



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Josie Redmond, Vincent Keating, Gray Kennady, Maria Ellul.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Margaret & Thomas Ryan, Gillian Morrison.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Orla O'Sullivan, Lilianna Woznicka.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR DECEMBER

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain

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**PRAYER FOR
ADVENT I**



Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
IN MEMORY OF JIM MCHUGH RIP

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM**

has been sponsored this week for the
INTENTIONS OF THE PINTO FAMILY



**TURN OFF
ALL MOBILE
PHONES**



Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Week Advent 1
Divine Office
Week 1

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



**Sunday 27th November 2016
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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



Advent opens with a great promise: In the days to come the hope of a people who need God. ...The master is coming is also a promise, not a threat to breed fear, but to answer our cry. So Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to stay awake, and treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Be prepared, salvation is near.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We must wait for God, long and meekly, in wind and wet, in the thunder and lightning, in the cold and dark. Wait and he will come. He never comes to those who do not wait."

Fr Frederick Faber

Sunday reflection

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centred on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been

Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.



ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION—It is so easy to get caught up in the secular preparations for Christmas that we fail to reflect on the real meaning of this great feast. In order to help us prepare properly for Christmas the parish is holding a Day of Reflection on Saturday 10th December. This will include two talks based on the advent Mass readings, discussion and social time, and the recommissioning of our Eucharistic ministers. Our speaker will be Fr John Deehan, scripture scholar and parish priest at Eastcote. The day will begin with Mass at 10.00am (note the change in time) and finish with a light lunch at 1.00pm. RSVP to Fr Tony on tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Might you be open to serve the Parish as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion? We are always grateful for those people who assist the priest with administering the Sacrament at Mass and taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. There will be a training session for those interested in becoming an Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 26th November. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Tony or email tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you

CAFÉ/BAR NOW OPEN ON THURSDAYS—between 9.00am & 11am. If you would be interested in volunteering to help please contact Patricia on 07939 722 198

SATURDAY MEN'S PARISH BREAKFAST - 3rd December at 9.00am. We are starting a Parish Breakfast for Men in the new Café Bar. This will be an informal space for men in the Parish to enjoy a little social time followed by a short talk and discussion. If you are interested in attending please speak to Fr. Tony after Mass or email tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS CEILIDH—PARTY EVENING on Saturday 3rd December at 8pm in the Parish Centre. Bar will be open. £6.00 entry. All Welcome.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS - We are delighted to let you know that the Children's Nativity will once again be part of the St. George's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass this year. If your children are in Year 3 or above they would be very welcome to take part. If your children would like to be involved or if you, yourself, would like to help in anyway (e.g. costumes, props, etc.) please contact Nicola Mylles at nico-lamylles@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT in aid of charity on Saturday 21 January 2017. More news soon!

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported in any way the Justice and Peace Remembrance Sunday Charities Christmas card sale. Over £1400 was raised for the various charities (including £180 for the BBC's Children in Need).

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..

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

CAN YOU COOK? - CATERING AT PARISH EVENTS - We are looking for caterers happy to provide food at a reasonable price at Parish events during the year. If you are in the business or know others who might like to help please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team.

AUTUMN FAITH SHARING—“Living Jesus” - A morning group is held on Mondays in the Café/Bar after 9.30am Mass. New members always welcome. Refreshments served. Booklets are available from the Repository after any Mass—£2 each.

MINIBUS—DRIVERS STILL DESPERATELY WANTED! St George's provides a minibus service for those who are less able-bodied to get to the 11.15am Mass on Sunday. This is highly important for those who use the service. Could you help driving or assisting once a month? Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you are able to help in any way.

SUSBURY & KENTON CHURCHES CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Do you know anyone who would like to attend this lunch? Forms/information are available at the back of church.

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

RETROUAILLE—a lifeline for married couples.

WIDOWED YOUNG—support events.

CALIX CENTRE—A Catholic ministry to addicts.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.—new information.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA—led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, 24-27 April 2017. Further details in the folder in porch.

TEACHER TRAINING with Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School. (see notice in book)

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

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

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 Bar of 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.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 27 November:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 28 November:

Advent Faith Sharing (Café/Bar) after morning Mass.

Tuesday 29 November:

First Holy Communion Meeting 7.30pm
Set Dancing: 8.45pm

Wednesday 30 November:

Thursday 1 December:

Children's Art Class 5.30pm
Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm
Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 2 December:

Teas after morning Mass
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Saturday 3 December:

Christmas Ceilidh 8.00pm

THE **TUCK SHOP** again this week after the 9.45am Mass in the Parish Centre. Come and treat the kids and have a coffee too!

CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS are available from the Parish Office.

MASS OFFERING: An update on our Mass Offerings list—we are now booked well into June 2017. Please remember to book your anniversary Masses in good time. Whilst we will never refuse to say mass for anyone or a particular need please be reminded that the Diocesan suggested donation is £10.

