



We must
empty
Purgatory
with our
prayers.
-St.Padre Pio

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, Colleen Thomas, Joe Nemeth, Helen Faria,, Margaret Callighne, Frank Hunt, Maggie Kirrane, Vera Hylton, Monica Wisniewicz, Geraldine O'Toole, Eileen Harrison, Ian Measham, David Colville, Josephine Smullen, Edward Reilly,, Betty Cain, Calum Stewart-Robert, Betty Hickey, Bernie Marren, Sadie Burgess, Shayanayaki Kaithampillai, Richard Howse, Mia Harrison, RK., Special Intention, Ann Nemeth, Marjorie Hoareau, Max Perera, Nick Holmes, Michael Howard, George McDermott, Josie Redmond, Michael Fahy, Victor Jude Booth, Mary E. Malone, Michael Griffin Snr., JK, Titus Fernandes.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Evelyn Phillip

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Donna O'Brien (3rd Ann.), Paul Edward Longuet, Julieanne & Jack Murphy, Isabel & David Turnbull, James & Mary Cunniff.

RECENTLY MARRIED: Eduardo Gomes & Mandy Brewer.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER

Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

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SALVE REGINA

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of Mercy,
Hail, our life,
our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
Poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up
our sighs,
Mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious
advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile,
Show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week

FOR ALL THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week

FOR THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF THE BYRNE FAMILY



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Divine Office
Week 4

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 6th November 2016

THE THIRTY-SECOND 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 God is of the living"

In the midst of all the trials of this life God is at our side constantly strengthening us through Jesus Christ. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and so are called as children of God to this great hope of life without end. Our God is not of the dead but of the living.

First Reading: Second Book of Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

This is one of the first expressions in the Old Testament of belief in a personal resurrection. In the face of the injustice portrayed by the violent elimination of the innocent and oppressed, Israel confesses that God is sufficiently powerful and just, to raise them to a blessed life.

Second Reading: Second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Concerned to strengthen his brothers and hindered himself by the interference of unbelievers, Paul invites the Christians of Thessalonika to pray to god with him, that the lord who is faithful will keep them all faithful to the love of God..

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees regarded resurrection as a human tradition: it had not been revealed to Moses. Aware that Jesus seemed to believe in it, they sought to pour ridicule on it by showing its foolish consequences. Jesus points out how their materialism has falsified their vision. The world of the resurrection differs from this one. If one believes in the God of the living, one ought to believe in the resurrection of those who already live by him today through the covenant.

Sunday reflection

When we think or talk of those who have died, those who were close to us, loved ones, parents and children, friends, wives, husbands, those we love, we might often think of them as like the angels in heaven - no longer seen yet still very present. And, when we try to explain such things to children, this is often the language that we use: no longer on earth, they are with the angels. But I wonder if we ever think about what this really means. Are angels the same as the holy souls? And if not, then what? You may notice with surprise that angels seem to be more and popular and talked about. People who are not really religious may refer to angels, have pictures and jewellery of angels. But for those who have gone before us things are not quite like that. In fact, if we think they are become angels, then we are selling them short. The faithful departed, the holy souls will be much more wonderful like that. When we say we believe in angels we are saying that we know that the created world is far more than just what we see and touch. We are saying that the creation is visible and invisible, seen and unseen, physical and spiritual. And the angels are spiritual beings created by God. We might picture them, in one way or another, but in reality they have no



physical form. But we, human beings are very different. We are not and will not be angels, because we are made in the image of God. We are both spiritual and physical. We are part of earth and heaven. We are not exactly the same as the angels (the translation here is not quite right, I think) but we are partly like them, because like them we are spiritual. But when we are fully united to

God, we become not angels, but something far more: Children of the Resurrection, Sons of God. That is much greater, much more wonderful than being an angel.

And this is our great hope and our great comfort. For to hope in the Resurrection means to hope in a new creation where both body and soul, physical and spiritual, are united in God's love. When earth and heaven will be made new there will no longer be any distinction, and no veil between them. This will be no parallel world - as if the angels sit on clouds and look down on earth - but a new world, a new existence, where all are the same and yet everything is changed. It is the perfection of God's creation: the end of disease and suffering, the end of war and conflict, the end of hatred and envy, the end of sorrow and loss. It is dwelling in Love which lasts for ever.

CAFÉ/BAR NOW OPEN ON THURSDAYS—between 9.00am & 11am. If you would be interested in volunteering to help please contact Patricia on 07939 722 198

SATURDAY MEN'S PARISH BREAKFAST - 3rd December at 9.00am. We are starting a Parish Breakfast for Men in the new Café Bar. This will be an informal space for men in the Parish to enjoy a little social time followed by a short talk and discussion. If you are interested in attending please speak to Fr. Tony after Mass or email tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you to all the helpers who have generously come forward to help with this year's First Holy Communion Programme. We are very grateful. Those Parents/Carers who have not yet collected their child's original Baptism Certificate are asked to please do so this week from the Parish Office. Those Parents/Carers who have not yet provided a passport-size photo of their child for their Enrolment Form are asked to hand this into the Parish Office by the end of this week. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS - We are searching for Parents/Carers/Catechists/Helpers who would like to help with this year's Christmas Family Mass. As many of you already know, this takes place on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. If you would like to assist in any way please speak to one of the Parish Team or email peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you.

