



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

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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.

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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 THIS WEEK
Sponsored in memory of
Robert Kelly RIP
**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM is sponsored for the
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**The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury**



Sunday 6th December 2015 SECOND 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

"Christ is the joy we await"

God will bring to completion the work he has begun in us. Our love for one another will help us to be blameless when Christ will come again. Our lives on earth are a preparation for the day when the Lord comes and so we should be full of joy and expectancy.



First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
The prophet is filled with hope and joy as he assures the Israelites in exile that God will bring them back to the holy city of Jerusalem. They are suffering very much because they are far from their homeland. But their return will be such a joyful event that even the mountains, the valleys, and the forests will do what they can to make the journey easier

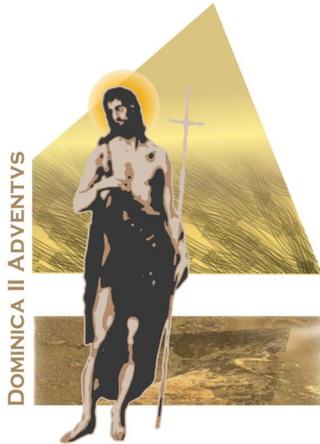
Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
St Paul makes two things clear. The first is his great love and affection for the Philippians, who have helped him in his ministry. The second is his hope that they will continue to become more and more like Christ. Paul is looking forward to the second coming of Christ. And he wants to make sure that all Christ's followers will be ready to receive him when he comes.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6
St Luke wants us to realize that John, a "common man" chosen by God, is much more important than any worldly ruler, because he is the herald who announces the Lord's coming. John urges the people to be baptized as a sign of their repentance for their sins. When they do this, they will make the path clear for Christ to come into their lives. Then all people "shall see the salvation of God."

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

St. Luke tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the message which he received and delivered to the people of his day? In dramatic fashion Luke tells us when John came on the world scene. The world's rulers paled in reference to this son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John's mission was to prepare the way for God's Anointed King who would come to establish God's rule above all other kings and authorities.

John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people. John was a prophet, a spokesman for God. Luke tells us that "the word of God came to John" when he was dwelling in the wilderness of Judaea (Luke 3:2). Why was John living in the barren wilderness of Judaea? John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. God led John into the wilderness, away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah. John is the last of the Old Testament prophets who pointed the way to the coming of the Messiah. He is the first of the new Testament witnesses and martyrs who suffered on account of his testimony to Jesus as the true Messiah and "Lamb of God"



who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

In the ancient world when a king decided to tour his kingdom, he first sent his courier ahead to prepare the way. John is the courier and great herald of the Messiah King who proclaims to all the peoples that the impending reign of God is now very close at hand. Isaiah had long ago prophesied the role of the Forerunner of the Messiah John undoubtedly took this word to heart as he searched the scriptures and reflected on the word of God in the wilderness.

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance – turning our hearts and minds away from sin, indifference, and unbelief, to a sincere trust in God. Luke's gospel emphasizes the universal call of the gospel to all peoples without distinction. He quotes from the prophet Isaiah that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God" John stood at the door of a new era of grace and salvation. He saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection – pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus.

We too stand at the door of a new era as we enter this week the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us allow God's word to transform the way we view, think, and live our lives so that we may be merciful as God the Father is merciful.

SACRISTY. Parishioners are reminded that the Sacristy is special area and not to be used as a short cut during Mass. Please try to respect this.

MARY'S MEALS: congratulations to everyone in our efforts last week together with clothes and cash donations we raised £1140.59 which will be doubled by the government.

MASS OFFERINGS (recommended charge). A recent memorandum from the Diocese reminds us that the ordinary offering for a Mass offering is recommended at £10.00 although you may offer less if your circumstances dictate.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ATTENDANCE CARDS: Please ensure that your child's name is written in the box on the card otherwise your child's attendance will not be registered. 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 29th January 2016**. There will be no course in the month of December.

ROME PILGRIMAGE in April 2016. Only 1 single room left. Full details in the porch.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: All welcome to join our team of Altar Servers at Mass. If you wish to join the team please come to the Sacristy 20 minutes before Mass where you will be given all the help and advice needed to begin your new role.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CATECHISTS WANTED. Would you like to join a team preparing families for the baptism of their children. The commitment would be a couple of times a year. Please speak to a member of the Parish Team if you'd like to know more.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION— Please check the rota each Sunday. If you are on the rota please cover your duty. If you are not on the rota please come forward only if there is a need. Thank you.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR VOLUNTEER ROLES INVOLVING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS - If you have been given/sent an application form, please complete and return it to the Parish Office this week. If you have any questions or concerns about the DBS procedure please speak to the Safeguarding Officer or any member of the Parish Team. Thank you!

