



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Alma Dorothy Edwards*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Donna O'Brien, Frances Roche, Ray Lorenzato, Xavier Carmel, Kevin Hennessy (4th Ann).*

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope

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PRAYER TO THE SAINTS AND ANGELS BEFORE MASS

Angels, Archangels,
Thrones, Dominions,
Principalities, Powers,
heavenly Virtues,
Cherubim and Seraphim;
all Saints of God,
holy men and women,
and especially my patrons:
intercede for me
that I may be worthy
to offer this Sacrifice to
almighty God,
to the praise and glory
of His name,
for my own welfare
and also that of all
His holy Church. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP THIS WEEK
Sponsored for a Private Intention
**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
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The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 1st November 2015 THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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

"Your reward will be great in heaven"

The saints forever praise God's glory in heaven. In their lives on earth they lived out the beatitudes preached by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount and that is why they are so happy now. We too need to model our lives on them so that where they are we may one day be. We, like they, will see God face to face.



First Reading: *Book of the Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14*

The Church gathers together from every corner of the world and journeys towards the heavenly liturgy which celebrates Christ, the slain but victorious lamb of sacrifice. For the moment there is conflict between the kingdom of God and that of Satan, but only for a moment. Their struggle is accompanied by the cry of believers, sometimes a cry of suffering in the midst of trials, sometimes a cry of adoration of, and faith in, God and his Christ.

Second Reading: *First Letter of St. John 3:1-3*

Christian holiness is not a consequence of man's decisions. It is a reply to the love of the Father who wishes to make us his children. And what he has begun in us, God will achieve by making us like his Son.

Gospel: *Matthew 5:1-12*

The beatitudes are first the proclamation of the Good News: in Jesus, God who is all gift, is present to all those who can only receive. They are also an ideal set before us in order that we may be like Christ: like him, his followers shall be before God as the poor. The last beatitude is God himself; the saints know this.

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes in today's Gospel, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom, the vision of God, entering into the joy of the Lord and into his rest. Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal.

Jesus' tells us that God alone can satisfy the deepest need and longing of our heart. God offers us the greatest good possible - abundant life in Jesus Christ and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God forever. The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of

contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and spiritual oppression.

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. On this Solemnity of All Saints let us once more know the happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone.



“All of us are called to walk in the way of sanctity, and this way has a name, a face: the face of Jesus Christ.”

POPE FRANCIS

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IN CHURCH Please do try to leave the pews as you found them and not leave weekly sheets and crayons behind. We do have some dedicated volunteers to help clear up but it is taking them longer as we leave more behind. Many thanks!

CHRISTMAS CARD AND BRIC A BRAC SALE Sunday 8th November: Justice & Peace Group's Charities plus Traidcraft Fairtrade foods, cake stall, poppies, homemade marmalade and various other bric-a-brac, jewellery and book stalls. after all morning Masses in the parish centre. Anyone wishing to have a table please contact Margaret on 8904 1517. Homemade cakes for sale, would be very welcome on Sunday morning before each Mass.

OLIVE WOOD SALE after all Masses the weekend 7-8 November. All proceeds go to support Christians in the Holy Land.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION dates for 2016 are Saturday 14th, Sunday 15th May and Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May. There will be an opportunity to indicate your preferred date at the next meeting on Tuesday 3rd November.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING DATES:
NEW DATE: PRIMARY AND NURSERY: WEDNESDAY 2nd December 7.30-9.00pm.
 The meetings will be held in the Parish Centre. Please try and stick to this date as It is really difficult for clergy to sign forms at the church door after Mass. *Additionally, please note that for Primary and Nursery schools the Clergy have to sign a new Certificate of Catholic Practice which requires families to practice in accordance with the teaching of the Church which is to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.*

THE WHITE SANCTUARY LAMP BY THE TABERNACLE has been sponsored this week for a Private Intention.
THE LAMP BY THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM is sponsored this week in loving memory of Leo & Olga Barco RIP.
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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
 AT 6.15pm Mass: If you would like to be considered as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion please speak to one of the parish team.

CHURCH CLEANERS if you have not already picked up your new rota from the back of the church please do so today. New volunteers are needed now. If you are able to help please call Julia on 8904 5324 or contact the parish team.

MARY'S MEALS—RAGS TO RICHES Sunday 22nd November (morning ONLY): collection of unwanted bedding and clothing. More details later. (Please do not bring or leave anything before that date. Thank you).

CAN YOU HELP PRISONERS & THEIR FAMILIES? You are invited to come & see the opportunities for you to volunteer to help those in prison, prisoner's families, and ex-offenders. The Catholic prison charity Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust) work in several prisons across London and rely heavily on volunteers to help those in need. **Saturday 14th November 10.00am – 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall.** For more information contact: prisonsweek2015 @prisonadvice.org.uk or call 020 3031 6953

ADVENT IS NOT FAR AWAY—Our Diocesan sessions for Small Group entitled "Love Divine" reflecting on the graces bestowed in the Sacraments will begin on Monday 9th November and continue for six consecutive Monday mornings after the 9.30am Mass Booklets to accompany this course are on sale in the repository at £2.00. All are very welcome!

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.**
- ◆ **The CARDINAL WISEMAN** Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 5th November 6pm..
- JOB VACANCIES:**
- ◆ **Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School** require part-time volunteer Library Assistant.
- ◆ **Gunnersbury Catholic School** has a vacancy for a part-time librarian (9.5 hours per week, term time only); details can be found on the school website.
- FOLDERS in the church porch:** for pilgrimages and retreats, job opportunities, schools and colleges. Please take a look.

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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.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 1 November:

Tea & Coffee after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses
Panto rehearsal 3.00pm

Monday 2 Nov:

Tuesday 3 November:
Over 60's 1.00pm
First Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wednesday 4 November:

Panto 7.30pm
Ladies Social Guild 8.00pm

Thursday 5 November:

Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm
Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 6 November:

Teas after morning Mass
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm
School Form Signing (Secondary/Sixth Form) 7.00pm

Sunday 8 November:

Panto 3.00pm

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION: This weekend's Second collection is for the annual Sick and Retired Priests Fund. Your generous donations helps to ensure these men, who've lived their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The Sick and Retired Priests Fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescent and personal needs of these priests, often alone and many without personal savings. Envelopes will be available for a couple of weeks or you can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. And please remember to Gift Aid your contribution if you are a standard tax payer.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is our parish preparation for those who want to become Catholics. If you know someone who'd like to join this group or you yourself, please speak to one of the parish team.

READERS AT 9.45am MASS: There will be a READERS' WORKSHOP, at 2pm on Saturday 7th November in the church, for all existing readers and family groups who would like to do readings or bidding prayers. (Children should have already made their First Holy Communion).

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED So that we can remember the deceased of the Parish, prayer sheets and envelopes will be available at the back of the Church. **Please can you put your completed envelopes with any offering you'd like to make in the letter box at the presbytery or office and not in the collection.** The names of all will be remembered in the Masses celebrated here during November.

Monday 2nd November is **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)**. There will be one Mass that day at 9.30AM.

HAVE YOU MADE PREPARATIONS FOR YOUR OWN FUNERAL? One of the ways we as Christians can behave responsibly is to spare those we love wondering what we would like for our own Funeral. The diocese have now created a form for you to complete and put together with your Will and private papers. This form also involves the choosing of readings and hymns. Mindful that there are specially selected readings, please also take a copy of the reading and selected hymn list to help you in this choice.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY BEREAVED: Our **BETHANY MASS** will take place on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm and ALL ARE WELCOME especially those who have lost a loved one this year. Please pass the word around.

If you have been bereaved and would like a visit from St. George's Bethany Group please contact the Parish Office.

CEMETERY BLESSINGS 2015:

Alperton Saturday 14th November at 2pm.
Carpenders Park : Sunday 1st November at 2.00pm.
Clamp Hill: Sunday 8th November, Lower Cemetery at 2pm and Upper Cemetery at 3.00pm.
Hendon: Sunday 8th November at 2.00pm.
St. Mary's & Kensal Rise: Sunday 1st November at 2.00pm
Milesplit HJill: Saturday 7th November at 2.00pm.
Willesden New: Sunday 8th November at 2.00pm.

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. Our next baptism preparation evening is on **Friday 27th November** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

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.

W	Sun	1 November	ALL SAINTS	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	Mary Carroll RIP Frances Roche RIP Spencer Coomarewel RIP PRO POPULO Xavier Carmel RIP (1st Ann)
V	Mon	2 November	ALL SOULS		9.30am	Leo & Olga Barco RIP
W	Tues	3 November	St Martin de Porres		9.30am	Ray Lorenzato RIP RIP
W	Wed	4 November	St Charles Borromeo		9.30am	Adrian Rajah John RIP
G	Thur	5 November	feria		9.30am	James Mullane RIP
G	Fri	6 November	feria [Friday abstinence]		9.30am	Donna O'Brien RIP RIP
W	Sat	7 November	S Willibrord		9.30am	Ron & Sheila Dyer RIP

Some thoughts on WORTHY RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST



One of the great gifts of coming to Mass is knowing that Jesus Christ, gives us a share in his divine life as we worthily receive him in Holy Communion. In thanksgiving for such a gift, it is fitting that we always prepare properly to receive him. This can be done in two important ways.

First, we approach the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass through a life of regular prayer and reading of scripture, it includes the way in which we behave as a disciple throughout the week – at home, at work or at school - in fact, wherever we are. It means we should also be regular in going to Confession and in examining our consciences.

Secondly our immediate preparation is also important as it includes what we do just before we come to Mass and what we do during Mass itself. It's about making space for God to come into our lives so the church still asks us to fast from food and drink for at least one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion as our health and age permit. It includes arriving on time, if not before Mass begins so that we may recollect ourselves and be in the right frame of mind. It includes dressing appropriately and modestly. It means not talking and chatting during the Liturgy (there's plenty of time to do that later!). It means also leaving at the correct time after the Blessing and dismissal. These ways of preparing culminate in our prayerful and active participation throughout the Eucharistic celebration, as we join with the Body of Christ in gratitude for such a great gift.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one Celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. 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: *Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God,

who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 23:1-6*

R/. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. *R/.*
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. *R/.*

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. *R/.*

Second reading: *1 John 3:1-3*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: *Mt 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 5:1-12*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Mt 5: 8-10*

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. Through Christ our Lord.