



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Charles Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Michael Doran, Patrick Rice (3rd Ann), Mick Gorman (Month's Mind).

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Aodhan Van Rosse-Wilson, Roman Williams.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY:

Universal: That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

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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

has been sponsored this week

in memory of

Sinhorina Carvalho RIP

and the

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF

WALSINGHAM has been

sponsored in memory of

Glicerio Salmorin RIP



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The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 8th May 2016 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 ascends to his Father"

Christ's Ascension is our guarantee that one day we will be with him in heaven to praise the glory of God our Father. The Ascension is our hope of the great inheritance that awaits those of us who believe in the power of the risen Christ.

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

St. Luke is expressing a truth about Jesus. That truth is that God "lifted Jesus up" to eternal glory after Jesus had done God's will on earth. He established the kingdom, or reign, of God among us. Now God's Spirit would give the disciples the power to spread that reign to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading: *Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23*

Jesus is now head of the Church and the Church is his body. We have inherited his power and his mission. The more clearly we come to know him, the more powerful we become as people who can change the world. May his kingdom, or reign, come through us!

Gospel: *Luke 24:46-53*

We hear Jesus giving his farewell address to the apostles after his resurrection. He reminds them of who he is and who they are and will be. Once the promised Spirit has come, the apostles will venture out to preach and forgive sins in Jesus' name. They will build up his body, the Church. Jesus extends his hands over his friends, blesses them, and departs.

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

We might reasonably ask as to why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Saviour, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation

for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to the entire world. Their task is to proclaim the gospel – the good news of salvation – not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. God's love and gift of salvation is not

reserved for a few or for one nation alone, but it is for the whole world – for all who will accept it. The gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. The big challenging question for all of us is this: Do we really believe in the power of the gospel?

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives

to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task – to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only saviour of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Let us all witness to others the joy of the gospel and the hope of the resurrection.



YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. GEORGE'S - As a Parish, we would love to find additional ways of providing for the needs of our young people and would be grateful for any advice and ideas you may have in this regard. If you are interested in helping to start a Youth Club at the Parish or have any suggestions please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Thank you.

READERS AT 6.15PM VIGIL MASS & 8.30AM SUNDAY MASS - We are urgently looking for new readers for the Saturday 6.15pm Vigil Mass and the Sunday 8.30am Mass for a new rota beginning in May. If you would like to read please give your contact details to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team today. Thank you.

NEW CATECHISTS— to serve the Sacramental Programme at St. George's for First Holy Communion and Confirmation from 2016-17. Please contact the Parish Team if you are able to help. Full training will be provided. Thank you.

YEAR OF MERCY 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. The cost is £30.00 **all inclusive of the coach, coffee stop in the morning and a two course dinner on the way home.** You will need to bring your own packed lunch. Places are first come first served. To reserve a place please call Paddy Duffy on: 020 8868 9373.

VOLUNTEERS FOR REPOSITORY AFTER 5.30PM MASS - We are still looking for volunteers to serve in the Parish Repository after the 5.30pm Sunday Mass. If you are able to help please speak to one of the Parish Team. Thank you!

An **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER** weekend is taking place at St. James' Priory, Bristol 7/8 May. Please pray for the couples attending and for the married couples and priest leading the weekend.

PERMANENT DEACON COME AND SEE at St Augustines, Hoddesdon 21st May from 10am to 12. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

HARROW SUPPORT GROUP for separated & divorced Catholics. The next meeting of the Harrow Support Group will be on Monday 9 May at 8 pm in St Bernard's Church Hall, Mandeville Road, Northolt. All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For further information please contact Jill 0208 204 3714 or Eileen 0208 756 1284.

SUDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, Quiz Night on Thursday 12th May from 7:15 p.m. Entry £6 per person, including refreshments. The Centre is also hosting an Open Day on Wednesday 18th May between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. – come and see what we do, try an activity and have a chat – All welcome!" ALSO

SEASIDE DAY TRIPS from Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre to Brighton on 15th June, Southend on 20th July and Eastbourne on 14th September. £15 per person paid two weeks before departure. Pick up at 9am from Sudbury

Neighbourhood Centre. Leaving destination at 4.30pm. More details from the Centre on 8908 1220/email office@sudburyneighbourhoodcentre.co.uk

CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL will be hosting a Teacher Training Recruitment Fair on Saturday 14th May 10.00am-1.00pm. Venue: The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, 89 Addison Road London W14 8BZ. To book your free place please email the cpdteam@cvsms.co.uk

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.
- ◆ **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** with the Diocese of Westminster 4-12 November.
- ◆ **FAMILIAS Friends Event 2016** 16th May 10am-3pm.— Raising awareness of Domestic Abuse. Please see folder for details.
- ◆ **MARCH FOR LIFE UK—14 May.**
- JOB VACANCIES:**
 - ◆ **LIVE IN COMPANION WANTED:** retired lady looking for a female companion to live in, should be willing to do light domestic chores, general cooking and assisting with going out etc. Please contact Cheryl on 07941002161
 - ◆ **DIOCESAN VACANCIES.** Please see folder and website for latest details.
 - ◆ **LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT** at The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School.
 - ◆ **CHAPLAIN** required at the Convent of Jesus & Mary, Harlesden. More details from www.cjmlc.co.uk.

