



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

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: PC, Yee Wing, CPO, Gillian Gibb, Phyllis Coffey, Ann Hull, Margaret O'Hanlon, Chris, RC, Theresa Mulvaney, Jodie Clarke, Kieran Maher, Rose Knights, Mary Honey, Peggy & John Cox, Diego Campigotto, Edel Rickard, Polly Thompson, Jean McGrath, Antonio Rodrigues, Julie & Lawrence Hayes, Margaret O'Brien, Michael Rynne, Mary Geaghan, Annemarie Dax, Special Intention, Terry Highland, Colleen Thomas, Joe Nemeth, Helen Faria, Margaret Callighne, Frank Hunt, Maggie Kirrane, Vera Hylton, Monica Wisniewicz, Eileen Harrison, Ian Measham, David Colville, Josephine Smullen, Edward Reilly, Betty Cain, Callum Stewart-Robert, Betty Hickey, Bernie Marren, Sadie Burgess, Shayanayaki Kaithampillai, Richard Howse, Mia Harrison, RK., Special Intention, Ann Nemeth, Marjorie Hoareau, Max Perra, Nick Holmes, George McDermott, Michael Fahy, Mary E. Malone, Michael Griffin Snr., Titus Fernandes, Sean O'Connor, Alan Parnell, MTD., Breda Connellan, Marie Rego, Minneth Johns, Antonio DiLieto Snr, Maria Rosario, Yolande Dias, Paul Joseph Coughlan, Maria Nellie DeLima.

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Salvatore Cavaliere, Maurice Willis, George Hillier, Olga D'Cunha., James Tiernan.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Marcia Lennon, Oliver Mansell, Tobi Afolabi and Mason Thomas.

RECENTLY CONFIRMED: Marcia Lennon, Oliver Mansell, Kwok Kuen Zatta, Laura Faithful and Jakub Sciscinski.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL

Young People. That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Urgent Intention: Landslide Victims/Peace:

Victims of the landslide in Colombia and peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Venezuela, and Paraguay.

Father, Thank You for the miracle of life – abundant life here, and eternal life with You in Heaven. Help me celebrate that life every day as I seek You and follow Your plan for my life. Today, I say with the Apostle Paul, "Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?" In the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week for the **INTENTIONS OF HS and IR**

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OFWALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week **IN MEMORY OF TONY WILKINS RIP**



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



**Sunday 23rd April 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY 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



Nothing can stop the lord from joining with his own. He comes to give them his Spirit and his fruit; peace, joy and the power to forgive sins. As for thomas who had demanded to see the Lord and who had touched him, he seems to say to the Christian of every generation: Yes, you can be sure, it was truly him. You too must believe.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."

St. Augustine

Sunday Reflection

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that

he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.



PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST. Our next breakfast will be on Saturday 3rd June at 9.00am. The speaker will be our very own Stephen Dunn (a parishioner at St George's) who will talk about his behind-the-scenes involvement covering Pope Benedict's visit to the UK on BBC television.

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 28th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

NEW CHURCH CLEANING ROTA: This is being prepared. We need new helpers. If you are able to help on a Thursday once a month please contact Julia on 020 8904 5324. Thank you.

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. We now have cards (akin to Mass Cards) for the sponsoring of the Sacrament lamp or Walsingham Lamp if you'd like to use these if you are sponsoring a lamp in memory of someone. They can be obtained from the parish office.

CAFÉ/BAR is open on Thursdays from 9-11am. If you would be interested in volunteering to help please contact Patricia on 07939 722 198

ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY FIRE APPEAL - Two parishioners recently lost their homes and possessions in a fire on Sudbury Heights Avenue. Emma Nurse has set up a Justgiving Page for donations to help them rebuild their lives. If you would like to give please visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/emma-louise-nurse. For further information please contact Emma on 07534946185. Thank you.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE—have written to thank St. George's for their donation from Mothering Sunday. The letter is on the noticeboard in the church porch.

SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE TO RENT in Sudbury Town, close to station. Telephone Mona on 07404787082.

CARER/CLEANER AVAILABLE—Please ring Maria on 07858589719.

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
RETROUVAILLE—a lifeline for married couples.
WIDOWED YOUNG—support events.
CALIX CENTRE—A Catholic ministry to addicts.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.—new information.

COME AND SEE - becoming a Permanent Deacon. Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting at Ealing Abbey Parish Centre, Charlbury Grove, W5 2DY on Saturday 29th April from 10am to noon. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY at Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre on Tuesday 25th April. Two course lunch served at 12.15pm followed by performance by the Rah Rah Theatre Group "Swinging Sixties" at 1.30pm. Tea/coffee will be served at 3.00pm. £7 per person. Please call 020 8908 1220 to book.

