



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Emilien Thomas, Josie Lewis, Kathleen Lusty

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: The Laing Family, Theophilus Louis (25th Ann).

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

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 the Deceased
members of The Duffner Family.**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM is sponsored for a
Special Intention.**

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Sunday cycle readings Year C
Weekday readings Advent week 4
Divine Office Advent Week 4

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



**Sunday 20th December 2015
FOURTH 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

"Mary, Mother of the Lord"

Mary does the will of God perfectly. When God speaks to her she is prompt to obey and in her flesh God's word becomes incarnate. Of all women she is the most blessed because she believed that God's promises would be fulfilled in the humblest of his creatures. She is the servant of everyone. She was for Elizabeth the cause of her joy.



First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

When the prophet Micah proclaimed the coming of a shepherd-king, the Israelites in Jerusalem were under attack. Their enemies, the Assyrians, were ready to "wipe them out." So the good news that God would send them a strong and just ruler was music to their ears. Their king would be born in Bethlehem a small, unimportant town of the royal family of David. And he would bring lasting peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

One of the messages in today's second reading is that we should recognize how the perfect sacrifice of Jesus differs from the sacrifices of the Old Testament. Those sacrifices were often offerings of animals. Jesus' sacrifice was the offering of himself. Giving yourself your time, talents, and love is the greatest gift you can offer to others.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary has made a difficult journey through the hill country to be with her relative Elizabeth, who is several months pregnant. The young woman, bearing in her body the Saviour, and the older woman, carrying John the Baptist, embrace each other with tears and laughter. Elizabeth recognizes Mary's true identity as "the mother of my Lord." She calls Mary "blessed" three times. Mary is blessed because she trusted that the Lord's words to her would come true.

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.

CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPES: These are now available and they are an opportunity for you to make a special Christmas gift to the church at this time. This money is no longer an offering to the clergy. If you wish to give them a gift you must do that separately through a card or some other means through the parish letterbox.

TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES are on the printed card at the back of Church. Please take one for yourself and take a few others for neighbours and friends. Maybe you could encourage someone to come this Christmas who hasn't been for a long time.

CHURCH CLEANING & DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS - Church cleaning, in preparation for the Christmas Period, is taking place in the Church from 10.30am to 1pm on Wednesday 23rd December. All are welcome!

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 20 December:

Tea & Coffee after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses
Panto 3.00pm
Carols by Candlelight 7.30pm
Mulled wine and mince pie reception afterwards in Parish Centre

Wednesday 23 December:

Panto Rehearsal 7.30pm

Thursday 24 December:

Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am

ASIAN CHRISTMAS EVENING: Thanks to all who organised or attended our recent Asian evening. There was great fun, laughter and amazing dancing!

FLOWER & HAMPER RAFFLE: There are still a few prizes waiting to be collected from the office.

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 this newsletter to enable you to join in.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS AT CHRISTMAS - If you are an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion and are able to help at the Christmas liturgies, please fill in your name on the sheet at the back of Church today. Thank you!

MINISTRIES AT CHRISTMAS LITURGIES - If you are able to help at the Christmas Masses at St. George's (Welcoming, Reading, Collecting, Offertory, Serving) please fill in your name on the relevant sheet at the back of Church today. Thank you!

ST. GEORGE'S PLAYERS will be performing *Dick Whittington and his Cat* on Friday, 22, Saturday, 23, and Sunday, 24 January. Tickets may be obtained from the Repository Hut this weekend or by ringing Greg Birch on 07990 566929. Special offer - all tickets for Friday evening's performance are £3.'

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

CONFIRMATION programme will begin on Monday 4th January, 2016.

PRAYER GROUP will resume on Thursday 7th January at 8pm.

FRIENDS OF JESUS will resume on Friday 8th January 2016.

OVER 60'S CLUB will resume on Tuesday 12th January at 1pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION programme will resume on Tuesday 9th February 2016 (parents/guardians only).

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

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES at Northwick Park Hospital Chapel for patients having Mass with their family on Christmas day are at 11am, 4pm and 5:15pm. New Year Mass times are on 31st December at 10pm and 11pm. Also on 1st January at 4:30pm and 5:15pm.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND FLOWERS THIS YEAR: Thanks to all who gave so generously last week. Your kindness is much appreciated. The church will look splendid this year for the Christmas celebrations.

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	20 December	ADVENT IV	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	Michele Costella RIP The Laing Family PRO POPULO Edward Johnston RIP Irma & Rolando Nardone RIP and Salvatore Cavaliere RIP
V	Mon	21 December	Advent feria		9.30am	Theophilus Louis RIP (25th Ann)
V	Tues	22 December	Advent feria		9.30am	Linda Lou Shannon RIP
V	Wed	23 December	Advent feria		9.30am	Dee Kelly LoaderRIP
Gd	Thur	24 December	Advent feria		9.30am	Michael Johnston Intentions
Gd			CHRISTMAS EVE		6.00pm	Christine Kilker RIP
			THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		12 midnight	Richard O'Dwyer RIP
Gd	Fri	25 December	CHRISTMAS DAY		8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 12 noon	Anastasia Johnston RIP Peter Cronin RIP Daniel Daley RIP Paul Dias RIP
R	Sat	26 December	St STEPHEN			

CHRISTMAS AT ST GEORGE'S 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday 24th December
9.30am Last Mass of the Advent season
5.30pm **Carols**
6.00pm **Family Vigil Mass for Christmas**
11.30pm **Carols by candlelight**
12 midnight **MIDNIGHT MASS**

CHRISTMAS DAY Friday 25th December
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
8.30am **Mass (said)** of the Dawn
9.45am **Mass (Family)**
11.15am **Mass (Solemn)**
NB There will be NO evening Mass on Christmas Day

St STEPHEN Saturday 26th December
12 noon **Mass**

THE HOLY FAMILY Sunday 27th December
6.15pm Mass (Saturday Vigil)
8.30am Mass (said)
9.45am Mass (Family)
11.15am Mass (Solemn)
5.30pm Mass

THE HOLY INNOCENTS Monday 28th December
9.30am Mass

St THOMAS BECKET Tuesday 29th December
9.30am Mass

SIXTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE Wednesday 30th December
9.30am Mass

SEVENTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE Thursday 31st December
9.30am Mass

MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD Friday 1st January
12 noon Sung Mass

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS
Saturday 19th December 5.15 - 6.00pm
Monday 21st – Thursday 24th December 9.00 - 9.30am
or at any other time by appointment

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Is 45: 8*

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Micah 5:1-4*

The Lord says this:

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord,

with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 79:2-3,15-16,18-19*

R/. Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. ***R/.***

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

R/.

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. ***R/.***

Second reading: *Hebrews 10:5-10*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: *You did not want* what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and *you took no pleasure* in them; and then he says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: *Lk1:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 1:39-44*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's

greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Is 7: 14*

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.