CHURCH CLEANERS: New volunteers are needed now. If you are able to help please call Julia on 8904 5324 or contact the parish team.

THE WHITE SANCTUARY LAMP BY THE TABERNACLE has been sponsored this week in memory of Robert Kelly RIP. **THE LAMP BY THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** is sponsored this week for the intentions of the Waddington Family.

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.

SUDBURY CHRISTMAS LUNCH will take place this year as usual on Christmas day. Flyers and Booking forms are now available. All are welcome to this if you are alone or just want to be with friends. Because of huge generosity last year there is still enough money to cover this year's cost.. So this year as our "UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE" offering we are asking for gifts **before Christmas**. These will be distributed to those at the Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day. So what are they asking for? A Present, gift wrapped of up £10 in value but no more. It should be marked whether it would be more appropriate for a male or female. These we are asking to be brought to Church on the **LAST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 20th December**.

JINGLE ALL THE WAY—a brand new sketch show for all the family exploring the true meaning of Christmas. Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm at St Anselm's School Hall, Harrow. See notice in porch for more details.

ST. GEORGE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on Monday 14th 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
- ◆ **RETRouvaille—**a lifeline for married couples.
- ◆ **WIDOWED YOUNG—**support events.
- ◆ **CALIX CENTRE—**A Catholic ministry to addicts.
- ◆ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.**

JOB VACANCIES: Various Diocesan Vacancies.
FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages and retreats, job opportunities, schools and colleges. Info.

OFFER OF FURNITURE: two full size armchairs with wooden legs—comfortable and large. If you'd like them they can be delivered to you or you can collect. Please speak to the parish office.

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NEWS & VIEWS



THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

SUNG MASS on Tuesday 8th December at 8.00pm the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to inaugurate the YEAR OF MERCY

Please take the special parish leaflet if you have not already done so.

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.

ST. GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION "ASIAN STYLE" Saturday 12th December 7.00pm -10.30pm *Dinner—Bar—Live Band & Dancing—raffle...and above all—good fun Tickets on sale TODAY AFTER MASS Adults: £10 Children : £5 (yrs 5-11) Under 5 yrs— free*

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS are being raffled in aid of Christmas flowers after the morning Masses this week. Cost of tickets: £2.00.

SMALL GROUPS: Our Diocesan sessions for Small Group entitled "Love Divine" reflecting on the graces bestowed in the Sacraments continues on Mondays, after the 9.30am Mass & Rosary, in the Sacristy until 21 December. Booklets to accompany this course are on sale in the repository at £2.00. All are very welcome!

FRIENDS OF JESUS is now closed until Friday 8th January 2016.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET CARDS are available from the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION: Enrolment and practicalities meeting on Monday 7th December at 8pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next session on Tuesday 8th December is a rehearsal for Reconciliation. **Please note that this will take place in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.**

CAFOD Harvest Collection in October raised £2687.99

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 6 December:
Tea & Coffee after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses
Monday 7 December:
Confirmation enrolment 8.00pm
Tuesday 8 December:
Over 60's 1.00pm
First Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wednesday 9 December:
Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm
Thursday 10 December:
Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm
Prayer Group 8.00pm
Friday 11 December:
Teas after morning Mass
Saturday 12 December:
Christmas Celebration "Asian Style" 7.00pm
Sunday 13 December:
Tea & Coffee after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses
Panto 3.00pm

LOOKING AHEAD

PARISH RECONCILIATION LITURGY with the opportunity for individual confessions on 17th December at 7.30pm

CAROL SERVICE on Sunday 20th December at 7.30pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre. All Welcome.

SALVE REGINA! The Cardinal has asked all parishes to pray the Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen) at the end of the intercessions every Sunday throughout the Year of Mercy therefore replacing the Hail Mary. You'll find the text of the Salve Regina on the back of the newsletter to enable you to join in.

NEW BISHOPS: It was announced recently that Westminster would have two new auxiliary bishops – Paul McAleenan and John Wilson who will be ordained on 25th January. We offer them our congratulations. Bishop John Sherrington will assume oversight of the Northern Episcopal area – hence St. George's and we look forward to welcoming him in due course.

