



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

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RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Margaret Nunn, Raymond Nott, Sheilah Newbert

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Paulo Zucconi, Anita Burton, Des O'Connor.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER:

This month's intention is for Evangelization: **To witness to the Gospel in Asia.** That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

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**Prayer in November for a
Deceased Person**

Almighty Father, eternal God, hear our prayers for Your son/daughter (Name) whom You have called from this life to Yourself. Grant him/her light, happiness, and peace. Let him/her pass in safety through the gates of death, and live forever with all Your saints in the light You promised to Abraham and to all his descendants in faith. Guard him/her from all harm and on that great day of resurrection and reward raise him/her up with all Your saints. Pardon his/her sins and give him/her eternal life in Your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
**In Memory of
MAURO CIRILLO RIP**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
has been sponsored this week
**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
ELIZABETH EKEYONG**



**TURN OFF
ALL MOBILE
PHONES**

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



Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Readings
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Divine Office
Week 4



**Sunday 12th November 2017
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



We await the second coming of Christ as the ten bridesmaids waited for the bridegroom. We must be awake and patient at all times so we are always ready when the shout goes up 'He is here'. We have no need to worry about those who have died before us as they too will rise from the dead with Christ in Glory.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

God will raise all those who have died.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**'Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of
you has received.'**

1 Peter 4:10

Sunday Reflection

Being unprepared can lead to unnecessary trouble and even disaster! What good is a life-jacket left on the shore when the boat is sinking? Jesus' story of ten single women or bridesmaids waiting for a wedding procession in the middle of the night seems strange to most of us today. But Jesus' audience knew all too well how easily this could happen to them. Wedding customs in ancient Palestine required extra vigilance and preparation for everyone involved. (Some near eastern villages still follow this custom.) The bride and groom did not go away for their honeymoon, but celebrated for a whole week with their family and friends. It was the custom for the groom, in company with his friends, to come at his discretion and get his bride and bring her to their new home. They would take the longest route possible so that many villagers along the way could join in the wedding procession. Once they arrived and closed the doors, no one else could be admitted. If the groom decided to come and bring his bride at night, then lights were required by necessity to guide the travellers through the dark and narrow streets. No one was allowed



on the village streets at night without a lamp! To show up for a wedding party without proper attire and travel arrangements is like trying to get into a special event today that requires a prearranged permit or reservation. You just don't get in without the proper pass. Can you imagine the frustration travellers might experience when going abroad and finding out that they can't get into some country because they don't have the right visa or a valid passport. Jesus warns us that there are consequences for being unprepared. There are certain things you cannot obtain at the last moment. For example, students cannot prepare for their exams when the day of testing is already upon them. When the Lord Jesus comes to lead you to his heavenly banquet will you be ready to hear his voice and follow? Our eternal welfare depends on our hearing, and sadly many have trained themselves to not hear. We will not be prepared to meet the Lord, face to face, when he calls us on the day of judgment, unless we listen to him today. The Lord invites us to feast at his heavenly banquet table. This big question is: are you ready?

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility PLANNED GIVING APPEAL

'For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?' - Luke 14:28

Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we ask **all** parishioners to take this opportunity to **prayerfully** reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Please take an appeal newsletter.

Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a promise card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today. Thank you.

ing and friendly small-group setting. Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to sign up or if you want further details.

MARY'S MEALS: There will be a collection of unwanted clothing and bedding (NO duvets NO pillows) next weekend only 18th/19th November (Sunday morning ONLY). Bags will be collected at 11.15am. Please bring securely tied bags before Mass. Bags left after morning collection will not be accepted.

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

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR on Friday 1st December from 3pm-6pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses on 18th/19th and 25/26 November.

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.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED to help with the **CHURCH FLOWERS**. You do not have to be professional just committed to coming to help on Fridays and at major celebrations. If you can help please contact the parish team.

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 RE-MEMBER to book your anniversary Masses early. We are now booked up until April 2018.

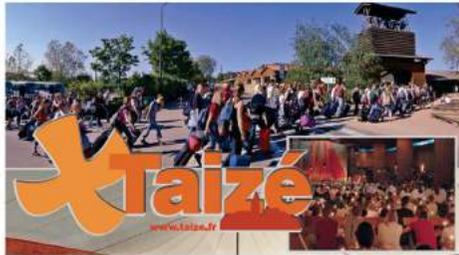
ST. GEORGE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH on Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: An Engaged Encounter weekend is taking place this weekend, at the Hallam Pastoral Centre in Sheffield. Your prayers are asked for the engaged couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage and for the two married couples and priest who are presenting the weekend.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: ANYONE contemplating the prospect of spending Christmas Day alone has another option in our community. We arrange a traditional Christ-



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



Aged 16 - 30?
Join us next year on pilgrimage to the South of France

Price: Around £200

mas lunch and volunteers will provide transport to those in need of a lift. If you would like to attend as a guest and/or you know of someone who would benefit, please email us. We will need the help and support of volunteers on the day. Any queries email Christmaslunch25@gmail.com

25 CARD DRIVE in aid of St. Luke's Hospice at The Green Man Pub, Slough Lane, Kingsbury on Saturday 18th November starting at 8.30pm. 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. —new information.

JOB VACANCIES & DIOCESAN VACANCIES: . St. Gregory's Catholic Science College require an Expressive Arts Technician (c/d 4/12); Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School require a School Chaplain (c/d 23/11) and a Caretaker. Details plus latest diocesan vacancies in folder in porch or go to relevant websites.

