



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

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RECENTLY BAPTISED: Mila Chevtchik, Ronin Carter-Nair.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Eugene O'Sullivan, Pat Butler.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Keith Kugaswaran, Ignatius Fernandes, Mrs. A. Manuel Pillai.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH
Universal: Families in Difficulty

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: Persecuted Christians

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the

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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 THIS WEEK
**Sponsored by Ophelia Jules for
 Special Birthday Intentions**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY
 OF WALSINGHAM sponsored for
 Special Intentions of Susila Hardy.**



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



Sunday 28th February 2016
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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
" God said: 'I am who I am' ."
God the creator of all things is faithful to his word. He is the one who acts, who intervenes in our lives, so that we turn to him in repentance. Despite god's goodness to the Jews in the desert many of them fell away from their belief. The events that happened to them in the Old Testament are a warning to us lest we make the same mistakes.

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
 God assures Moses that the cries of the people in captivity have been heard. God will not only rescue the people but will lead them to the Promised Land. When Moses realizes that God wants him to return to Egypt and lead the Israelites, Moses says that the people will not believe him because he does not know God's name. Moses learns God's name. It is Yahweh, meaning "I am who am."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 St. Paul's letter to the Christian community at Corinth is filled with advice about keeping the faith. In today's reading he reminds the people that they cannot take their new faith for granted.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9
 Some people in Jesus' time believed that those who suffered such tragedies and injustices were being punished because they were great sinners. Jesus sets them straight in today's gospel reading. He says that suffering comes from injustice in our world.

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

What can a calamity, such as a political blood-bath or a natural disaster, teach us about God's kingdom and the consequences of bad choices and sinful actions? When calamity and disaster hit the Jewish people, such as their 400 year enslavement in the land of Egypt, they often saw it as the consequence of their unrepentant sin and persistent unfaithfulness to God. God, however in his mercy, promised to deliver the Israelites when he sent his servant Moses to lead his people to freedom.

In today's gospel Jesus was asked by some listeners to address the issue of sin and its consequences in the light of two current disasters that befell the residents of Jerusalem. The first incident occurred in the temple at Jerusalem. Pilate, who was the Roman



governor of Jerusalem at the time, ordered his troops to slaughter a group of Galileans who had come up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice in the temple. We do not know what these Galileans did to incite Pilate's wrath, nor why Pilate chose to attack them in the holiest of places for the Jews, in their temple at Jerusalem. For the Jews, this was political barbarity and sacrilege at its worst! The second incident which Jesus addressed was a natural disaster, a tower in Jerusalem which unexpectedly collapsed, killing 18 people. The Jews often associated such calamities and disasters as a consequence of sin.

However, the real danger and calamity which Jesus wants to point out is that an unexpected disaster or a sudden death does not give us time to repent of our sins and to prepare ourselves to meet the Judge of heaven and earth. The Book of Job reminds

us that misfortune and calamity can befall both the righteous and the unrighteous alike. Jesus gives a clear warning - take responsibility for your actions and moral choices and put sin to death today before it can destroy your heart, mind, soul, and body as well.

Jesus' parable of the barren fig trees illustrated his warning about the consequences of allowing sin and corruption to take root in our hearts and minds. Fig trees were a common and important source of food for the people of Palestine. A fig tree normally matured within three years, producing plentiful fruit. If it failed, it was cut down to make room for more healthy trees. A decaying fig tree and its bad fruit came to symbolize for the Jews the consequence of spiritual corruption caused by evil deeds and unrepentant sin. The unfruitful fig tree symbolized the outcome of Israel's unresponsiveness to the word of God.

God, in his mercy, gives us time to get right with him, but that time is now. We must not assume that there is no hurry. A sudden and unexpected death leaves one no time to prepare to settle one's accounts when he or she must stand before the Lord on the day of judgment. Jesus warns us that we must be ready at all times. Tolerating sinful habits and excusing unrepentant sin will result in bad fruit and eventual destruction. The Lord in his mercy gives us both grace and time to turn away from sin, but that time is right now. If we delay, even for a day, we may discover that grace has passed us by and our time is up. Let us therefore, in what remains of Lent, take stock of our lives and turn to the Lord once more.

TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS on Friday 18th March at 7.30pm. This time at St Andrew's Church. More info from Peter Kingsley our Pastoral Assistant.

EASTER FLOWERS. This year we are offering people the opportunity to buy an Easter lily in memory of a loved one. The cost will be £5.00 and envelopes for this purpose will be available at the back of the church and from the office as of next week.

A DAY WITH MARY is coming to St George's on **Saturday 19th March.** This day which is celebrated regularly around different parishes in the diocese will begin at 9.15am and last through until 5.45am. Flyers are available at the back of the Church.

HOSPITALITY AFTER 9.45AM MASS - More volunteers wanted to help serve teas after the 9.45am Mass. Please contact peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

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.

LENT LEAFLET—please take one if you have not already done so. There are a few left.

A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT ST GEORGE'S is now available to us - through text giving on your mobile phone! Just text **PARISH SUDBU to 70800** to donate £5 automatically. This amount will be added onto your phone bill. An easy way to make offerings or to top-up your regular giving, or to give if you're visiting. No more need to search your pocket or purse for loose coins either. Thank you in advance for your generosity!"

THANK YOU! The recent **BARRACKPORE LEPROSY GROUP/FAIRTRADE** coffee morning raised £255. Thank you to everyone for their generous support.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE on **Saturday 9th July.** This is a special pilgrimage for the diocese of Westminster in the Year of Mercy. A coach will be going from St George's. More news soon.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER—VOLUNTEER DAY on Saturday 5th March at Westminster Cathedral Hall, 10am-2pm. A chance for Catholics in the Diocese of Westminster to find inspiration, motivation, and opportunities to volunteer in their community.