NEW CONFIRMATION/MARRIAGE RITES are now ready to compliment the recent new translation of the Missal and will go into force in the New Year.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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.

V	Sun	6 December	ADVENT II	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	PRO POPULO Peter O'Leary RIP Spencer Coomarewel RIP John O'Leary RIP Salvatore Cavaliere RIP
W	Mon	7 December	S. Ambrose		9.30am	Ron & Sheila Dyer RIP
W	Tues	8 December	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		9.30am	Mary & Con O'Mahoney
			<i>Sung Mass for the beginning of the Holy Year</i>		8.00pm	Lourdes Fernandes RIP
V	Wed	9 December	Advent feria		9.30am	Chamila Somaskandan Intentions
V	Thur	10 December	Advent feria		9.30am	Peter Spencer RIP
V	Fri	11 December	Advent feria <i>[Friday abstinence]</i>		9.30am	Rita Silveira RIP
W	Sat	12 December	Our Lady of Guadalupe		9.30am	Mary Walsh RIP



YEAR C—THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE (Part 1)

During this Liturgical year we will be hearing on Sundays the gospel of St. Luke.

Luke, the "beloved physician"

Paul the Apostle calls Luke the "beloved physician" (Col. 4:14). Luke was a companion and fellow worker of Paul (2 Tim. 4:11; Philemon 24). They travelled extensively. Luke was a keen observer of the human condition. Like a good physician, he saw people as they were and he loved them all. His gospel is the easiest to read and understand, because it presupposes that his audience is not familiar with Jewish customs and practices.

"It seemed good to me also to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus" (Luke 1:3)

Why did Luke write his account? In his introduction to the gospel (see Luke 1:1-4) Luke speaks in the first person. This is a somewhat unique approach since the other gospels all speak in the third person. Luke addresses his friend, Theophilus, a name which means "beloved of God". In so many words he says, "I am writing to you the most incredible story humankind has known." And this

story is utterly believable because it comes from many reliable first-hand witnesses of those who knew Jesus Christ personally, heard his teaching, and saw his miracles, death and resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven. Who were these many? Mark the evangelist was certainly one of them. Luke's account contains over half of the verses in Mark's account (some 350 verses out of a total 660 verses in Mark). Some 325 verses of Luke are also common to Matthew's gospel. The Acts of the Apostles tell us that Luke was in Israel for some time. This would have given him an opportunity to speak with many contemporaries of Jesus.

The Gospel for the Gentiles

Luke was a Gentile. He is the only New Testament writer who was not a Jew. He addressed his gospel to a fellow Gentile, named Theophilus. Luke intended his gospel for the Gentile Christians. Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles and likely encouraged Luke to write such an account. Luke wanted to give an account of the gospel to a non-Jewish audience who were not accustomed to Jewish beliefs and practices and who lived in a society dominated by Greek culture and language. Luke wrote his gospel in the common Greek of the day. It was likely written between 63-70 A.D.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Is 30: 19, 30*

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his
voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Baruch 5:1-9*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow
and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of
God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God
around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal
on your head:
since God means to show your splendour
to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you
for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour
through devotedness.'
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled
from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant
that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,

now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain,
of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make
the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the
glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will
provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light
of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 125:1-6

*R/. What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *R/.*
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *R/.*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *R/.*
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back,
full of song, carrying their sheaves. *R/.*

Second reading: *Philippians 1:4-6,8-11*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with
joy, remembering how you have helped to
spread the Good News from the day you
first heard it right up to the present. I am
quite certain that the One who began this
good work in you will see that it is finished
when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and
God knows how much I miss you all, loving
you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is
that your love for each other may increase
more and more and never stop improving
your knowledge and deepening your per-
ception so that you can always recognise
what is best. This will help you to become
pure and blameless, and prepare you for
the Day of Christ, when you will reach the
perfect goodness which Jesus Christ pro-
duces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Lk3:4,6*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of
God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 3:1-6*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's
reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of
Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his
brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of
Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of
Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas
and Caiaphas the word of God came to
John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.
He went through the whole Jordan district
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for
the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in
the book of the sayings of the prophet

Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of
God.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble
prayers and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to
plead our cause,
come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Bar 5: 5; 4: 36*

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you
from God.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nour-
ishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the
things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