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

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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 12 November 2017:

Teas and coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses –

Monday 13 November:

NO KEEP FIT THIS WEEK

Tuesday 14 November:

Over 60's Group: 1.00pm

First Holy Communion 7.30pm

Ceilidh/Set Dancing 8.45pm

Wednesday 15 November:

Unlocking the Bible 10.15am

Unlocking the Bible 7.00pm

Thursday 16 November:

Café/Bar open 9-11am

Church Cleaning Group B 10.30am

St. George's Neighbourhood Watch 7.30pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 17 November:

Teas after morning Mass 5.30pm

Friends of Jesus

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

FUNERAL MASS of **Margaret Nunn** on Monday 13th November at 1.30pm. Followed by cremation at Breakspears at 3.00pm. You are invited to join the family over refreshments, following the Mass and continuing after the cremation, at the Parish Centre. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to either the Cystic Fibrosis Trust or the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Donation boxes will be available.

FUNERAL MASS of **Sheilah Newbert** on Friday 17th November at 11am at St. Joseph's Church, Bull Lane, Gerrards Cross.

FUNERAL MASS of **Raymond Nott** on Tuesday 21st November at 11.00am followed by Cremation at Breakspears Crematorium at 12.30pm.

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.

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 24th November 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:** Carpenders Park on Sunday 12th November at 2.30pm.

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

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE Thank you very much to everyone who contributed, helped or participated. The raffle raised £276.50 which will be divided between the following charities; Smile Train and Cystic Fibrosis Trust. The sale of cakes raised £76.40 which has been given to the parish.

CALLING ALL EXISTING ALTAR SERVERS! We are refreshing our list of altar servers to bring it up to date. If you currently serve and would like to continue doing so, please email Rosy Fernandes (rosy.fernandes@talktalk.net) by the end of November (or ask your parent/guardian to if you are under 16). This will help us in putting together a new rota from January.

Please note that at a few Sunday Masses recently, no-one has arrived to serve. Please do your best to attend if you are listed on the rota. If you are not listed on the rota for a Mass you are attending, but you notice that no-one else has arrived to serve, please volunteer to help. Thank you.

CALLING NEW ALTAR SERVERS! Any young person or Adult can ask to become an altar server after they have made their first Holy Communion. It is an excellent way to serve the parish and to enter into the celebration of Mass. If you would be interested in serving, please could you (or your parent/guardian) email Fr Tony on tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk. Training will, of course, be provided. Thank you.

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 welcom-

LOOKING AFRESH AT OUR SANCTUARY (No.5)

The Chair for the Priest Celebrant

The chair of the Priest Celebrant must signify his function of presiding over the gathering and of directing the prayer. Thus the more suitable place for the chair is facing the people at the head of the sanctuary, unless the design of the building or other features prevent this: as, for example, if on account of too great a distance, communication between the Priest and the congregation would be difficult, or if the **tabernacle were to be positioned in the centre behind the altar. In any case, any appearance of a throne is to be avoided.**

1 2 6 . This chair symbolises the unity, leadership and service of the assembly gathered in Christ. The presiding bishop or priest leads the assembly in the Introductory Rite, the Collect and Post-Communion Prayers and the General Intercessions from the chair; it is also from there that he greets and dismisses the assembly, listens to the *s c r i p t u r e s*, and may also preach the homily. The location of the chair should enable the priest to be seen and heard by all in the assembly, and enable him in his exercising of his role as leader and servant of the community (CTM 99).

127. The chair is a key element in the general design of the sanctuary. It should be *c o n s i d e r e d* in relationship to the ambo and altar, and each of these should be given their own discrete space. The design of the chair may appropriately relate to the design of the ambo and altar, although it need not be made from the same material. The chair should not be a throne, but a seat for the one whose role is to preside at the Liturgy, whose leadership finds expression especially in a life of service. The chair should be comfortable to sit in. If it is raised in some way, there should be enough space at and around it for the presider to stand, sit and kneel safely, as he is required to do by the various liturgical rites, and for the deacon's seat to be placed on the same level. Care should be taken also that there is sufficient space before the chair for rites such as Confirmation when candidates and sponsors will come to the bishop at the chair for the sacrament to be administered.

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 12 Nov	32nd OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Anita Burton RIP
8.30am	Patricia Tuohy RIP
9.45am	David Hill RIP
11.15am	Walter, Bridget & Julian Vanderhoven RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

Mon 13 Nov	<i>feria (Of Requiem)</i>
9.30am	Emma Jane Kingston RIP
1.30pm	FUNERAL MASS Margaret Nunn RIP

Tues 14 Nov	<i>feria (Of Requiem)</i>
9.30am	Michael Howard RIP

Weds 15 Nov	<i>feria (Of Requiem)</i>
9.30am	Ann Jordan RIP

Thur 16 Nov	<i>S. Edmund of Abingdon</i>
9.30am	Philip Murphy RIP

Fri 17 Nov	<i>S. Hugh of Lincoln</i>
9.30am	Percy, Nerissa & Alcom Outschoorn RIP

Sat 18 Nov	<i>Of Our Lady</i>
9.30am	Paulo Zucconi RIP

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: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,

in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 62(63):2-8

R/. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. *R/.*
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *R/.*
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *R/.*
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *R/.*

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that

any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us

some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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.