CHURCH CAR PARK— please try to be courteous to each other and try not to double park..

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY —Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm. The

Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 7th March 2016.

PERMANENT DEACON COME AND SEE. Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting at St Edward the Confessor, 700 Finchley Rd, Golders Green, NW11 7NE on Saturday 12th March from 10am to 12. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

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:

- ◆ **CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL** has teaching and catering assistant vacancies.
 - ◆ **ST. DOMINIC'S SIXTH FORM COLLEGE** has vacancies for a Chaplain and A-level teacher of Religious Studies.
 - ◆ **FELTHAM** Community Chaplain.
 - ◆ **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY**—Chaplaincy Admin.
 - ◆ **DIOCESAN VACANCIES.** Please see folder and website for latest details.
 - ◆ **PRISON ADVICE & CARE TRUST (PACT)** require two trustees.
- 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 28 February:

Confirmation Parish Breakfast after all morning Masses.

Monday 29 February:

Lent Group (choir sacristy) after Mass
Confirmation 8.00pm

Tuesday 1 March:

Over 60's Club 1.00pm
First Holy Communion (Children) 7.30pm

Wednesday 2 March:

Ladies' Social Guild 8.00pm

Thursday 3 March:

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm
Children's Art Class 5.30pm

Friday 4 March:

Stations of the Cross 10.00am
Teas after morning Mass

Art Class 2.00pm

Saturday 5 March

Charismatic Praise & Worship 7.15pm

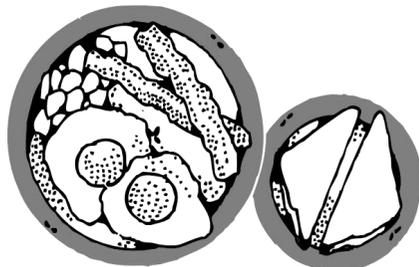
Sunday 6 March:

St. Luke's Hospice Mother's day sale after all morning Masses

FUNERAL MASS of Eugene O'Sullivan on Friday 4th March at 11.30. Reception into Church the night before at 7.00pm. May he rest in peace.

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 29th April**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SWAP - One of the first holy communion children is wishing to swap from Saturday 21st to Sunday 22nd May. If your child is booked in on 22nd May and you are willing to swap please can you let us know at the Parish Office. Thank you!



TODAY after all morning Masses why not stay for BREAKFAST in the Parish Centre prepared by our Confirmation candidates.

CONFESSION LEAFLET: a new leaflet has been produced to help you make your Sacramental Confession during this Year of Mercy. You can find it at the back of the church.

PARISH RECONCILIATION LITURGY with the opportunity for individual Confession on Thursday 10th march at 7.30pm

MOTHERING SUNDAY falls next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Flowers will be blessed and distributed for children to give their mothers at the 9.45am Family Mass.

Also..

ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE SALE ON MOTHERING SUNDAY Sunday 6th March—with raffle, flower/plant/cake and other stalls after all morning Masses in the Parish Centre. Donations of cakes most welcome. Please support your local hospice.

FRIENDS OF JESUS will be back on Friday 11th March. At 5.30pm

PARISH WEBSITE - A big thank you to Cristiana who has generously given so much of her time to give new life to our Parish Website. To see our updated micro-site please visit <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury>

VIRTUAL TOUR OF ST. GEORGE'S - We were recently visited by a Professional Photographer from Google who has created a Virtual Tour of St. George's. If you'd like to do the virtual tour please visit <https://goo.gl/maps/XsWvJve1w542> TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE

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, **EUCHARISTIC 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.

V	Sun	28 February	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	<i>Sat.Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	Fr. Barth Hayes RIP PRO POPULO Keith Kugaswaran RIP & Holy Souls Maureen Bell RIP & Bridie Burns RIP Ignatius Fernandes RIP
V	Mon	29 February	Lent feria		9.30am	Pat Brennan RIP
W	Tues	1 March	S. DAVID		9.30am	Patricia Brennan RIP
V	Wed	2 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Annie Nameth RIP
V	Thur	3 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Michael McHale RIP
V	Fri	4 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Michael McNamee RIP
			FUNERAL MASS		11.30pm	Eugene O'Sullivan RIP
V	Sat	5 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Mrs. A. Manuel Pillai RIP



The Year of Mercy logo

"MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER" (LUKE 6: 36)

The almond shape

An important figure in ancient iconography, it represents the union of two circles, that is the two natures of Christ: divine and human.



The motto

The motto of the Year of Mercy is taken from the Gospel of Luke: "Be merciful like the Father"

The colors

Red: blood, life and divinity
White: the light of Christ.
Blue: represents man.
Golden: Adam (and each one of us) is in a process of becoming like God through Jesus Christ.



The gaze

Jesus and the man share one eye. This means that God communicates himself in such a way that man is able to see as He sees.

The concentric ovals

They suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death.



The Good Shepherd

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who carries Adam (and all of us) on His shoulders.

"GOD'S MERCY IS LIKE THAT: A GREAT LIGHT OF LOVE AND TENDERNESS" (POPE FRANCIS)

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

Collect

O God, author of every mercy
and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of
our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by
our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
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: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 102:1-4,6-8,11

R/. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *R/.*
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *R/.*
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. *R/.*

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. *R/.*

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 4:17

*Praise to you, O Christ, you are the King of Glory!
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Praise to you, O Christ, you are the King of Glory!*

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were

greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in
Mystery may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.