



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Alma Dorothy Edwards

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Margaret Ryan, Paul Longuet.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope

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**A PRAYER FOR
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed members of the armed forces who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SANCTUARY LAMP THIS WEEK
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LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
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**The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury**



**Sunday 8th November 2015
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
"The widow's penny"
The widows offering of a penny is made out of love and of the little on which she must live. We must never be afraid to give generously to God who will always provide for the future. All our gifts must be given lovingly and generously.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

In this reading we hear the beautiful story of the prophet Elijah and the widow and her son. During a great drought, Elijah met a widow and asked her for a small cupful of water and a bit of bread. She had only a handful of flour and a bit of oil that she was preparing for her son and herself. But she made a little cake for the prophet and was rewarded with flour and oil for a year, until the rains came again. The generosity of this widow touches us and fills us with admiration.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

This reading contrasts the actions of the Jewish High Priest with Jesus' priestly office. Each year the Jewish high priest entered the sanctuary of the Temple of Jerusalem with the sacrifice of animals' blood. In contrast, Jesus entered the sanctuary of heaven and offered the sacrifice of himself once to take away our sins. During today's liturgy, let us ask especially for the forgiveness of our sins, especially for not being generous in forgiving one another.

Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44

In this reading we have the story of another widow who gave generously. Many rich people gave far more; she gave only two small copper coins not worth very much. But Jesus was moved by what she did and praised her to his disciples. She gave all that she had to live on. God loves generosity. Nothing is more moving to the heart of Jesus than our willingness to give of ourselves to help others.

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

What is true religion and devotion to God? Jesus warns his disciples against the wrong kind of religion. In his denunciation of the scribes (the religious experts of his day), he warns against three things: the desire for prominence rather than selfless service; the desire for deference and recognition (and seeking esteem from others) rather than seeking to promote the good of others through humble service and love; and thirdly, attempting to use one's position (even a religious position) for self-gain and self-advancement. True religion is relating rightly to God and to one's neighbour with love, honour, and respect.

The Lord puts his Holy Spirit within us that we may be filled with the joy of his presence, the joy of true worship, and the joy of selfless giving and love for others. True reverence for God frees the heart to give liberally, both to God and to neighbour.

Jesus taught his disciples a dramatic lesson in giving with love. Love doesn't calculate; it spends lavishly! Jesus drove this point home to his disciples while sitting in the temple and observing people offering their tithes. Jesus

praised a poor widow who gave the smallest of coins in contrast with the rich who gave greater sums.

How can someone in poverty give more than someone who has ample means? Jesus' answer is very simple: love is more precious than gold! Jesus taught that real giving must come from the heart. A gift that is given with a grudge or for display loses most of its value. But a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is invaluable. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she recklessly gave away all she had! Jesus praised someone who gave barely a penny – how insignificant a sum – because it was everything she had, her whole living. What we have to offer may look very small and not worth much, but if we put all we have at the Lord's disposal, no matter how insignificant it may seem, then God can do with it and with us what is beyond our reckoning. Each of us are called to know the joy and freedom of giving liberally to God and to neighbour with gratitude and love.



PARISH STATISTICS: we are just beginning to compile our annual statistics as we come towards the end of another year. **So, to date:** 46 new families registered in parish this year. The Sunday Mass count is now over 1600. Since the autumn over 50 new volunteers have registered to help with various ministries (catechesis, readers etc..) The 11.15am choir now has 19 boys signed up with more on the way. 10 new people have trained extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (plus 5 training next week). 74 Children have enrolled on their course for First Holy Communion. Over 53 children have been baptised and sadly there have been 40 funerals to date. Above all Thanks to those church members who have recently taken out new standing orders for their weekly giving to the mission of the Church. Thanks also for those support of all who have newly joined the weekly envelope scheme for their weekly offerings to God.

RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) is our parish preparation for those who want to become Catholics. If you know someone who'd like to join this group or you yourself, please speak to one of the parish team.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CATECHISTS WANTED. Would you like to join a team preparing families for the baptism of their children. The commitment would be a couple of times a year. Please speak to a member of the Parish Team if you'd like to know more.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IN CHURCH Please do try to leave the pews as you found them and not leave weekly sheets and crayons behind. We do have some dedicated volunteers to help clear up but it is taking them longer as we leave more behind. Many thanks!

