



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

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: 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 Korrane, Vera Hylton, Monica Wisniewicz, Eileen Harrison, Ian Measham, David Colville, Josephine Smullen, Edward Reilly, Betty Cain, Callum Stewart-Robert, Betty Hickey, Bernie Marren, Sadie Burgess, Shayanayaki Kaithampillai, Richard Howse, Mia Harrison, RK., Special Intention, Ann Nemeth, Marjorie Hoareau, Max Perera, Nick Holmes, George McDermott, Michael Fahy, Mary E. Malone, Michael Griffin Snr., Titus Fernandes, Sean O'Connor, Alan Parnell, MTD., Breda Connellan, Marie Rego, Minneth Johns, Antonio DiLieto Snr, Maria Rozario, Yolande Dias,.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Michael Howard, Sarah Dodder, Michael Roche, Joe Kenny.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Helen Brady, Alice Cullen, Jose Fernandes, Matthew Rammelt, Vincent Lucy (4th Ann.).

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY

Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

URGENT INTENTION: Sacredness of Life: We pray for the children who are in danger of the interruption of pregnancy, as well as for persons who are at the end of life — every life is sacred! — so that no one is left alone and that love may defend the meaning of life.

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God our Father. You invite us to come to you with all our hearts. May our Parish Mission be a time of great renewal for us and for your Church in this place. Fill us with your living Spirit so that love may grow among us and we may experience life to the full. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week by
MR. & MRS. F.
In Thanksgiving

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
In memory of
LARRY & NORAH O'TOOLE RIP



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



Sunday 19th February 2017 THE SEVENTH 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



Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth. The other difficult demand of those who are called to

the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. Rather one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, St Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbour are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect.

First Reading: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:38-48*

My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To obtain the gift of holiness is the work of life."

Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman

Sunday reflection

God desires us to have a unique and close relationship with him, and he gives us the gifts we need to draw close to him. As in any true love relationship, it is a commitment that opens us up to receive the blessings and gifts God has for us, as well as the desire to love him with all our heart, mind, soul and spirit, even to the point of great sacrifice. In our relationship with God the blessings, gifts, and ultimate reward, are far greater than any sacrifice we make for him. The gospel today tells us some of what we are called to sacrifice.

Because we are God's dwelling place we are expected to live holy lives, and in the Gospel Jesus tells us how to do that. His message is bold and is contrary to the way most people of his time thought. It is a call to no longer look at justice as, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." It is a call to passivity in conflicts, generous response to those who are in need, and ultimately to love our enemies. This went against most of what they had been taught. For those who truly believed in Christ, they sacrificed their former

way of thinking and acting out of love for Jesus. Look at all that the early apostles and disciples suffered, and they did so while praying for their persecutors.

This is a great sacrifice for us, for who does not look for some sense of revenge toward an "enemy"? Even if it is not deliberate action on our part, don't we tend to smile when some little misfortune strikes an "enemy"? This is also a challenge for us at a time when society seems to confuse justice with revenge, and views mercy as weak and irresponsible. God is a just judge whose judgments are not made out of revenge, but out of justice and love.

Revenge leaves no room for reconciliation, while justice seeks reconciliation in the midst of the consequences of our sins. Mercy is not a weakness it is a strength. The ability to look beyond the hurts we might have experienced, and to be able to forgive and love. This is difficult, but possible because God has great expectations for us to do great things, because of who we are in his eyes.



the Readers' Rota for the 6.15pm Saturday Vigil Mass. The commitment is once a month. If you would consider being a reader please speak to Mgr. Jeremy, Fr. Tony or email Peter at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk for further information. 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 will be on Friday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE CHANGE REQUEST - We have received a request from one of our First Holy Communion Parents asking to swap the date of their child's First Holy Communion from Saturday 13th May to Saturday 6th May. If you are open to change your date from 6th May to 13th May, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF JESUS - The Friends of Jesus offers Religious Education to those children of primary school age not attending a Catholic school. The Friends of Jesus meets during term-time for an hour at 5.30pm on Fridays. If you are interested in finding out more about the Friends of Jesus please pick up an Information Leaflet from the back of church. Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office.

STILL SEEKING CATECHISTS & HELPERS FOR CONFIRMATION - If you would like to help prepare this year's candidates for their Confirmation in June next year we would be delighted to hear from you. If you would be interested in helping in any way please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or contact Peter at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

CAFÉ/BAR is open on Thursdays from 9-11am. If you would be interested in volunteering to help please contact Patricia on 07939 722 198

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.

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..

