



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Josie Redmond, Vincent Keating, Gray Kennedy.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Martin McAnulty, Tom Parsons (30th Ann), Sir Histron Christopher Chukwudi Uwechue.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Freya Kumedzina.

**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER
Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees**

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

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**PRAYER AT
HOLY COMMUNION**

Let not the partaking of Your Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Your goodness, may it become a safeguard and an effective remedy, both of soul and body. Who live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen

SANCTUARY LAMP
has been sponsored this week
IN MEMORY OF GEORGE HILLIER RIP
**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM**
has been sponsored this week
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SEAN O'CONNOR



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



**Sunday 20th November 2016
CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING**

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 king who promises us
his kingdom!"**

Christ on the cross promises his kingdom to a penitent Thief. We like the criminal, receive redemption and forgiveness of our sins through Christ who through his glorious power gives us the strength to bear everything joyfully. If we suffer with him we shall reign with him. He is the first born from the dead never to die again.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Christ, the new David and the only king after God's heart, will realize in himself, by the Cross and not by the strength of arms, the perfect and final unity of the people of God.

Second Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians 1:11-20
Maker and perfecter of the universe, Christ is the first born of all the living, king of creation. The source and completion of salvation, Christ is the first born from the dead, the head of the Church. Let us give thanks to the Father for his Son, the only mediator, who has made us part of this huge undertaking of reconciliation and grace

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43
On one side the hostility of the leaders and soldiers whose unbelief is expressed by the irony of a criminal. On the other hand, the contemplative silence of the crowd, whose belief is expressed by the prayer of the other criminal. The true power of the crucified Saviour is revealed on the cross: he is king and brings into his kingdom all who believe in him.

Sunday reflection

What is the significance and meaning of Jesus' kingship for us? Kingship today seems outdated and useless, especially in democratic societies where everyone is supposed to be treated equal and free. Many rulers in past ages claimed they had sovereign authority to rule by divine edict. But God did not give his people Israel a king at first. Why? Because God alone was their King and they needed no other. Nonetheless, God relented and chose David as King over Israel with the promise that God would raise up through David's royal line a Saviour who would establish an everlasting kingdom of righteousness and peace that would endure for all ages.

The Jews understood that the Messiah ("Anointed One") would come as God's anointed King to restore paradise and establish God's reign of peace for them. They wanted a Messianic King who would free them from strife and division and from foreign oppression. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messiah and Ruler for Israel. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus claimed to possess.

As Jesus was crucified on the cross alongside two criminals who were

thieves, one mocked him for his claim to divine kingship. But the other thief recognized through the eyes of faith that Jesus was truly God's Anointed King and Saviour. He petitioned Jesus to treat his poor soul with mercy and pardon, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). Jesus not only granted him forgiveness, but a place with him in his everlasting kingdom. "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Jesus died not only as King of the Jews, but as King of all nations and Lord of the universe. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world was accomplished through his atoning death on the cross and his resurrection on the third day. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of

shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters. That is why the Father exalted his Son and raised him in glory over the heavens and the earth. In the Book of Revelation Jesus is called *King of kings and Lord of lords*. He now sits in glory at the right hand of the Father in heaven - and from his throne he rules as Lord over all

Do you recognize Jesus Christ as your Sovereign King and Redeemer?



THIS MONDAY -CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES & CATECHISTS - If you are interested in being confirmed at St. George's next year and you are in Year 10 or above please bring along your Parent/Carer to the Parent & Candidate Information Evening in the Parish Centre on Monday 21st November at 8pm. If you would like to join the coming year's happy team of Confirmation Catechists & Helpers please speak to one of the Parish Team or email our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingslev@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

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 Recollection 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 on Saturday 3rd December at 8pm in the Parish Centre. Bar will be open. 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 nicolamylles@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

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

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 and an evening group on Fridays at 7.00pm also in the Café/Bar. New members always welcome. Refreshments served. Booklets are available from the Repository after any Mass—£2 each.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER— takes place this weekend. Please pray for the engaged couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage and for the 3 married couples and the priest who are presenting this weekend.

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.