CAR PARK STEWARDS - Unfortunately, as many of you know, there have been a number of accidents in the Parish Car Park recently and we are becoming seriously concerned about the inconsiderate parking of those not parking within bays, parking in disabled bays when not disabled and double-parking and blocking others during Mass which is a safety hazard. We would be grateful to any volunteers who might consider, on a rota basis, helping us monitor the Car Park on Sunday Mornings between 9.15am & 12.15pm and at other busy times throughout the year. If you might consider helping please speak to one of the Parish Team or email sudbury@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

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.

THE CHARITIES CHRISTMAS CARD SALE plus Traidcraft, Jewellery, Marmalade stalls and a raffle, will be held on Sunday 13th November after all morning Masses in the Parish Centre.

FRIENDS OF JESUS: The Parish offers Religious Education for children of primary school not attending a Catholic school. The Friends of Jesus meets on Fridays during term-time for an hour at 5.30pm. If you are interested in finding out more about the Friends of Jesus please pick up an Information Leaflet on your way out of church. Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office.

CATERING AT PARISH EVENTS - We are looking for caterers happy to provide food at a reasonable price at Parish events during the year. If you are in the business or know others who might like to help please speak to Mr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team.

OCCASIONAL BAR STAFF REQUIRED - We are looking for occasional staff to take care of the Parish Café Bar at various events throughout the year. If you are over 18, can work flexible hours and are interested in some part-time work at the Parish please speak to Mr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team.

AUTUMN FAITH SHARING— "Living Jesus" - A morning group begins on Monday 7th November in the Café Bar after 9.30am Mass and an evening group on Friday 11th November at 7.00pm also in the Café Bar. New members always welcome. Refreshments served. Booklets are available from the Repository after any Mass—£2 each.

MINIBUS—DRIVERS STILL DESPERATELY WANTED! St George's provides a minibus service for those who are less able-bodied to get to the 11.15am Mass on Sunday. This is highly important for those who use the service. Could you help driving or assisting once a month? Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you are able to help in any way.

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..

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at the Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre on Saturday 19th November 10.30am-2.30pm with many stalls, refreshments etc.— 809 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA0 2 LP. ALL WELCOME! And a **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO Milton Keynes** (from Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre) on Wednesday 16th November leaving at 9.00am. Leaves destination at 4.30pm. £15 per person.. Please ring 020 8908 1220 to book your place.

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

RETROUVILLE—a lifeline for married couples.

WIDOWED YOUNG—support events.

CALIX CENTRE—A Catholic ministry to addicts.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES—new information.

CONCERT in aid of **THE PASSAGE** on Tuesday 8th November. Full details in folder in the porch.

VACANCIES: (*full details in folder*)

HEAD TEACHER required at St. Michael's Catholic Grammar school for September 2017. (C/d 21/11/16).

CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL requires Chef NVQ level 1 & 2 (C/d 11/11/16). and Part Time D & T/ Art Technician (C/d 8/11/16).

SUDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE urgently require Driver—permanent contract.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES. Please see folder and website.

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 Bar of the Parish Centre.

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

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 6 November:

Teas/coffees. After 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 7 November:

Confirmation Catechists' meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 8 November:

First Holy Communion Meeting 7.30pm
Set Dancing: 8.45pm

Wednesday 9 November:

Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm

Thursday 10 November:

Children's Art Class 5.30pm
Panto 7.30pm
Prayer Group 8.00pm

Church Cleaning Group A

7.00pm

Friday 11 November:

Teas after morning Mass 2.00pm
Art Class 5.30pm

Sudbury Neighbourhood Watch

7.30pm

Sunday 13th November:

Charities Christmas Card Sale after all morning Masses 2.00pm

TEA & COFFEE

after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses will now

be in the new Bar-Café. Come and give it a try! & THE TUCK

SHOP again this week after the 9.45am Mass in the Parish

Centre. Come and treat the kids and have a coffee too!

THANK YOU

to all who donated last week to MARY's MEALS.

Between clothes and cash donations we raised £1821.00.

The month of NOVEMBER is dedicated to the Departed and is traditionally a time when we pray for those who have died. So that we can remember the deceased of the Parish, prayer sheets and envelopes will be available at the back of the Church. The names of all will be remembered in the Masses celebrated here during November.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY BEREAVED: Our **BETHANY MASS** will take place on **Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm**. ALL ARE WELCOME especially those who have lost a loved one this year. Please pass the word around.

If you have been bereaved and would like a visit from St. George's Bethany Group please contact the Parish Office.

