



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

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Richeldis Paxton, Wilma Primmer, 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, Billy Brennan, Ian Measham, David Colville, Josephine Smullen, Edward Reilly, , Betty Cain, James McHugh, Callum Stewart-Robert, Betty Hickey, Bernie Marren, Sadie Burgess, Shayanayaki Kaithampillai, Richard Howes, Mia Harrison, 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.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Nathan Matthias.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Bridie Burns

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Costas Karaiskos. Mary Ferrao, Norah Condon, Violet Brown.

**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY**

**Universal:** That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

**Evangelization:** That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

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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 in Memory of  
**Lourdes Fernandes RIP.**  
**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF  
 WALSINGHAM is sponsored**  
 in memory of  
**Margaret Nammi RIP.**



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



**Sunday 31st January 2016**  
**THE FOURTH 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 greatest gift is love"**  
*We are a people not only of faith and hope but especially of love. Love is the greatest gift which the Spirit of Christ gives to members of his Church. The gift is also given to those outside the Church and for this we should thank God. Love breaks down human barriers and divisions. Love will bring about Christian unity and greater Christian witness if we are open to the Spirit.*

**First reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**  
 The prophet Jeremiah affirms he was chosen by God and ordered by him to pronounce judgement against the nations. This was because his mission had been queried. He will undergo many trials, but God will always be with him: so he will not fail.

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31- 13:13**  
 There are many different spiritual gifts which help build up the Christian community, but they are worth nothing without love. It is love which sustains the various aspects of life together and it is the greatest of all gifts.

**Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**  
 Rejected in Nazareth, where he had been brought up, while he had been welcomed in Capernaum, like Elijah and Elisha, will turn to the pagans to offer them salvation. The anger and violence of his fellow townsmen foreshadow the death of the Messiah.

# Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

It was customary for Jesus to go weekly to the synagogue to worship and on occasion to read the scriptures and comment on them to the people. His hometown friends, family and neighbours listened with rapt attention on this occasion because they had heard about the miracles he had performed in other towns. What sign would he do in his hometown? Jesus startled them with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honour among his own people. He then angered them when he complimented the gentiles who seemed to have shown more faith in God than the "chosen ones" of Israel. They regarded gentiles as "fuel for the fires of hell". Jesus' praise for "outsiders" caused them offence because they



were blind-sighted to God's mercy and plan of redemption for all nations.

The word "gospel" literally means "good news". Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and affliction. Jesus came to set people free from the worst tyranny possible the tyranny of slavery to sin and the fear of death, and the destruction of both body and soul. God's power alone can save us from emptiness and poverty of spirit, from confusion and error, and from the fear of death and hopelessness. The gospel of salvation is "good news" for us today. If this is so, let us all strive to know the joy and freedom of the gospel

## BLESSING OF THROATS ON THE FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE (3rd FEBRUARY)

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. On Saint Blaise's feast day the Blessing of the tradition of the blessing of Throats takes place. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said.



morning Masses. **Donations of cakes would be very welcome.**

**THE WHITE SANCTUARY LAMP BY THE TABERNACLE** has been sponsored this week in memory of Lourdes Fernandes RIP.

**THE LAMP BY THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** is sponsored this week in memory of Margaret Nammi RIP

*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.*

**LOOKING AHEAD**—some dates for your diaries.

+ **THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS** Tuesday 2nd February Mass with Blessing of Candles at 9.30am

+ **ASH WEDNESDAY** 10th February—Masses at 9.30am & 8.00pm with the imposition of ashes

+ **MORNING OF RECOLLECTION IN LENT** Saturday 27th February 9.30am Mass – 1.00pm soup Lunch *(Especially for all Eucharistic Ministers, readers, those involved in different ministries together with anyone from the parish)*

**LENT 2016**—a special leaflet will be available soon detailing all our opportunities and activities in the parish.

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

**ANNUAL MASS** in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes in this Year of Mercy will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday 6th February at 2.00pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass. If you wish to attend and need a wheelchair space please contact the parish office.

**LITTLE DREAMS—CHILDREN'S ART CLUB** for ages 6-10 years, on Thursdays at 6pm-7pm, in the Parish Centre. Please ring Emily or Ewa on

07908481710/ email: e.f.auger@hotmail.com

**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.**
- ◆ **DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER** required at Pope Paul Catholic Primary School, Potters Bar.
- ◆ **CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL** has teaching and catering assistant vacancies.
- ◆ **DIOCESAN VACANCIES.** Please see folder and website for details.
- ◆ **GALA CONCERT** in aid of Corpus Christi Covent Garden Restoration Appeal — 19th February.
- ◆ **ST. AUGUSTINE'S PRIORY**—open day information.

**FOLDERS in the church porch:** look for pilgrimages and retreats, job opportunities, schools and colleges Info.

**GRANNY SITTER** required for elderly gentleman, some mobility issues. Hours and hourly

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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 31 January:

Panto Matinee 2.00pm

### Monday 1 February:

Confirmation 8.00pm

### Tuesday 2 February:

Over 60's Club 1.00pm

Catechists' Meeting 7.30pm

### Wednesday 3 February:

Ladies' Social Guild 8.00pm

### Thursday 4 February:

Children's Art Class 5.30pm

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

### Friday 5 February:

Teas after morning Mass

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** Thank you for your generous donations last week. We have been able to send a cheque for £966.57 to the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** programme will resume on **Tuesday 9th February** (parents/guardians only).