ADVENT PRAYER WITH TAIZE CHANTS - There will be a Prayer with Taizé chants at St. George's, Sudbury on 30th November at 7.30pm (Song Practice at 6.30pm). If you would like to help in any way (e.g. Music, Liturgy, Tea & Coffee) please speak to Peter, our Pastoral Assistant. Thank you!

APPLICATION FORMS FOR VOLUNTEER ROLES INVOLVING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS - If you have been given/sent an application form, please complete and return it to the Parish Office this week. If you have any questions or concerns about the DBS procedure please speak to the Safeguarding Officer or any member of the Parish Team. Thank you!

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING DATE: NEW DATE: PRIMARY and NURSERY: **WEDNESDAY 2nd December 7.30—9.00pm.** The meetings will be held in the Parish Centre. Please try and stick to this date as it is really difficult for clergy to sign forms at the church door after Mass.

THE WHITE SANCTUARY LAMP BY THE TABERNACLE has been sponsored this week for a Special Intention.
THE LAMP BY THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHING-

HAM is sponsored this week for a Special Intention *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.*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AT 6.15pm Mass: If you would like to be considered as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion please speak to one of the parish team.

CHURCH CLEANERS: New volunteers are needed now. If you are able to help please call Julia on 8904 5324 or contact the parish team.

"ANY QUESTIONS" The BBC Radio 4 programme will be hosted by Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School on Friday 11th December. Please see details in book in the porch.

SUDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, 809 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA0 2LP, 020 8908 1220 will be holding their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 21st November from 10.30am until 2.30pm. Many stalls including books, toiletries, jams, knitted items, jewellery, cakes, clothing and much more. ALL WELCOME.

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.**
- ◆ **ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL**—6th Form Open evening on Thursday 12th November at 7 p.m. for entry September 2016. For more details please visit the school's website.

- JOB VACANCIES:**
- ◆ **HEAD TEACHER** required for Pope Paul Catholic Primary School, Potters Bar. (C/d 26 Nov).
 - ◆ **Various Diocesan Vacancies.**
 - FOLDERS in the church porch:** look for pilgrimages and retreats, job opportunities, schools and colleges. Info.

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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 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 ASAP.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 8 November:

Charities Christmas Card Sale
Olive Wood Sale
Tea & Coffee after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses
Panto rehearsal 3.00pm

Monday 9 November:

Tuesday 10 November:
Over 60's 1.00pm
First Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wednesday 11 November:

Panto 7.30pm
Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm

Thursday 12 November:

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm
Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 13 November:

Teas after morning Mass
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm
Panto 3.00pm

OLIVE WOOD SALE after all Masses this weekend. All proceeds go to support Christians in the Holy Land.

CHRISTMAS CARD AND BRIC A BRAC SALE Sunday 8th November: Justice & Peace Group's Charities plus Traidcraft Fairtrade foods, cake stall, poppies, homemade marmalade and various other bric-a-brac, jewellery and book stalls. after all morning Masses in the parish centre.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION: THANK YOU to all who donated to the Sick and Retired Priests Fund collection last weekend, which so far amounts to £1,707.84. Your generous donations helps to ensure these men, who've lived their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescent and personal needs of these priests, often alone and many without personal savings. If you missed them last week it's not too late as envelopes will be available for a couple of weeks or you can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. And please remember to Gift Aid your contribution if you are a standard tax payer.

SMALL GROUPS: Our Diocesan sessions for Small Group entitled "Love Divine" reflecting on the graces bestowed in

the Sacraments will begin on Monday 9th November and continue for six consecutive Monday mornings after the 9.30am Mass in the Sacristy. Booklets to accompany this course are on sale in the repository at £2.00. All are very welcome!

MARY'S MEALS—RAGS TO RICHES Sunday 22nd November (morning ONLY): collection of unwanted bedding and clothing. Please see large poster for more details. **(Please do not bring or leave anything before that date. 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. Our next baptism preparation evening is on **Friday 27th November** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED So that we can remember the deceased of the Parish, prayer sheets and envelopes will be available at the back of the Church. **Please can you put your completed envelopes with any offering you'd like to make in the letter box at the presbytery or office and not in the collection.** The names of all will be remembered in the Masses celebrated here during November.

