



**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 Kirrane, 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 Rosario, Yolande Dias,.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Ellen Nicklen, Michael Howard, Sarah Dodder, Michael Roche, Melinda Peter, William Hubbock, Joe Kenny, Tony Wilkins.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Keith Kugaswaran, Noel Lynch, Joseph McDonald, Ian, Grahame & Philip.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH
Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the



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
IN MEMORY OF
CHARLES KENNEDY RIP
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
has been sponsored this week
FOR BIRTHDAY INTENTIONS



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



**Sunday 26th February 2017
THE EIGHTH 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 Aramaic word *mammon* does not have a negative connotation. It means "property" or "money." What Matthew is pointing out is that since human beings are not self-sufficient, we are dependent on something outside ourselves. It should be God, not the material goods we own. This is not to say that we don't need material goods. But the reading goes on to remind us not to be anxious. Look at the beauty of nature. The birds do not

sow or reap. The flowers do not work or spin cloth. Yet they are provided for by God. Human beings are worth much more than these. How could God not provide for us as well? If what we place first in our lives is God's kingdom and his justice, we will have what we need.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Can a mother forget her infant? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The Lord will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and manifest the intentions of the heart.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:24-34

Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"Providence is the care God takes of all things"
S. John of Damascus

Sunday reflection

Jesus' teaching in the gospel today is clear that "no one can serve two masters". At the practical level this means that we ought not worry excessively about the many concerns that crowd our lives and can quickly become our masters. To be sure, we should be responsible in terms of providing a living for ourselves and our loved ones, and overcoming the obstacles in our way with the help of others, but we should not worry about such things, replacing hand-wringing worries with proper assertiveness and self-respecting action.

Further we should note how frequently the legitimate pursuit of the things of this world can become deformed into an obsession with acquiring more of everything. Such a preoccupation with our income, home, car(s), clothing, social standing, and so forth will invariably pull us away from the one truly important thing that our Lord highlights in today's gospel: the

Kingdom of God. What Jesus is aching to get across to his hearers in both the first century and the twenty-first century is that when we look above all to God and his righteousness, all else is put in proper perspective and we can live at peace, knowing that we have what we need for the present life and by being content with that we prepare ourselves for the life to come.

It is our natural human inclination, moulded in part by the selfish effects of original sin, to prefer self-enrichment and worldly comforts and security. Jesus, however, asks us to walk with him in faith, prizing not earthly desires but those that are of God, and letting ourselves be filled with every blessing as the result. This is an often difficult path, but one he trod long before us: let it be our ultimate aim to follow in his footsteps so that we might hasten the coming of the Kingdom and the blessings it bears for all God's children.



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 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 31st March 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.

CARDS FOR SPONSORING OUR LAMPS. 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.

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

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY. Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 3rd June 2017 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 would like to attend please give the following details to the Parish Office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 24th March 2017.

A BIG THANK YOU from Holly Shields for all who gave so generously to help her go as a helper on the handicapped Pilgrimage to Lourdes. She is now able to go and has enough left over to support another helper.

CEILI on Friday 31st March at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre. Music by Luckpenny. All proceeds in aid of HCPT taking children and young adults with special needs to Lourdes.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER this weekend at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Hendon. Please pray for the couples taking part and for the married couples and priest presenting this.

SPRING BARGAINS BAZAAR on Saturday 4th March, 10am-12noon at Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre. Refreshments available. Telephone 020 8908 1220 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.—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)

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. 5

PARISH MISSION LENT 2017

Saturday 11th to Thursday 16th March

- 1.Thanks to all who have offered help so far.
- 2.If you didn't take a **Prayer Card** please do so this week.
- 3.Keep praying for God's blessing on this event!
- 4.**THIS WEEK** take the **FULL PROGRAMME** for the Mission which is now available.
- 5.Please take a poster and put it in your window.
- 6.If you'd like to help with teas and coffee after the morning masses or welcoming in the evening please speak to one of the parish team.

THIS WEEKEND there will be a Pastoral Letter from the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster read at all Masses entitled "Called to Serve the Sick".

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

REQUIEM MASS of **Eileen Nicklen RIP** will take place on Monday 27th February at 6.30pm prior to repatriation to Ireland.

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

FUNERAL MASS of **William Hubbock RIP** will take place 7th March at 11.00am. More details to follow

FUNERAL MASS of **Melinda Peter RIP** will take place on Thursday 9th March at 12 noon followed by burial at Carpenders Park. Reception into church on Wednesday 8th March at 7pm.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR BEFORE EASTER

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.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP - The Lenten Small Group will meet on the five Mondays during Lent for 90 minute sessions in the Café Bar after the 9.30am Mass starting on 6th March. The theme for prayer and discussion will be 'Meeting Mercy.' All are welcome!

NO TAMIL PRAYER MEETING this weekend.

A WORD ABOUT USING THE TOILETS DURING MASS. Please try to be sensitive about the times you choose to use the toilets in the church. When the Parish Centre is open during the weekends please try to use the toilets there. It is very distracting and inopportune to use the toilets situated near the altar during the Mass especially during the more sacred parts of the Mass. Thank you!

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

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 Bar of the Parish Centre.

TUCK SHOP open in the parish centre after the 9.45am Mass. Come and take a look! (No Tuck Shop during Lent).

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 26 February:
Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 27 February:
Confirmation 8.00pm

Tuesday 28 February:
Over 60's Club 1.00pm
First Holy Communion 7.30pm
Set Dancing 8.45pm

Wednesday 1 March:
Ladies' Social Guild 8.00pm

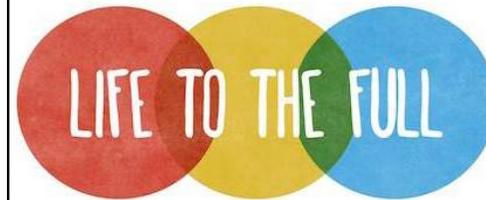
Thursday 2 March:
Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm
Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 3 March:
Teas after morning Mass 2.00pm
Art Class 5.30pm
Friends of Jesus

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 26 Feb	THE EIGHTH Sat. Vigil SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am	Patrick Marron RIP Margaret Gallagher RIP Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP Hermosinda Toucedo RIP Tony Rammelt RIP PRO POPULO Michael Howard RIP
G	Mon 27 Feb	Reception into Church feria	7.00pm 9.30am	Joe McGrath RIP
V		FUNERAL MASS	10.30am	Michael Howard RIP
V		REQUIEM MASS	6.30pm	Eileen Nicklen RIP
G	Tues 28 Feb	Feria	9.30am	Peggy Doogue Intentions
V	Wed 1 Mar	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Patrick Kenny RIP
V			8.00pm	Michelle Corbo RIP
V	Thur 2 Mar	Lent feria Reception into Church	9.30am 7.00pm	Maureen O'Sullivan RIP Michael Roche RIP
V	Fri 3 Mar	Lent feria	9.30am	Maura Dalton RIP
V		FUNERAL MASS	11.00am	Michael Roche
V	Sat 4 Mar	Lent feria	9.30am	Keith Kugaswaran RIP



**PARISH MISSION
11-16 March 2017**



LENT 2017
Begins *this week* on
ASH WEDNESDAY



Masses with the
imposition of ashes at
9.30am & 8.00pm

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 18 (17): 19-20*

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Collect

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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: *Isaiah 49:14-15*

Zion was saying, The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me. Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 61*

R/. In God alone is my soul at rest.

1. In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from Him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R./**

2. In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R./**

3. In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God all you people. Trust Him at all times. Pour out your hearts before Him. **R./**

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 4:1-5*

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted: the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes: he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 6:24-34*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money

'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of

little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit's reward. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. Ps 13 (12): 6*

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. Through Christ our Lord.