BETHANY GROUP LUNCH –an opportunity for those who have suffered the death of a loved one to come together for a light meal and friendship on Thursday 1st December at 12.30pm in the parish centre. If you are interested in attending please speak to Fr. Tony after Mass or email tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk.

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER
Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier
Mass at 9.30am with veneration of the relic of St. Francis.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING

Saturday 17th December 2016
from 7.00-11.30pm in the Parish Centre

Live Band - Dancing - 3 Course Dinner (Asian food) - Bar- Raffle
[Raffle: 1st Prize - 1 Ticket to Sri Lanka (subject to taxes) and many other great prizes]

Tickets: Adult £15.00 7-17 yrs: £10.00
Children under 7 yrs: Free

FUNERAL MASS of **JOSIE REDMOND RIP** will take place on Monday 28th November at 11.00am.

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

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING for **Primary Schools on Friday 6th January 2017 at 7.00pm-8.30pm** in the parish Centre. **IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE AN EVENING PRIOR TO THIS ON FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 7.00-8.00pm.** This year the new 'Certificate of Practice' is in force which means you must be very regular in attending Mass. Please also note that this is the primary time for the parish priests to sign your forms.

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 January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT - Thank you to all those who came to the Confirmation Information Evening last Monday. If, for whatever reason, you missed the Information Evening please ensure you pick up a Confirmation Pack from the Parish Office this coming week and complete all the documents in time for the Enrolment Evening in the Parish Centre on Monday 5th December at 8pm. Enrolment Forms received after this date may not be accepted by the Parish Team. Thank you!

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, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

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.

V	Sun	27 Nov	ADVENT I	Sat. Vigil	6.15pm	Claire Curran RIP
					8.30am	John Harmon RIP
					9.45am	Margaret & Thomas Ryan RIP
					11.15am	George Hillier RIP
					5.30pm	PRO POPULO
V	Mon	28 Nov	Advent feria		9.30am	Gillian Morrison RIP
V			FUNERAL MASS		11.00am	Josie Redmond RIP
V	Tues	29 Nov	Advent feria		9.30am	Peggy O'Brien RIP
R	Wed	30 Nov	S. ANDREW		9.30am	Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP
						Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP
						Hermosinda Toucedo RIP
R	Thur	1 Dec	Advent feria		9.30am	Abbie O'Keeffe RIP
R	Fri	2 Dec	Advent feria		9.30am	Josephine Mulholland RIP
W	Sat	3 Dec	S. Francis Xavier		9.30am	Terezhina Dias RIP
						Santiago Luis Dias RIP

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MEN'S BREAKFAST



A chance to come together for breakfast and conversation with like-minded men from our parish

Saturday 3rd December
at 9.00am in the café/Bar

RSVP: Fr Tony on
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TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 25 (24): 1-3*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be
put to shame. Nor let my enemies ex-
ult over me; and let none who hope in
you be put to shame.

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty
God, the resolve to run forth to meet
your Christ with righteous deeds at his
coming, so that, gathered at his right
hand, they may be worthy to possess
the heavenly kingdom.

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 2:1-5*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of
the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number
will come to it; and they will say:
Come, let us go up to the mountain
of the Lord, to the Temple of the God
of Jacob that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord

from Jerusalem.

He will wield authority over the na-
tions
and adjudicate between many peo-
ples;
these will hammer their swords
into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against
nation, there will be no more training
for war. O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 121*

*R/. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house."*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house."

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *R/.*

2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. *R/.*

3. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: "Peace upon you."
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. *R/.*

Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*

You know 'the time' has come: you
must wake up now: our salvation is
even nearer than it was when we
were converted. The night is almost
over, it will be daylight soon - let us
give up all the things we prefer to do
under the cover of the dark; let us
arm ourselves and appear in the
light. Let us live decently as people
do in the daytime: no drunken orgies,
no promiscuity or licentiousness, and
no wrangling or jealousy. Let your
armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let us see O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: *Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was
in Noah's day, so will it be when the
Son of Man comes. For in those days
before the Flood people were eating,
drinking, taking wives, taking
husbands, right up to the day Noah
went into the ark, and they
suspected nothing till the Flood came
and swept all away. It will be like this
when the Son of Man comes. Then of
two men in the fields one is taken,
one left; of two women at the
millstone grinding, one is taken, one
left.

'So stay awake, because you do not
know the day when your master is
coming. You may be quite sure of this
that if the householder had known at
what time of the night the burglar
would come, he would have stayed
awake and would not have allowed
anyone to break through the wall of
his house. Therefore, you too must
stand ready because the Son of Man
is coming at an hour you do not ex-
pect.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord,
these offerings we make,
gathered from among your gifts
to us,
and may what you grant us
to celebrate devoutly here below
gain for us the prize
of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Ps 85 (84): 13*

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and
our earth shall yield its increase.

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray, for even now,
as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.