BETHANY GROUP LUNCH –an opportunity for those who have suffered the death of a loved one to come together for a light meal and friendship on Thursday 1st December at 12.30pm in the parish centre. If you are interested in attending please speak to Fr. Tony after Mass or email tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk.

FUNERAL MASS OF Evelyn Phillip RIP will take place on Thursday 10th November at 11am. 12.45 at West London Crematorium.

BLESSING OF GRAVES – This will take place at Alperton Cemetery on Saturday 12th November at 1.30pm.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS— collection next weekend. This goes towards supporting the basic needs of the sick and retired priests of the diocese. Envelopes will be available this weekend. Please take one home and return it next week.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING for Primary Schools on Friday 6th January 2017 at 7.00pm-8.30pm in the parish Centre. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE AN EVENING PRIOR TO THIS ON FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 7.00-8.00pm. This year the new 'Certificate of Practice' is in force which means you must be very regular in attending Mass. *Please also note that this is the primary time for the parish priests to sign your forms.*

VISIT TO ALLEN HALL - our diocesan seminary on Sunday 27th November there will be an opportunity for a group of parishioners to visit Allen Hall seminary, where approximately fifty men are currently in formation for the priesthood. We will meet some students, take and tour and participate in sung Vespers and Benediction. We will meet at 1.30pm at Sudbury Hill tube station and travel to Allen Hall by underground and bus. The journey takes about an hour. We should return by 6.30pm. *Please contact Fr Tony if you would like to attend.*

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. Please note that our next baptism preparation evening will be on Friday 25th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION - If you are interested in being confirmed at St. George's and you are in Year 10 or above please bring along your Parent/Carer to the Parent & Candidate Information Evening in the Parish Centre on **Monday 21st November at 8pm**. Thank you!

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 for those people who assist the priest with administering the Sacrament at Mass and taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. There will be a training session for those interested in becoming an Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 26th November. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Tony or email tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk. 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, **HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **EUCARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15-6.00pm **RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONS:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm and any time by appointment, **DIVINE MERCY:** Tuesday 10.30am, **PRAYER GROUP:** Thursday 8.00pm **FRiENDS OF JESUS:** Friday 5.30pm.

G	Sun	6 Nov	32nd of the YEAR	Sat.Vigil	6.15pm	Bridie Murphy RIP
					8.30am	Mary Walsh RIP
					9.45am	PRO POPULO
					11.15am	Donna O'Brien RIP
					5.30pm	Julianne & Jack Murphy RIP
G	Mon	7 Nov	feria (Of Requiem)		9.30am	O'Connor Family RIP
Gd	Tues	8 Nov	feria (Of Requiem)		9.30am	Paul Edward Longuet RIP (3rd Ann)
B	Wed	9 Nov	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA		9.30am	Isabel & David Turnbull RIP
W	Thur	10 Nov	S. Leo the Great FUNERAL MASS		9.30am	Holy Souls
W	Fri	11 Nov	S. Martin of Tours		11.00am	Evelyn Phillip RIP
w	Sat	12 Nov	S. Josaphat		9.30am	Charlie Kennedy RIP
					9.30am	Bridget O'Connor Intentions

Why Do we Catholics Pray For The Dead?



On November 2 the Church celebrated the Feast of All Souls, when we remember all who have died. During the month of November, Catholics continue to pray for the deceased, trusting them to God's loving mercy.

For most Catholics, the idea of praying for the deceased is really second nature. We have blessing prayers for the body of someone who's just died, we have wake services, funeral masses, graveside services, and often memorial masses on the anniversary of someone's death.

To some people, this doesn't appear to make much sense. Once someone has passed on, they're in God's hands, so what's the point in

all that prayer? They're facing God's judgment, so what can our prayers accomplish anyway? Well, we believe they can accomplish a lot.

First of all, Catholics believe in purgatory. Without going in to too much detail, this means that some of us aren't ready for heaven when we die, and aren't evil enough to face eternal damnation. So, some period of purification is necessary before we're ready to face God's glory. In part, our prayers for the deceased ask God to show mercy to those souls.

But our prayers for the deceased are not only prayers of supplication. They are also prayers of praise, which remind us of God's goodness and mercy. If you listen closely to the prayers at a Catholic funeral, you'll hear a clear expression of our hope in the resurrection. As Christ rose from the dead, so will we rise with him at the end of time.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 88 (87): 3*

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O
Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body
alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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: *2 Maccabees 7:1-2.9-14*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pigs flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to

receive them again. The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 16*

*R/. I shall be filled when I awake,
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.*

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. *R/*
2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me,
O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. *R/*
3. Hide me in the shadow of your wings
As for me, in my justice I shall see your
face and be filled, when I awake,
with the sight of your glory. *R/*

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such

inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 20:27-38*

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection,

to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion
of your Son, we may honour it with
loving devotion. Through Christ our
Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. Ps 23 (22): 1-2*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your
mercy, that, by the pouring forth of
your Spirit, the grace of integrity may
endure in those your heavenly power
has entered. Through Christ our Lord.