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

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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.

WELCOME also this Sunday to Canon Stuart Wilson who is Spiritual Director at Allen Hall who will be helping out with our Masses.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 8 May:
Teas/coffees. After 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 9 May:
Confirmation Group Reconciliation 8.00pm

Tuesday 10 May:
Over 60's Group 1.00pm
First Holy Communion Rehearsal in church 6.30pm

Wednesday 11 May:
First Holy Communion Rehearsal in church 6.30pm
Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm

Thursday 12 May:
Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am
Children's Art Class 5.30pm
St. George's Neighbourhood Watch Meeting 7.30pm
Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 13 May:
Teas after 9.30am Mass
Art Class 2.00pm
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

MONTH OF MARY is also the MONTH DEDICATED TO MARY. The rosary will be prayed Mon-Fri during this month at 8.00pm in Church. Please come and join this prayer and if you can lead the devotions please sign the list at the back of Church.

WORK CONTINUES on the bar which should be finished by the end of the month. It will then take a little time to get it up and running. Work will also begin on relaying the path on the corner of the church grounds and installing some drainage to stop it flooding.

LOOKING AHEAD
Pentecost Sunday: Sunday 15th May
Trinity Sunday: Sunday 22nd May
Corpus Christi: Sunday 29 May
Sacred Heart of Jesus: Friday 3 June
Ss. Peter and Paul: Wednesday 29th June

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION will take place after the 11.15am Mass on Sunday 29th May

40 HOURS WATCH BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Begins on Thursday 26th May: Mass of exposition at 9.30am. Ends on Saturday 28th May at 9.00 with benediction followed by Mass of reposition at 9.30am.

FIRST COMMUNION celebrations will be taking place over the weekends of 14th & 15th May and 21st & 22nd May.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Please remember that the rehearsals for your child's First Holy Communion take place in the Church at 6.30pm (NOT 7.30pm). If your child is to receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday the rehearsal is on the Tuesday beforehand. If your child is to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday the rehearsal is on the Wednesday beforehand. Thank you!

PAPILLON PHOTOGRAPHY will be attending the communion meeting on Tuesday 3rd May to discuss photography requirements for this years Holy Communion for the parents who wish to have professional photographs taken including group photos. Time slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

CONFIRMATION is on Sunday 5th June at 2.30pm.

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 27th May 2016**.

LENT BOXES: Please return them now. Thanks to all who have already done so.

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.

UPDATE ON MASS INTENTIONS: we are now almost booked until the end of the year. If you wish to book an anniversary Mass please make sure you do so in good time.

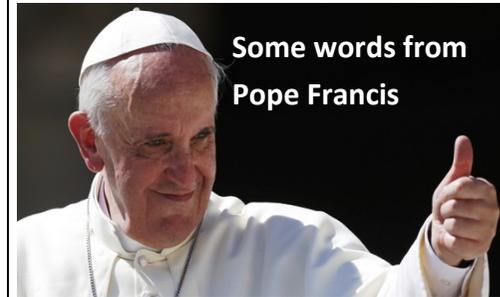
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - We are searching for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have a little time free to take Holy Communion to people in the Parish who are unwell and unable to attend Mass. If you are able to help please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Thank you.

BEFRIENDING AT ST. GEORGE'S - If you know of anyone in the Parish who is unwell or in need of pastoral support please let us know so we can do what we can to support them. We have two Priests and a wonderful team of Extra-Ordinary Ministers who are happy to come and bring the Sacrament to people who are not well enough to attend Mass and provide a listening ear to those in need so please just let Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team know of any need. Thank you.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

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.

W	Sun	8 MAY	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	Daniel Doherty RIP Michael Doran RIP Sinhorina Carvalho RIP Edward Johnston RIP PRO POPULO
W	Mon	9 May	Easter feria		9.30am	Nancy Meanwell RIP
W	Tues	10 May	Easter feria		9.30am	Peter Family Thanksgiving
W	Wed	11 May	Easter feria		9.30am	Mary & Timmy O'Connor RIP
R	Thur	12 May	S. Pancras		9.30am	Michael & Mary Kavanagh RIP
W	Fri	13 May	Our Lady of Fatima		9.30am	Percy, Narissa and Alcom Outschoorn RIP
W	Sat	14 May	Easter feria FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		9.30am 11.00am	Patrick Murphy RIP Kitty Forde RIP



Some words from Pope Francis

The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Acts 1: 11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Collect

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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: Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 46:2-3,6-9

R/. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High,
we must fear,
great king over all the earth. *R/.*

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. *R/.*

3. God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. *R/.*

Second reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go, make disciples of all the nations.
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer

and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord.