



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Kathleen Egan, Bridget Murphy.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Daniel Harrington, Pat Haney, Michael O'Connell (2nd Ann), Betty Kilcoyne, Roisin Nolan, Teresa Kaiser-Kearney.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH

Universal: Families in Difficulty

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evanglization: Persecuted Christians

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

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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

has been sponsored this week in
memory of

Domingoes Fernandes RIP.

and the LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR
LADY OF WALSINGHAM has been
sponsored for the Intentions of
The Byrne Family.



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Easter Week

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 27th March 2016 EASTER SUNDAY

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 our hope has risen!"

Christ died to rise again so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we die with him we will rise with him and our lives will be witnesses to the resurrection.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

St Peter reviews the key events in Jesus' life, proclaims his resurrection, and describes the ministry of the apostles. Peter assure his listeners that Jesus has the power to forgive their sins. Jesus gives everyone the freedom to live a new life!

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

We are urged to live in union with the risen Christ. Set your hearts on higher things, we are told. Be intent on the values of God's reign rather than those of the world. We have died to the old life of sin and hopelessness. Christ is risen and he will come again! And we will be taken up with him into his glory.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

At first, Mary Magdalene thought that Jesus' enemies had stolen his body. Heartbroken, she ran to tell Peter and John. They raced to the tomb and found that the burial wrappings, which had encased Jesus' body, were cast aside. Seeing this, they believed.

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

If Christ is not risen, then our faith has no meaning. Easter, not Good Friday, is the climax of Holy Week. The resurrection is not just an appendix to Jesus' death it is a "proof" of his divinity.

Jesus leads the way by going through death to a life that can never be taken away from him again. "We know that Christ, being raised from death, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." And that life is shared with us. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance", says Jesus.

The message of Easter is first communicated by the empty tomb. The death of Jesus was an observable and observed fact by both friends and enemies. No one saw the resurrection. It did not involve resuscitation of a corpse.



The first witnesses that something had happened were women. And what they saw was not Jesus but his empty tomb. They were puzzled and alarmed. Then Peter and the Beloved Disciple go to investigate. They find the empty tomb as the women reported. Peter just sees a loss, the absence of a body. But the other disciple sees with the eyes of one who loves and he sees a void filled with the presence of the Risen One.

The Beloved Disciple sees the empty tomb and believes. He sees what cannot be literally seen. He suddenly understands the teaching of Scripture and the words of Jesus that he must "rise from the dead". Every disciples who loves Jesus is one who sees — and believes with all his or her heart in a Risen Lord. Let us this Easter join them in faith and praise of our Risen Lord.

already in our planned giving scheme and using your envelopes your new box will be available. **Please check that the name and address are correct as we have many parishioners with the same or similar surname. AND please do not use these envelopes until 9/10 April.** At the back of the Church this weekend you will find a bright yellow A5 form. Please complete with name/address/telephone number/email, and return to the Parish Office - if the following options apply:

1. You wish to register for Planned Giving envelopes for the first time.
2. You wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to Bankers' Order.
3. You wish to contribute by Bankers' Order for the first time.
4. You wish to Gift Aid your contribution.
5. You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.
6. You have a Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax.

It is the responsibility of anyone who has a Gift Aid and contributes by planned giving envelope or bankers' order to inform us if they are no longer paying tax.

Above all a big thank you for your generosity which helps us to budget & make this parish run smoothly.

YEAR OF MERCY WALSHINGHAM PILGRIMAGE on Saturday 9th July. This is a special pilgrimage for the Diocese of Westminster in the Year of Mercy. A coach will be going from St George's. The cost is £30.00 **all inclusive of the coach, coffee stop in the morning and a two course dinner on the way home.** You will need to bring your own packed lunch. Places will be first come first served. To reserve a place please call Paddy Duffy on: 020 8868 9373.

VOLUNTEERS FOR REPOSITORY AFTER 5.30PM MASS - We are still looking for volunteers to serve in the Parish Repository after the 5.30pm Sunday Mass, selling religious books, cards, newspapers and a selection of devotional items. If you are open to help please speak to one of the Parish Team. Thank you!

ONCE AGAIN—CHURCH CAR PARK— please try to be courteous to each other and try not to double park.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE SALE: There is a THANK YOU letter on the noticeboard in the church porch. All raffle winners have been notified and you can collect your prize from the Repository.

JUMBLE SALE AT SUDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, 809 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA0 2LP on Saturday 9th April from 1-4pm. Lots of stalls and good bargains, free entry. ALSO St. George's Day Tea Party on Thursday 23rd April from 1.30-3.30pm . £5 per person. Telephone 020 8908 1220 to book your place.

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
- ◆ **RETROUVILLE**—a lifeline for married couples.
- ◆ **WIDOWED YOUNG**—support events.
- ◆ **CALIX CENTRE**—A Catholic ministry to addicts.
- ◆ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.**—new information.
- ◆ **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** with the Diocese of Westminster 4-12 November..
- JOB VACANCIES:**
- ◆ **DIOCESAN VACANCIES.** Please see folder and website for latest details.

FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages and retreats, job opportunities, schools and colleges info.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

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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 27 March:

Teas/coffees. After 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 28 March:

Bank Holiday

Wednesday 30 March:

K-Kwon-Do 7.30pm

Thursday 31 March:

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

THANK YOU to all who made our Holy Week services so special and prayerful. A big thank you to choir, servers and to our Confirmation Candidates.