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS: On Saturday 11th March at 2.30pm in the Cathedral a Mass will be celebrated for all bereaved parents. As parents arrive in the Cathedral that day they will be invited to write the name of their deceased child, which will later be collect-

ed and taken to the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. Please speak to Fr Tony if you require any further information.

SPONSORED WALK FOR HCPT - Thank you all who gave to generously to Holly shields last week. She will be collecting at the Saturday Vigil Mass and the 8.30am Sunday Mass to help her support the Handicapped Pilgrimage to Lourdes. or 11.15am Mass today or visit her JustGiving Page at www.justgiving.com/HollyShields. Thank you.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER: On Wednesday the 22nd February, Caritas Westminster will be holding an event to raise awareness of Human Trafficking in the local community. Come along to find out more about the signs, and what you can do to help. 7-9pm, St Mark's Kensal Rise. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or search for "Human Trafficking Awareness Evening" on Eventbrite

ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE: Please see charity function notice in the church porch.

TEA DANCE at Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre, with Harrow School Swing Band, on Tuesday 21st February from 2-3pm. Followed by tea/cakes. £5 each at the door. Please call 020 8908 1220 to book your place. All

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

RETOUVAILLE—a lifeline for married couples.

WIDOWED YOUNG—support events.

CALIX CENTRE—A Catholic ministry to addicts.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.—new information.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES: FATIMA—led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, 24-27 April 2017. **THE HOLY LAND** 31st Oct to 7th November led by Bishop John Sherrington. Further details in the folder in porch.

JOB VACANCIES:

ST. GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL require a full time KS1 Class Teacher (c/d 27/2) and Teaching Assistant —KS2 initially (c/d 22/2).

Full time **LEAD CATECHIST** required at Our Lady and St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Harrow. (c/d 28/2)

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:- Please see folder and website. for latest details.

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

NEWS & VIEWS

UPDATE No. 4

PARISH MISSION LENT 2017

Saturday 11th to Thursday 16th March

- 1.Thanks to all who have offered help so far.
- 2.THIS WEEK please take home a **Prayer Card** to begin daily praying for the success of the mission.
- 3.Next week our **full programme** for the Mission will be available.
- 4.We also need **Welcomers** for each evening.
- 5.Has anyone a **van** or access to one as we need to fetch some of the Friars mission equipment from Canning Town on Saturday 11th March?
- 6.Please speak to one of the Parish Team if you can help in any way.

FRIENDS OF JESUS— will be back on Friday 3rd March at 5.30pm.

FUNERAL MASS of Sarah Dodder RIP will take place on Friday 24th February at 12 noon followed by cremation at Breakspeare Crematorium.

FUNERAL MASS of Michael Howard RIP will take place on Monday 27th February at 10.30am followed by burial in East Finchley Cemetery. Reception in church on Sunday 26th February at 7.00pm

FUNERAL MASS of Michael Roche RIP will take place on Friday 3rd March at 11.00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium. Reception into Church on Thursday 2nd March at 7.00pm

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR BEFORE EASTER

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 1st March
St Patrick's Day	Friday 17th March
St. Joseph's Day	Monday 20th March
The Annunciation	Saturday 25th March

OLD PALM CROSSES can be brought now and left at the back of the church in the designated box. These will be burnt to make the traditional ash used on Ash Wednesday.

LENT BEGINS on Wednesday 1st March. Masses at St George's at 9.30am & 8.00pm. A full Lent programme will be available alongside the Mission Programme.

TAMIL PRAYER MEETING every Saturday evening after 6.15pm Mass. All Welcome. Contact: Edward on 07976 487 313.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2017: Would you be interested in making a pilgrimage to Lourdes this July? Fr Tony will be leading a group from this parish with the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage between Sunday 23rd July and Saturday 29th July 2017. As those who have travelled to Lourdes before will testify, it promises to be a memorable and faith-filled week. The cost will be £795.00 for full board, return flights and all transfers in Lourdes. If you would like to register your initial interest, please let Fr Tony know. If you are a youngster and would like to travel as a volunteer helper, we may be able to provide financial assistance.

NEW READERS AT SATURDAY 6.15pm VIGIL MASS - Over the last few months a number of readers have moved away from the Parish or have become unavailable due to work commitments elsewhere. We would be very grateful for some new people to come forward to become part of

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

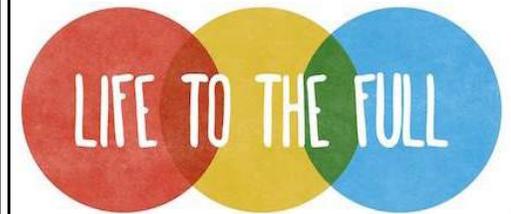
SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm, **WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am, **HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15-6.00pm **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm and any time by appointment, **DIVINE MERCY:** Tuesday 10.30am, **PRAYER GROUP:** Thursday 8.00pm **FRIENDS OF JESUS:** Friday 5.30pm.

G	Sun	19 Feb	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm 9.30am	Helen Brady RIP and Alice Cullen RIP Edward Doherty RIP Jose Fernandes RIP Nora Hunt Intentions PRO POPULO Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP Hermosinda Toucedo RIP Leslie Waddington RIP Paul Ferrari RIP Tony Rammelt RIP Vincent Lucy RIP (4th Ann.) Tony Rammelt RIP
G	Mon	20 Feb	feria			
G	Tues	21 Feb	Feria		9.30am	
W	Wed	22 Feb	CHAIR OF S. PETER		9.30am	
R	Thur	23 Feb	S. Polycarp		9.30am	
G	Fri	24 Feb	feria		9.30am	
W	Sat	25 Feb	Of Our Lady		9.30am	

ANOTHER WAY THAT YOU LOVE YOUR ENEMY IS THIS....

When the opportunity presents itself for you to defeat your enemy, that is the time which you must not do it. There will come a time, in many instances, when the person who hates you most, the person who has misused you most, the person who has gossiped about you most, the person who has spread false rumours about you most, there will come a time when you will have an opportunity to defeat that person. It might be in terms of a recommendation for a job; it might be in terms of helping that person to make some move in life. That's the time you must do it. That is the meaning of love. In the final analysis, love is not this sentimental something that we talk about. It's not merely an emotional something. Love is creative, understanding goodwill for all men. It is the refusal to defeat any individual. When you rise to the level of love, of its great beauty and power, you seek only to defeat evil systems. Individuals who happen to be caught up in that system, you love, but you seek to defeat the system.

loving your enemies - Martin Luther King Jr. - 1957



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

PARISH MISSION 11-16 March 2017



TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 13 (12): 6*

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your
salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has
been bountiful with me.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, always pondering
spiritual things,
we may carry out in both word and
deed that which is pleasing to you.
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: *Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said:
Speak to the whole community of the
sons of Israel and say to them: Be holy,
for I, the Lord your God, am holy.
You must not bear hatred for your
brother in your heart. You must openly
tell him, your neighbour, of his offence;
this way you will not take a sin upon
yourself. You must not exact vengeance,
nor must you bear a grudge
against the children of your people.
You must love your neighbour as your-
self. I am the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 118*

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 compas-
sion. **R./**
 3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our
sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R./**
 4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear
Him. **R./**
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23**
Didn't you realise that you were God's
temple and that the Spirit of God was
living among you? If anybody should
destroy the temple of God, God will
destroy him, because the temple of
God is sacred; and you are that temple.
Make no mistake about it; if any one of
you thinks of himself as wise, in the
ordinary sense of the word, then he
must learn to be a fool before he really
can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom

of this world is foolishness to God. As
scripture says: The Lord knows wise
men's thoughts: he knows how use-
less they are; or again: God is not con-
vinced by the arguments of the wise.
So there is nothing to boast about in
anything human: Paul, Apollos,
Cephas, the world, life and death, the
present and the future, are all your
servants; but you belong to Christ and
Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

***If anyone loves me he will keep my
word, and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.***

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 5:38-48*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have
learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and
tooth for tooth. But I say this to you:
offer the wicked man no resistance.
On the contrary, if anyone hits you on
the right cheek, offer him the other as
well; if a man takes you to law and
would have your tunic, let him have
your cloak as well. And if anyone or-
ders you to go one mile, go two miles
with him. Give to anyone who asks,
and if anyone wants to borrow, do not
turn away.
'You have learnt how it was said: You
must love your neighbour and hate
your enemy. But I say this to you: love
your enemies and pray for those who
persecute you; in this way you will be

sons of your Father in heaven, for he
causes his sun to rise on bad men as
well as good, and his rain to fall on
honest and dishonest men alike. For if
you love those who love you, what
right have you to claim any credit?
Even the tax collectors do as much, do
they not? And if you save your greet-
ings for your brothers, are you doing
anything exceptional? Even the pa-
gans do as much, do they not? You
must therefore be perfect just as your
heavenly Father is perfect.'

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate your mysteries,
O Lord, with the observance that is
your due, we humbly ask you,
that what we offer to the honour of
your majesty may profit us for
salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Ps 9: 2-3*

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most
High.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may experience the effects of
the salvation which is pledged to us by
these mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.