



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Maria Ellul, Maureen Hennessy, Erdal Cemal.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: James Coomarewel, Martin & Nora Driscoll, Cornelius O'Mahoney, Joseph Stephan Nessour.

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 hope.

TO OUR LADY, MOTHER OF ADVENT

O Mother of our Advent,
be with us and see to it
that he will remain with
us in this difficult
Advent of the struggles
for truth and hope,
for justice and peace: He,
alone, Emmanuel.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week

IN MEMORY OF

DARREN O'SULLIVAN RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week for the
INTENTIONS OF TRUNG NGUYEN



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ALL MOBILE
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Week 3

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 11th December 2016 THIRD 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



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." The liturgical colour changes from Purple to rose as a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

First Reading: *Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

Second Reading: *James 5:7-10*

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:2-11*

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"If you do not hope you will not find what is beyond
your hopes"*

St. Clement of Alexandria

Sunday reflection

When John the Baptist's disciples ask Jesus if he is the one who is to come, He answers, not with a simple yes and no, but by pointing out the manifestations that Isaiah spoke of in describing the true liberation of the people. *"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."* This response can be seen as a confirmation to John the Baptist that what he saw and heard the day he baptized Jesus in the Jordan River did indeed mark the beginning of the ministry of the Messiah. Jesus makes it clear to John that he is *"the one."*

After confirming who he is, Jesus goes on to confirm who John the Baptist is. He is the one sent to prepare the way for the Messiah. His rhetorical question, *"what did you go out to see..."* points out that there were those who were expecting a Messiah who would be high class, wealthy and a political leader. Jesus shows us that this is certainly not

God's plan for the Redeemer. John the Baptist, in preparing the way for Jesus, does so in the same simple and humble manner as Jesus himself would do. There were those who were surprised, disappointed and unable to accept the thought that the Messiah would be a poor carpenter from an insignificant village who was very comfortable associating with tax collectors and sinners. As the ministry of Jesus continues and his identity becomes clearer, it is incomprehensibly for many to believe that the Messiah was also the Son of God - The word made Flesh. Why would almighty God humble himself to become a frail man? Very simply, because; *"God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son...."*

This is a message that should bring great joy to our hearts. These last weeks of Advent are an appropriate time to recall all the good things God has done for us, and to rejoice. May we continue our journey to Christmas with renewed joy in our hearts.



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

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 nicolamylles@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - A Night to Remember (in place of this year's Panto) the Panto Group is joining forces with the former members of the WE Group to put on a spectacular Quiz Night in aid of St. Mark's Hospital Foundation. We promise an evening of fun and laughter for the benefit of this excellent cause (in memory of Noeleen Bell). Please put the date—Saturday 21st January 2017—in your diaries. Details of how to enter a team will hopefully be published before Christmas.

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.

SET DANCING: Next Tuesday's session (13th December) will be the last until January 10th 2017.

CHILDREN'S ART CLASS: Next Thursday's Art Class (15th December) will be the last until Thursday January 12th 2017.

SUDBURY & KENTON CHURCHES CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Do you know anyone who would like to attend this lunch? Forms/information are available at the back of church. The next planning meeting will be at the Black Horse on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm.

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

TEACHER TRAINING with Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School. Information evening on 15th January 2017 at 5.30pm— see notice in folder to book.

VACANCIES:

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER required at St. George's Catholic School. (See folder or school website for details). C/Date 15th December.

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

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 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 11 December:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 12 December:

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

Tuesday 13 December:

Set Dancing: 8.45pm

Wednesday 14 December:

Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm

Thursday 15 December:

Children's Art Class 5.30pm

Church Cleaning Group B 1.45pm

Advent Reconciliation Service 8.00pm

Friday 16 December:

Teas after morning Mass

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Primary School Form Signing 7.00pm

Saturday 17 December:

Sunday 18 December:

Carols by Candlelight followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. 7.00pm

SECOND COLLECTION this Sunday for Christmas Flowers and trees. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

THE **TUCK SHOP** will be open 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.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS are available this weekend from the Repository.

FUNERAL MASS of **MAUREEN HENNESSY RIP** will take place on Thursday 15th December at 11.00am followed by burial at Alperton Cemetery at 12.15pm.

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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Thursday 15th December at 8.00pm.

**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

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - A SERVICE OF CAROLS AND READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS on Sunday 18th December at 7.00pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME.

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.

HELP NEEDED...

⇒ Before and after the Carol Service for preparing mulled wine and mince pies

⇒ Before and after the Christmas Eve Masses for the giving out of the same above!

⇒ Cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas.

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.

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

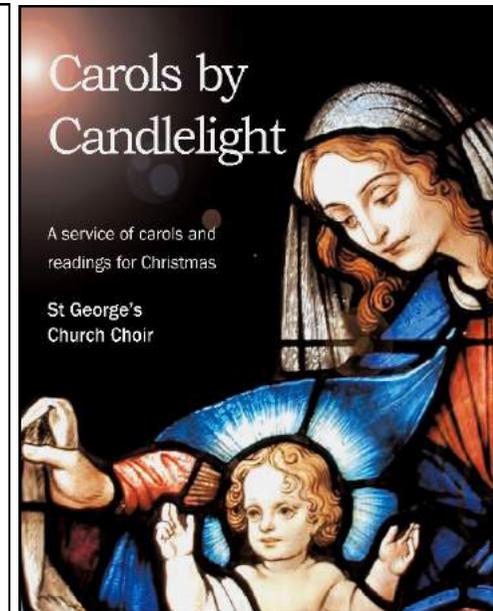
SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm, **WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am, **HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15-6.00pm **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm and any time by appointment,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

V	Sun	11 Dec	ADVENT III	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	Eileen Grant RIP Carmel O'Halloran & Family Intentions PRO POPULO Martin & Nora Driscoll RIP Mary & Michael Hughes RIP
V	Mon	12 Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe		9.30am	Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP Hermosinda Toucedo RIP
R	Tues	13 Dec	S. Lucy		9.30am	Ann Lynch RIP
W	Wed	14 Dec	S. John of the Cross		9.30am	Helen Doyle RIP
V	Thur	15 Dec	Advent feria		9.30am	James Coomarewel RIP
V			FUNERAL MASS		11.00am	Maureen Hennessy RIP
V	Fri	16 Dec	Advent feria		9.30am	Claire Kelly Curran RIP
V	Sat	17 Dec	Advent feria		9.30am	Con O'Mahoney RIP



**ADVENT
RECONCILIATION SERVICE**
with the opportunity for individual
confession

**THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER 2016
at 8.00pm**



Sunday 18 December 2016 7-00pm

St George's Church, Sudbury

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish centre

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Phil 4: 4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the

Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145

R/. Come Lord, and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. ***R/.***

The Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. ***R/.***

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. ***R/.***

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming

will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then

what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. Is 35: 4*

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.