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. (see notice in book)

VACANCIES: (full details in folder)

HEAD TEACHER required at St. Michael's Catholic Grammar school for September 2017. (C/d 21/11/16).

DIOCESAN VACANCIES. 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 20 November:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 21 November:

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

Confirmation meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 22 November:

First Holy Communion Meeting 7.30pm

Set Dancing: 8.45pm

Wednesday 23 November:

Thursday 24 November:

Children's Art Class 5.30pm

Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am

Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 25 November:

Teas after morning Mass

Art Class 2.00pm

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Advent Faith Sharing (Café/Bar) 7.00pm

Baptism Preparation 7.30pm

TODAY THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY ends. Let us give thanks for all the spiritual benefits we have received.

TODAY there will be a Blessed Sacrament Procession at the end of the 11.15am Mass enthroning Christ our King and giving thanks for the past Church year.

NEXT SUNDAY is ADVENT SUNDAY and the beginning of the new Church Year.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS— Thank you for your generous contributions last week. Our total so far is **£1262.01**. It's not too late to donate envelopes are still available in the Church. Please remember, if you are a standard taxpayer, you can increase your contribution by completing the Gift Aid portion of the envelope. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

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.

The month of NOVEMBER is dedicated to the Departed and is traditionally a time when we pray for those who have died. So that we can remember the deceased of the Parish, prayer sheets and envelopes will be available at the back of the Church. The names of all will be remembered in the Masses celebrated here during November.

BETHANY GROUP LUNCH—an opportunity for those who have suffered the death of a loved one to come together for a light

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

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.

FUNERAL MASS of Gray Kennady RIP will take place on Friday 25th November at 11am. Greenford Cemetery at 12.45pm.

FUNERAL MASS of Vincent Keating RIP will take place at the Church of Our Lady of the Visitation, Greenford Road, on Friday 25th November at 1pm.

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.*

VISIT TO ALLEN HALL - our diocesan seminary on Sunday 27th November there will be an opportunity for a group of parishioners to visit Allen Hall seminary, where approximately fifty men are currently in formation for the priesthood. We will meet some students, take and tour and participate in sung Vespers and Benediction. We will meet at 1.30pm at Sudbury Hill tube station and travel to Allen Hall by underground and bus. The journey takes about an hour. We should return by 6.30pm. *Please contact Fr Tony if you would like to attend.*

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 25th November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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, **EUCHARISTIC 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.

Gd	Sun	20 Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	George Hillier RIP Breda Mahoney RIP PRO POPULO Tim Danaher RIP Claire Kelly RIP
W	Mon	21 Nov	Presentation of the BVM		9.30am	Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP Hermosinda Toucedo RIP
R	Tues	22 Nov	S. Cecilia		9.30am	Charlie Kennedy RIP Sir Histron Christopher Chukwudi Uwechue RIP
R	Wed	23 Nov	S. Clement I		9.30am	Peter McGauran RIP
R	Thur	24 Nov	S. Andrew Dung Lac		9.30am	Martin McAnulty RIP
R	Fri	25 Nov	S. Catherine of Alexandria FUNERAL		9.30am 1.00am	Bridie Murphy RIP Gray Kennady RIP
B	Sat	26 Nov	feria (Of Requiem)		9.30am	Victor Suriyage



The Origin of the Feast of Christ the King

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. Pope Pius connected the denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism. At the time of *Quas Primas*, secularism was on the rise, and many Christians, even Catholics, were

doubting Christ's authority, as well as the Church's, and even doubting Christ's existence. Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was most needed. In fact, it is still needed today, as these problems have not vanished, but instead have worsened.

Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (*Quas Primas*, 32).

2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (*Quas Primas*, 31).
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies (*Quas Primas*, 33).

Today, the same distrust of authority exists, although the problem has become worse. Individualism has been embraced to such an extreme, that for many, the only authority is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in such a strongly individualistic system. Also, many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of *humility and service*. Jesus said:

You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:42-45).

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Rev 5: 12; 1: 6*

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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: *2 Samuel 5:1-3*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. Look they said we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 97*

**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 Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David. **R/.**

Second Reading: *Colossians 1:11-20*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, powers—all

things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our Father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 23:35-43*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.'

But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Ps 29 (28): 10-11*

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

