



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

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RECENTLY MARRIED: *Jamiel Hassania & Sheena Pradhan*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Carlo Ferrari*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Manal Francis Luca, Anita Burton, Paulo Zucconi.*

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

PRAYER FOR ALL THE DECEASED

By Thy resurrection from the dead, O Christ, death no longer hath dominion over those who die in holiness. So, we beseech Thee, give rest to Thy servants in Thy sanctuary and in Abraham's bosom. Grant it to those, who from Adam until now have adored Thee with purity, to our fathers and brothers, to our kinsmen and friends, to all men who have lived by faith and passed on their road to Thee, by a thousand ways, and in all conditions, and make them worthy of the heavenly kingdom.

SANCTUARY LAMP THIS WEEK
Sponsored for a Special Intention
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is Sponsored for the Intentions of Rita.

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Sunday cycle of readings Year B
Weekday readings Year 1: week 33
Divine Office Week 1

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 15th November 2015

THE THIRTY-THIRD 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 Son of man is coming in power and glory"

We await the second coming when he will gather together his chosen ones from the four corners of the earth. On that day we will understand God's plan for our salvation and we will praise him for his compassion and mercy to us.

First Reading: *Book of Daniel 12:1-3*

This passage gives the first hint in the Bible of the resurrection from the dead. The writer speaks about Michael, the archangel of God, who will lead the just and those who work for justice into the everlasting life of heaven. Heaven is our future, where we will be with God forever. There every tear will be gone; we will have fullness of life forever with God and all those whom we love.

Second Reading: *Letter to the Hebrews 10:11-14, 18*

In this reading we reflect on the meaning of our future with God. Jesus has given us eternal salvation. Now he sits forever at God's right hand.

Gospel: *Mark 13: 24-32*

We do not know the day or the hour of Jesus' Second Coming; only God knows. Meanwhile, as Jesus has repeatedly taught us, we must watch and wait for him in faith, hope, and love. In the hour we least expect him, he warns, he will come. May we not be doing foolish things or be living in fear, but be awaiting the kingdom with hope as we strive to do God's will.

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

What lesson does Jesus want us to learn from the parable of the budding fig tree? The fig tree was a common and important source of food for the Jews. It bore fruit twice a year, in the autumn and in the early spring. The prophet Joel mentions its fruit bearing as a sign of favour from the Lord (Joel 2:22). The Jewish writings said that the first fruit came the day after Passover. The Jews believed that when the Messiah came he would usher in the kingdom of God at Passover time. This parable foretells the joy of God's kingdom – the joy of new life and the promise of a new age of peace and blessing. The signs of spring are evident for all who can see. Just so are the signs of God's kingdom. The "budding" of God's kingdom begins first in the hearts



of those who are receptive to God's word. Those who trust in God's word will bear the fruits of that kingdom? "The kingdom of God ..is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). We do not know the day or hour when the Lord will return again in glory. But the Lord does give us signs, not only to "wake us up" as a warning, but also to "rouse our spirits" to be ready and eager to see his kingdom come in all its power and glory. The Lord wants us to be filled with joyful anticipation for his coming again. He surely comes to us each day and speaks to our hearts like a lover who whispers in the ear of the beloved. As he promised, the Lord will surely come again in all his glory. The big question is this: are we ready?

"What can be hoped for which is not believed?"

Saint Augustine

A BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed in so many different ways to last weekend's Charity sale in the Parish Centre.

ROME PILGRIMAGE in April 2016. Only 2 single rooms left. Full details in the porch.

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.

PANTO 2016: All children in year 3 and above who would like to take part in this year's pantomime, please come to the rehearsal on Sunday, 22 November, at 3.00pm. If you have any questions, please ring Greg on 07990 566929.'

FRIENDS OF JESUS: If your child is of primary school age but is not attending a Catholic school they are welcome to attend Friends of Jesus at 5.30pm on Friday evenings. For further information please see one of the parish team.

CONFIRMATION DATES: Parents and Candidates are invited to an Information Evening on Monday 23rd November at 8pm. For further information please contact Peter Kingsley the Pastoral Assistant.

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 DATES: NEW 6TH FORM Application form signing date this week on **Monday 16th November at 6.30pm**. 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 WALSHINGHAM** is sponsored this week for the Intentions of Rita.

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.