Do you want to become a teacher? **SCHOOLS DIRECT RECRUITMENT FAIR** at Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School on Saturday 29 April 10am-1pm

JOB VACANCIES:
SUDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE are looking for a Community Fundraising Volunteer (see folder).

DIOCESAN VACANCIES: Please see folder and website. for latest details.

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

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NEWS & VIEWS

FEAST OF ST GEORGE

OUR PATRON falls officially this year on Monday 24th April, but we'll be celebrating it all today at our 11.15am

Mass this Sunday. Failing that please do try to come to Mass Monday morning to celebrate our 'Patronal Festival'. On Monday there will be the possibility to venerate the relic of St George.



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. THE TUCK SHOP will be open in the Parish Centre after the 9.45am Mass.

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.

PLEASE TRY AND LEAVE THE PEW NEAT AND TIDY AS YOU LEAVE CHURCH TODAY. Last week Easter Sunday was the worst – lost property of various types, biscuits, crayons, bottles of water, sweet wrappers, a sandwich and sick.....

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 23 April:	
Teas/coffees after	9.45am and 11.15am Masses
Monday 24 April:	
Confirmation	8.00pm
Tuesday 25 April:	
First Holy Communion	7.30pm
Set Dancing	8.45pm
Wednesday 26 April:	
Oremus Course	1.00pm
Oremus Course	7.00pm
Thursday 27 April:	
Teas/coffees in the Bar/Café	9-11am
Church Cleaning Group A	7.00pm
Prayer Group	8.00pm
Friday 28 April:	
Art Class	2.00pm
Friends of Jesus	5.30pm
Baptism Preparation	7.30pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who have been baptised and have received the Sacraments of initiation this Easter—especially here at St George's.

MGR JEREMY & Fr TONY and PETER SAY A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who sent cards, monetary gifts, eggs, chocolate... We were overwhelmed with your generosity and can't thank you enough. This type of kindness really helps us in our ministry, so simply "Thank you!".

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for 2017/18: All uncollected envelopes have now been posted or hand delivered. If you do not receive your box please contact the parish office. If you wish to be part of our planned giving scheme by using our envelope system or by Bankers' Order or wish to Gift Aid your contribution please complete the A5 orange information form in the basket at the back of the church. **If you have a current Gift Aid and ceased to pay tax in the last year you must inform the parish office.**

AFTER THE MISSION—Are you hoping to deepen your spiritual life following our parish mission? Perhaps you are attracted to a life of prayer but don't know how to start? **'Oremus'** is an eight-week course of teaching and practical guidance about prayer which will be running in St George's over the coming weeks. Our lunchtime sessions (Wednesdays at 1.00pm) have started, but it's not too late to join. There will also be a Wednesday evening session, beginning on 26th April. Please speak to or email Fr Tony if you are interested.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL BOXES - Thank you to all who have using their white collection boxes during Lent to collect for Aid to the Church in Need. **Please return your filled collection boxes as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have returned them so far.**

READERS AT 5.30pm MASS - We are currently searching for new readers to help at the 5.30pm Mass. The commitment would be once a month. If you would consider helping please speak to Mgr. Jeremy, Fr. Tony or contact our Pastoral Assistant, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

LOURDES 2017—Would you like to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes this July? Fr Tony will be leading a group from this parish with the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage between Sunday 23rd July and Saturday 29th July 2017. Please let Fr Tony know if you'd like to come (as rooms in our preferred hotel are at a premium, the earlier you are able to confirm your place the better).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Celebrating God's Merciful Love

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope St John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbour.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:
"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:
"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.
5. Conclude by reciting three times:
"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, we are all called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

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.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

Sunday 23 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)
6.15pm (<i>Sat. Vigil</i>)	George Hillier RIP (1st Ann)
8.30am	Jerry Ryan RIP
9.45am	Maurice Willis RIP
11.15am	Salvatore Cavaliere RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO
Mon 24 April	S. GEORGE, Patron
9.30am	Tony Rammelt RIP
Tues 25 April	S. Mark
9.30am	Staff at St. Gregory's Catholic Science College
Weds 26 April	Easter feria
9.30am	Rohan Senanayake RIP
Thur 27 April	Easter feria
9.30am	Melinda Peter RIP
Fri 28 April	Easter feria
9.30am	John Stephens RIP
Sat 29 April	S. Catherine of Siena
9.30am	Jerry Ryan RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon 1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Collect

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial psalm: 117

R/. **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

"His love has no end."

Let the sons of Aaron say:

"His love has no end."

Let those who fear the Lord say:

"His love has no end." R./

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord is my strength and my song; he is my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. 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.

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like

gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me: happy are those who have not seen me and yet believe." Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the

holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.