

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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Joseph Mc Gauran, George Hillier.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Paul D'Cunha, Desmond Frontaine, Maurice Willis, Irma Nardone.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL
Universal: Small Farmers That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour.

Evangelization: African Christians: That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

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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 Brian Drake RIP
 and the
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM has been
 sponsored In Memory of
 Rolando & Irma Nardone RIP



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



Sunday 24th April 2016 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

"You must love one another"

Jesus tells us that we are known as his disciples by the caring love that we show for one another. We have to love one another as he has loved us. In this way we will open the door of faith to the pagans and give them the opportunity to praise God who makes all things new.



First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas had to travel great distances by sea and by land. After they had founded Christian communities in several cities along the way, they had to return to those same cities to build up the believers' morale.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

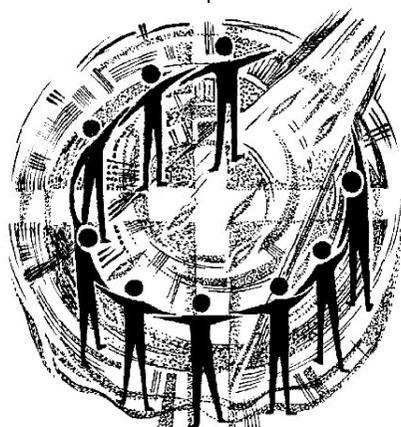
If today's reading from Revelation sounds like a dream, that may be because it symbolically represents a dream most human beings share. That dream looks forward to a final union with God and the end of every suffering people have ever endured.

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Jesus is saying farewell to his friends at the Last Supper. He tells them that he will soon be "glorified." They still do not really get the message about his death and resurrection. They love him too much to face the reality of his crucifixion. So Jesus gathers them close and says, "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer." He tells them how they are to keep his presence alive within them after he is physically absent. "Love one another," he says.

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

In his Last Supper discourse Jesus speaks of his glory and the glory of his Father. What is this glory? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here. The cross of Jesus shows us that the greatest glory in life is the glory of willingly sacrificing one's life for the sake of another. In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of redemption. Jesus gave his Father supreme honour and glory through his obedience and willingness to sacrifice his life on the cross. The greatest trust one can give to their commander is the willingness to obey in the line of duty, even to the point of putting oneself in harm's way. In warfare the greatest honour belongs not to those who survive but to those who give the supreme sacrifice of their lives. Jesus also speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation and Cross of Christ. God the Father



gave us his Son for our sake, to redeem us from slavery to sin and death. He freely offered his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the world. There is no greater proof of God's love for us than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love – a love that is unselfish and selflessly oriented to serving others for their good, and a sacrificial love that is forgiving, compassionate, and merciful beyond comprehension. Jesus commands us, his disciples, to love one another just as he has loved us. As we turn to God with trust and obedience, he transforms our hearts and frees us from our hurts and prejudices so that we can freely choose to love others with compassion, kindness, and mercy. The Lord Jesus has set us free from slavery to fear, sin, and prejudice. We are now free to choose for his way of love and holiness. So let us seek to bring glory to God in the way we love and treat others.

at 10am, followed by witness testimonies from two refugees before Mass, which will be followed by an opportunity for Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome! **Singing practice** for this Mass on April 25th, 6.30 pm in Westminster Cathedral. All welcome. Meet at information desk at 6.20pm. Further details from Barbara Kentish justice@rcdow.org.uk

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. If you are able to help please speak to one of the Parish Team. Thank you!

PERMANENT DEACON COME AND SEE at **St Augustines, Hoddesdon 21st May** from 10am to 12. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

SEASIDE DAY TRIPS from Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre to Brighton on 15th June, Southend on 20th July and Eastbourne on 14th September. £15 per person paid two weeks before departure. Pick up at 9am from Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre. Leaving destination at 4.30pm. To book a place please call the Centre on 8908 1220/email office@sudburyneighbourhoodcentre.co.uk

CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL Direct Event on 14 May 2016 from 10.00am-1.00pm. at 89 Addison Road London W14 8BZ. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/274194926256860/> CVMS Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/cardinalvaughan/>

SUMMER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON: Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offer comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (including breakfast). Website: www.allenhall.org.uk Email: allenhall@rcdow.org.uk Telephone: 020 7349 5600 (option 0)

BLOOD DONORS—the next session at Harrow Baptist Church (nr Debenhams) is on Tuesday 3rd May. Please see posters.

TWO BEDROOM FLAT REQUIRED to rent urgently; preferably in the parish. Please contact Maria Fernandes on 020 8904 2340 or 07514 151950.

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 THE HOLY LAND** with the Diocese of Westminster 4-12 November..
- ◆ **FAMILIAS Friends Event 2016** 16th May 10am-3pm.—Raising awareness of Domestic Abuse. Please see folder for details.

JOB VACANCIES:

◆ **LIVE IN COMPANION WANTED:** retired lady looking for a female companion to live in, should be willing to do light domestic chores, general cooking and assisting with going out etc. Please contact Cheryl on 07941002161

◆ **MARRIAGE CARE LONDON** are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** for Head of Centre, Course Facilitators, Publicity Officer, Qualified Counsellors. For details see folder in the porch or contact www.marriagecare.org.uk.

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

FROM THE CATECHISM

823 Jesus makes charity the *new commandment*. By loving his own "to the end," he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love." And again: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

1824 Fruit of the Spirit and fullness of the Law, charity keeps the *commandments* of God and his Christ: "Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love."

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Love one another.

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 24 April:

Teas/coffees. After 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 25 April:

Confirmation 8.00pm

Tuesday 26 April:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

First Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wednesday 27 April:

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

Children's Art Class 5.30pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

Thursday 28 April:

Teas after 9.30am Mass 5.30pm

Friends of Jesus 7.30pm

Baptism Preparation 7.30pm

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION: THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. So far we have raised £1,268.14. It's not too late to make a donation—envelopes are still available. You can also donate online at any time at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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

LEFT BEHIND IN CHURCH last weekend. A set of house keys and a First Communion Book. They can be claimed from the Parish Office.

THE PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME for the Year of Mercy takes place this week. We will be praying for you and the Parish and offering everyone to the prayers of Saints Peter & Paul

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.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- We are searching for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have a little time free to take Holy Communion to people in the Parish who are unwell and unable to attend Mass. If you are able to help please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Thank you.

BEFRIENDING AT ST. GEORGE'S - If you know of anyone in the Parish who is unwell or in need of pastoral support please let us know so we can do what we can to support them. We have two Priests and a wonderful team of Extra-Ordinary Ministers who are happy to come and bring the Sacrament to people who are not well enough to attend Mass and provide a listening ear to those in need so please just let Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team know of any need. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. GEORGE'S - As a Parish, we would love to find additional ways of providing for the needs of our young people and would be grateful for any advice and ideas you may have in this regard. If you are interested in helping to start a Youth Club at the Parish or have any suggestions please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Thank you.

READERS AT 6.15PM VIGIL MASS & 8.30AM SUNDAY MASS

- We are urgently looking for new readers for the Saturday 6.15pm Vigil Mass and the Sunday 8.30am Mass for a new rota beginning in May. If you would like to read please give your contact details to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team today. Thank you.

NEW 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.

YEAR OF MERCY WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE on Saturday 9th July.

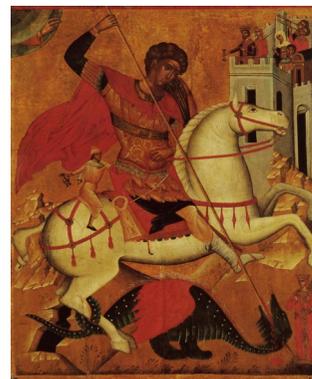
This is a special pilgrimage for the Diocese of Westminster in the Year of Mercy. A coach will be going from St George's. The cost is £30.00 **all inclusive of the coach, coffee stop in the morning and a two course dinner on the way home.** You will need to bring your own packed lunch. Places are first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

Cardinal Vincent invites you to join him at the **ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS** in honour of St Joseph the Worker on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May, at Westminster Cathedral. The banner procession will begin

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & 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, **HOLYDAYS 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	24 April	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm	Maurice Willis RIP
				8.30am	Mr. & Mrs. B. Purcell Ints
				9.45am	PRO POPULO
R			S. GEORGE, Patron	11.15am	Raymond & Desmond Fontaine RIP
				5.30pm	Joan Winandy Intentions
R	Mon	26 April	S. MARK	9.30am	Brendan Byrne RIP
W	Tues	27 April	Easter feria	9.30am	Vincent Lucy RIP
W	Wed	28 April	Easter feria	9.30am	John Slattery RIP
W	Thur	29 April	Easter feria	9.30am	Mary Molloy RIP
W	Fri	30 April	S. CATHERINE OF SIENA	9.30am	Peter O'Leary RIP RIP
W	Sat	31 April	S. Pius V	9.30am	Eileen Kidd Intentions



THE MEANING BEHIND SOME OF THE IMAGES AND ICONS OF SAINT GEORGE

Whilst it is beyond doubt that George the soldier and martyr existed, the contemporary Christian mind tends to struggle with him killing a dragon and rescuing a princess. It reads too much like a fairy-tale and so the temptation is to label it as that, and concentrate on the symbolic meaning of the story.

There is indeed strong symbolism behind the story and icons of St George slaying the dragon. The dragon and the serpent are both descriptions given to the devil by St John in his Revelation (Rev 12:9). Whatever the true nature of the beast, it is described as a dragon in the earliest

written records, and depicted as a serpentine dragon in the oldest surviving images, to deliberately evoke this imagery of the devil.

St George's appearance also deliberately evokes Biblical symbolism. Again in the Divine Revelation to St John, the Apostle writes:

And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. Rev 6:2)

A conquering soldier upon a bright white horse is precisely how St George is described in both the written and painted accounts of the miracle. Icons of the miracle also often show a crown being brought down from heaven and placed on George's head by an angel. Other icons, show George with a bow and quiver of arrows near his saddle, completing the comparison with the horseman in Revelation.

This is the image and icon the miracle of St George presents us with: the Martyr who has become a conquering hero. St George sits atop his conquering white steed, red cloak of martyrdom billowing behind him, with the blessing of Jesus Christ indicated by the hand reaching forth to bless him. He rides forth conquering: the devil first of all, in the form of the dragon, and then latterly the inhabitants cowering behind the town walls. Ensclosed in their fortress, they look fearfully on because they too are conquered by St George: not through force, but by their conversion to Christianity after seeing the wonders performed by God through him.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal
Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make
new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care,
bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through
Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They
put fresh heart into the disciples,
encouraging them to persevere in the
faith. 'We all have to experience many
hardships' they said 'before we enter
the kingdom of God.' In each of these
churches they appointed elders, and
with prayer and fasting they
commended them to the Lord in
whom they had come to believe.
They passed through Pisidia and
reached Pamphylia. Then after
proclaiming the word at Perga they

went down to Attalia and from there
sailed for Antioch, where they had
originally been commended to the
grace of God for the work they had
now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the
church and gave an account of all that
God had done with them, and how he
had opened the door of faith to the
pagans.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144:8-13

**R/. I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R/.**

2. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord, and your friends shall repeat
their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your
reign and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty
deeds
and the glorious splendour of your
reign. **R/.**

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **R/.**

Second reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new
earth; the first heaven and the first
earth had disappeared now, and
there was no longer any sea. I saw the
holy city, and the new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heav-
en, as beautiful as a bride all dressed
for her husband. Then I heard a loud
voice call from the throne, 'You see
this city? Here God lives among men.
He will make his home among them;
they shall be his people, and he will
be their God; his name is God-with-
them. He will wipe away all tears from
their eyes; there will be no more
death, and no more mourning or
sadness. The world of the past has
gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne
spoke: 'Now I am making the whole
of creation new.'

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

Gospel Acclamation: Jn13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have
loved you, says the Lord.
Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 13:31-33,34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been
glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
'My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my
disciples.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful ex-
change effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one
supreme Godhead, grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your
truth, we may make it ours by a
worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people,
we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with
heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to
newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.