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

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. **JINGLE ALL THE WAY**—a brand new sketch show for all the family exploring the true meaning of Christmas. Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm at St Anselm's School Hall, Harrow. See notice in porch for more details.

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.**
- 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

Prayer with Taizé Chants



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

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NEWS & VIEWS

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 TODAY AFTER MASS

**Adults: £10 Children : £5 (yrs 5-11)
Under 5 yrs— free**

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 15 November:

Tea & Coffee after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses

Monday 16 November:

6th Form application form signing 6.30pm

Tuesday 17 November:

Over 60's 1.00pm

First Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wednesday 18 November:

Church Cleaning Group B 1.45pm

Bethany Mass (refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards) 7.30pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 20 November:

Teas after morning Mass 2.00pm

Art Class 5.30pm

Friends of Jesus 7.30pm

Panto 7.30pm

Sunday 22 November:

Tea & Coffee after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses

Panto rehearsal 3.00pm

SMALL GROUPS: Our Diocesan sessions for Small Group entitled "Love Divine" reflecting on the graces bestowed in the Sacraments began on Monday 9th November and continues for six consecutive Monday mornings after the 9.30am Mass & Rosary in the Sacristy. Booklets to accompany this course are on sale in the repository at £2.00. All are very welcome!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY BEREAVED: Our **BETHANY MASS** will take place this 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.

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. Please note that our next baptism preparation evening has been changed to **Thursday 26th November (not Friday 27th November)** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

UPDATE on 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. 15 new people have trained Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. 12 Marriages have taken place with 11 being married elsewhere. 74 Children have enrolled on their course for First Holy Communion. Over 53 children have been baptised with a further 9 to be baptised before Christmas 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.

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, **HOLIDAYS 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	15 November	33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am	Anita Burton RIP Leo & Olga Barco RIP Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP Hermosinda Toucedo RIP PRO POPULO Frank McGovern RIP and Jimmy Fallon RIP
W	Mon	16 November	S. Edmund of Abingdon		9.30am	The Kelly Family Intention
W	Tues	17 November	S. Hugh of Lincoln		9.30am	Kitty Carey RIP
G	Wed	18 November	feria		9.30am	Paolo Zucconi RIP
G	Thur	19 November	feria		9.30am	Holy Souls
G	Fri	20 November	feria [Friday abstinence]		9.30am	Nora McHugh RIP
W	Sat	21 November	The Presentation of Our Lady		9.30am	Gerry Cooney

WHY DO WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

The second book of Maccabees tells how Judas Maccabee, the Jewish leader, led his troops into battle in 163 B.C. When the battle ended he directed that the bodies of those Jews who had died be buried. As soldiers prepared their slain comrades for burial, they discovered that each was wearing an amulet taken as booty from a pagan Temple. This violated the law of Deuteronomy and so Judas and his soldiers prayed that God would forgive the sin these men had committed (II Maccabees 12:39-45).

This is the first indication in the Bible of a belief that prayers offered by the living can help free the dead from any sin that would separate them from God in the life to come. It is echoed in the New Testament when St. Paul offers a prayer for a man who had died: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day"(2 Timothy 1:18). At Rome the Catacombs, bear evidence that members of the Roman Christian community gathered there to pray for their fellow followers of Christ who lay buried there. By the fourth

century prayers for the dead are mentioned in Christian literature as though they were already a longstanding custom.

The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in Christian belief in the everlasting life promised in Jesus' teachings and foreshadowed by his disciple's experience that God had raised him from the dead. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we yet continue a personal existence. It is as living persons that God invites us into a relationship whose life transcends death.

Praying for the dead has further origins in our belief in the communion of saints. Members of this community who are living often assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support. Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints. We believe death remains a mystery for us—a great unknown. Yet Christian language evokes a hopeful imagination in the presence of death, an assurance that our love, linked to Christ's love, can help bridge whatever barriers might keep those whom we love from fully enjoying the presence of a loving and life-giving God.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: *Jer 29: 11, 12, 14*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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: *Daniel 12:1-3*

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of

heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 15:5,8-11*

R/. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R/.**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R/.**
3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R/.**

Second reading: *Hebrews 10:11-14,18*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away.

He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Mt 24:42 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: *Mark 13:24-32*

Jesus said, 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that

summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Mk 11: 23-24*

Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.