAVES** at Alperton Cemetery on Saturday 11th November at 12 noon.

◆ **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** Requiem Mass at 11.15am

◆ **BETHANY MASS** for the bereaved and their families on Thursday 9th November at 8.00pm.

◆ **BETHANY LUNCH** on Monday 20th November at 1.00pm.

**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).

## LOOKING AFRESH AT OUR SANCTUARY (No.2)

### The Altar

296. The altar, on which is effected the Sacrifice of the Cross made present under sacramental signs, is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is con-voked to participate in the Mass, and it is also the centre of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist.

298. It is desirable that in every church there be a fixed altar, since this more clearly and permanently signifies Christ Jesus, the Living Stone (1 Pt 2: 4; cf. Eph 2: 20).

299. The altar should be built separate from the wall, in such a way that it is possible to walk around it easily and that Mass can be celebrated at it facing the people, which is desirable wherever possible. Moreover, the altar should occupy a place where it is truly the centre toward which the attention of the whole congregation of the faithful naturally turns. The altar should usually be fixed and dedicated.

301. In keeping with the Church's traditional practice and with what the altar signifies, the table of a fixed altar should be of stone and indeed of natural stone.

## 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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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 22 Oct	<b>29th OF THE YEAR</b>
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Varghese Vilangattil RIP
8.30am	Ann & Anthony Patten RIP
9.45am	Amanda Curtin Intentions
11.15am	Eric Joseph & Pearly Agnes Hendrick RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

Mon 23 Oct	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Mary Anne Romane RIP

Tues 24 Oct	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Berna Petersen RIP

Weds 25 Oct	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Sonny Hennessy RIP

Thur 26 Oct	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Vincent De Lima RIP

Fri 27 Oct	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Special Intention.

Sat 28 Oct	<i>Ss. SIMON &amp; JUDE</i>
	Michael Lewis RIP

# TODAY'S MASS

## **Entrance Antiphon:** *Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8*

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

## **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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 45:1,4-6*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you

that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.' The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps 95:1,3-5,7-10*

### **R/. Give the Lord glory and power.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

**R/.**

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

**R/.**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

**R/.**

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R/.**

## **Second reading:** *1 Thessalonians 1:1*

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From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus

Christ; wishing you grace and peace.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation:** *Jn17:17*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your word is truth, O Lord:**

**consecrate us in the truth.**

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel:** *Matthew 22:15-21*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissi-

ble to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

## **Communion Antiphon:** *Cf. Ps 32: 18-19*

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.