THANK YOU to all who have cleaned and decorated the Church for Easter—your contribution is invaluable.

EASTER ENVELOPES are out this week in the benches or at the back of the church. This is an opportunity for you to make a special offering at this time of Easter. In anticipation, thank you for your generosity.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS: today at 9.15am in the Parish Centre.

EASTER EGG HUNT today after the 9.45am Family Mass.

FUNERAL MASS for KATHLEEN EGAN RIP on Wednesday 30th March at 11.30am followed by Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium. Reception into church on Tuesday 29th March at 7.00pm.

FUNERAL MASS for BRIDGET MURPHY RIP on Thursday 7th April at 11.00am followed by burial in St Mary's cemetery, Kensal rise. Reception into Church the night at 6.30pm.

EASTER FLOWERS: thank you to all who contributed to Lilies in memory of someone. There is a folder displayed at the back with all the names and donors.

LENT BOXES : Please return them from now onwards. Thanks to all who have already done so.

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.

NEW CATECHISTS - The Parish is searching for catechists to serve the Sacramental Programme at St. George's for First Holy Communion and Confirmation from 2016-17. Please contact the Parish Team if you are able to help. Full training will be provided. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU from the family of **CHRISTINE ROBERTS RIP** for all the thoughts, prayers and Masses offered. A Mass will be offered for all your intentions. **Please continue to pray for her and her family.**

A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT ST GEORGE'S is now available to us – through text giving on your mobile phone! Just text **PARISH SUDBU to 70800** to donate £5 automatically. This amount will be added onto your phone bill. An easy way to make offerings or to top-up your regular giving, or to give if you're visiting. No more need to search your pocket or purse for loose coins either. Thank you in advance for your generosity!"

FRIENDS OF JESUS: Back on Friday 15th April at 5.30pm.

OVER 60'S GROUP: Back on Tuesday 12th April at 1.00pm

PRAYER GROUP: Back on Thursday 7th April at 8pm

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed next week and will open as usual on 4th April. Messages may be left on the answerphone.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO GIVE EACH WEEK! OUR NEW **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** are being distributed this weekend after all Masses. If your are

EASTER WEEK AND MASS INTENTIONS

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.

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| Gd | Sun | 27 March | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION | <i>Sat. Vigil</i> | 8.00pm | Dan Breen RIP |
| | | | | | 8.30am | Michael & Angela Griffin Ints |
| | | | | | 9.45am | Michael O'Connell RIP (2nd) |
| | | | | | 11.15am | Anastasia Johnston RIP |
| | | | | | 5.30pm | PRO POPULO |
| Gd | Mon | 28 March | EASTER MONDAY | | 9.30am | Betty Kilcoyne RIP |
| Gd | Tues | 29 March | EASTER TUESDAY | | 9.30am | Kathy Patten RIP |
| Gd | Wed | 30 March | EASTER WEDNESDAY | | 9.30am | Daniel Harrington RIP |
| V | | | FUNERAL MASS | | 11.30am | Kathleen Egan RIP |
| Gd | Thur | 31 March | EASTER THURSDAY | | 9.30am | Roisin Nolan RIP |
| Gd | Fri | 1 April | EASTER FRIDAY | | 9.30am | Peter O'Leary RIP |
| Gd | Sat | 2 April | EASTER SATURDAY | | 9.30am | Chris Matthews RIP |

Evidence for the Resurrection

1st, Christ predicted His resurrection. The Bible records, "From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things ... and be killed, and be raised up on the third day" (Matthew 16:21, New American Standard Bible). Even though His followers did not understand what He was telling them at the time, they remembered His words and recorded them.

2nd, Jesus made numerous appearances to His followers. He comforted the mourners outside His tomb on Sunday morning. On the road to Emmaus, He explained things about Himself from the Old Testament. Later, He ate in their presence and invited them to touch Him. Scripture records that Jesus was seen by more than 500 at one time. Some may argue that a few people could have agreed to a deception, but how can one explain the collaboration of 500 people?

3rd, the unrelenting faith of the disciples is a proof of the Resurrection. Those disciples who were once so afraid that they deserted their Lord now courageously proclaimed this news, risking their lives to preach. Their bold and courageous

behaviour does not make sense unless they knew with absolute certainty that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

4th, the growth of the Christian church confirms the Resurrection. Peter's first sermon, which dealt with Christ's resurrection, stirred people to receive Him as their living Saviour. Luke records the thrilling results: "That day there were added about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). And that group of believers has multiplied until now it reaches around the world. Today, there are hundreds of millions of believers.

Finally, the testimony of hundreds of millions of transformed lives through the centuries shows the power of the Resurrection. Many have been delivered from addictions. The destitute and despairing have found hope. Broken marriages have been restored. The most conclusive proof for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is that He is living within believers today in all of His resurrected life and transforming power.

The Resurrection sets Christianity apart. No other religious leader has broken the power of death and conquered sin.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by
your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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: Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those

witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

R/. This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R/.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R/.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R/.**

Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is

hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus

loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness,
O Lord, we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: 1 Cor 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unflinching love and favour,
so that, renewed by the
paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory
of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.