**FUNERAL MASS** of **Bridie Burns** on Monday 15th February at 12 noon. Reception into

Church the night before at 7.00pm. May she 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 26th February 2016**.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS** - Please do not worry about registering your child's attendance at Mass for the next two Sundays. New attendance cards will be provided to all parents/guardians at the first session of the Spring Term on Tuesday 9th February. Thank you.

**LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS**, the diocesan faith-sharing resource for this Lent, explores the mystery and beauty of God's mercy by reflecting on the parables devoted to mercy as well as the Gospel accounts of personal encounters with Jesus, who embodied Divine Mercy. We will consider how He invites each of us to turn to Him and be healed. *Lift up your Hearts* will be available *before and during Lent*.

**CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY—Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 3pm.** The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**COFFEE MORNING/CAKE SALE Sunday 14th February:** The Barrack Pore Leprosy Project/Justice & Peace Group are holding a coffee morning on Sunday 14th February after all

# 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	31 January	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm 9.30am	John & Mary Caroll Jacob Family Intentions Joseph Fernandes RIP Anastasia Johnston RIP PRO POPULO Nora & David Condon RIP
G	Mon	1 February	feria		9.30am	Michael & Patrick Connell RIP
W	Tues	2 February	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ( <i>Candlemas</i> )		9.30am	Mary Ferrao RIP John O'Donoghue RIP
W	Wed	3 January	Ss. Lawrence, Dunstan & Theodore		9.30am	The Haugh Family
G	Thur	4 January	feria		9.30am	Dominic Harkin RIP
R	Fri	5 January	S. Agatha		9.30am	
R	Sat	6 January	S. Paul Miki & Comps.		9.30am	

**This merciful God is faithful in his mercy and St Paul says something beautiful: if you are not faithful to him, he will remain faithful, for he cannot deny himself. Faithfulness in mercy is the very being of God. For this reason God is totally and always trustworthy. A solid and steadfast presence. This is the assurance of our faith. Thus, in this Jubilee of Mercy, let us entrust ourselves to him totally, and experience the joy of being loved by this "God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness".**

POPE FRANCIS



## The Byron Consort

(Director: Philip Evans)

**6.15pm Sung Mass**  
**7.15pm Recital**

Vaughan Williams Mass in G Minor and music by Edward Bairstow, Ola Gjeilo, James MacMillan, Paul Mealor, Eric Whitacre and others

St George's Church, Sudbury

**Saturday 6 February**

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Ps 105: 47*

Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

## Collect

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honour you with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart.  
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: *Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord  
was addressed to me, saying:  
'Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the  
nations.

'So now brace yourself for action.  
Stand up and tell them all I command you.  
Do not be dismayed at their presence,  
or in their presence I will make you dis-  
mayed.

'I, for my part, today will make you  
into a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze  
to confront all this land:  
the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priests and the country people.  
They will fight against you  
but shall not overcome you,  
for I am with you to deliver you –  
it is the Lord who speaks.'

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 70:1-6,15,17*

*R/. My lips will tell of your help.*

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me. *R/.*

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked. *R/.*

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my  
help. *R/.*

4. My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still. *R/.*

## Second reading: *1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am  
going to show you a way that is better than  
any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of  
angels, but speak without love, I am simply  
a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I  
have the gift of prophecy, understanding all  
the mysteries there are, and knowing  
everything, and if I have faith in all its full-  
ness, to move mountains, but without love,  
then I am nothing at all. If I give away all  
that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even  
let them take my body to burn it, but am  
without love, it will do me no good  
whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never

jealous; love is never boastful or conceit-  
ed; it is never rude or selfish; it does not  
take offence, and is not resentful. Love  
takes no pleasure in other people's sins  
but delights in the truth; it is always ready  
to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure  
whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there  
are gifts of prophecy, the time will come  
when they must fail; or the gift of lan-  
guages, it will not continue for ever; and  
knowledge – for this, too, the time will  
come when it must fail. For our knowledge  
is imperfect and our prophesying is  
imperfect; but once perfection comes, all  
imperfect things will disappear. When I  
was a child, I used to talk like a child, and  
think like a child, and argue like a child, but  
now I am a man, all childish ways are put  
behind me. Now we are seeing a dim  
reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be  
seeing face to face. The knowledge that I  
have now is imperfect; but then I shall  
know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last:  
faith, hope and love; and the greatest of  
these is love.

## Gospel Acclamation: *Jn14:6*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says  
the Lord; No one can come to the Father  
except through me.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel: *Luke 4:21-30*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue:  
'This text is being fulfilled today even as  
you listen.' And he won the approval of all,  
and they were astonished by the gracious  
words that came from his lips. They said,  
'This is Joseph's son, surely?'

But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote

me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself"  
and tell me, "We have heard all that hap-  
pened in Capernaum, do the same here in  
your own countryside.'" And he went on, 'I  
tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever ac-  
cepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can  
assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven  
remained shut for three years and six  
months and a great famine raged  
throughout the land, but Elijah was not  
sent to any one of these: he was sent to a  
widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And  
in the prophet Elisha's time there were  
many lepers in Israel, but none of these  
was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the  
synagogue was enraged. They sprang to  
their feet and hustled him out of the town;  
and they took him up to the brow of the  
hill their town was built on, intending to  
throw him down the cliff, but he slipped  
through the crowd and walked away.

## Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, we bring to your altar  
these offerings of our service: be pleased  
to receive them, we pray, and transform  
them into the Sacrament of our redemp-  
tion. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 30: 17-18*

Let your face shine on your servant. Save  
me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me  
never be put to shame, for I call on you.

## Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that through this help to eternal salvation  
true faith may ever increase.  
Through Christ our Lord.