HAVE YOU MADE PREPARATIONS FOR YOUR OWN FUNERAL? One of the ways we as Christians can behave responsibly is to spare those we love wondering what we would like for our own Funeral. The diocese have now created a form for you to complete and put together with your Will and private papers. This form also involves the choosing of readings and hymns. Mindful that there are specially selected readings, please also take a copy of the reading and selected hymn list to help you in this choice.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY BEREAVED: Our **BETHANY MASS** will take place on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm and 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.*

CEMETERY BLESSINGS 2015:

Clamp Hill: Sunday 8th November, Lower Cemetery at 2pm and Upper Cemetery at 3.00pm.
Alperton: Saturday 14th November at 2pm.
Hendon: Sunday 8th November at 2.00pm.
Willesden New: Sunday 8th November at 2.00pm.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15 noon (Solemn), 5.30pm, **WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am, **HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15-6.00pm **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:** 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	8 November	32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	PRO POPULO Michael & Tom Haugh RIP Margaret & Thomas Ryan RIP Daisy Candappa RIP John Ryan RIP
W	Mon	9 November	Dedication of Lateran Basilica		9.30am	Mary O'Sullivan RIP
W	Tues	10 November	S. Leo the Great		9.30am	Johnny Dean RIP
W	Wed	11 November	S. Martin of Tours		9.30am	Paul Longuet RIP (2nd Ann)
R	Thur	12 November	S. Josaphat		9.30am	John Ryan RIP
G	Fri	13 November	feria [<i>Friday abstinence</i>]		9.30am	Emma Jane Kingston RIP
W	Sat	14 November	Of Our Lady		9.30am	Tim Danaher RIP

Prayer with Taizé Chants

Monday 30th November, 7.30pm
St. George's Church, Sudbury
970 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA0 2QE

Song Practice: 6.30pm Contact: peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

Taizé

ST. GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION "ASIAN STYLE"

Saturday 12th December 7.00pm-10.30pm

Dinner—Bar—Live Band & Dancing—raffle
...and above all—good fun!!

Tickets on sale from next week:
Adults: £10
Children : £5 (yrs5-11)
Under 5 yrs— free

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 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: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon.
And when he reached the city gate,
there was a widow gathering sticks;
addressing her he said, 'Please bring me
a little water in a vessel for me to
drink.' She was setting off to bring it
when he called after her. 'Please' he
said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your
hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she
replied 'I have no baked bread, but only
a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil
in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or
two to go and prepare this for myself
and my son to eat, and then we shall
die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be
afraid, go and do as you have said; but
first make a little scone of it for me and
bring it to me, and then make some for
yourself and for your son. For thus the
Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told
her and they ate the food, she, himself
and her son. The jar of meal was not
spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as
the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 145:6-10

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for
ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R/.*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. *R/.*
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. *R/.*

Second reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a
man-made sanctuary which was only
modelled on the real one; but it was
heaven itself, so that he could appear in

the actual presence of God on our
behalf. And he does not have to offer
himself again and again, like the high
priest going into the sanctuary year
after year with the blood that is not his
own, or else he would have had to
suffer over and over again since the
world began. Instead of that, he has
made his appearance once and for all,
now at the end of the last age, to do
away with sin by sacrificing himself.
Since men only die once, and after that
comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers
himself only once to take the faults of
many on himself, and when he appears
a second time, it will not be to deal
with sin but to reward with salvation
those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation: Rev 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of
the scribes who like to walk about in
long robes, to be greeted obsequiously
in the market squares, to take the front
seats in the synagogues and the places
of honour at banquets; these are the
men who swallow the property of
widows, while making a show of
lengthy prayers. The more severe will
be the sentence they receive.'
He sat down opposite the treasury and
watched the people putting money into

the treasury, and many of the rich put
in a great deal. A poor widow came and
put in two small coins, the equivalent
of a penny. Then he called his disciples
and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly,
this poor widow has put more in than
all who have contributed to the
treasury; for they have all put in money
they had over, but she from the little
she had has put in everything she
possessed, all she had to live on.'

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 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.