



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Mary Joyce Cummings, Sonny Hennessy.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: James Tierney, Charles Kennedy

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY

Christians in Africa: That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

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Lord, death could not hold You. And because of You, the resurrection, we, too, can live. Thank You that the grave is only a journey into the presence of God. You have removed the sting of death and empowered this thing called life. Now I will live in Your presence forever. Amen

SANCTUARY LAMP

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



**Sunday 30th April 2017
THIRD 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



During the Season of Easter we walk with the Risen Lord, enjoying his appearing to his disciples, especially in the 'Breaking of bread', the Mass. Today, Jesus appears and teaches the two disciples, by reference to the Scriptures, the meaning of his death. "Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us."

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33

Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Hold firmly that our faith is identical with that of the ancients. Deny this, and you dissolve the unity of the Church."

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday Reflection

Today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

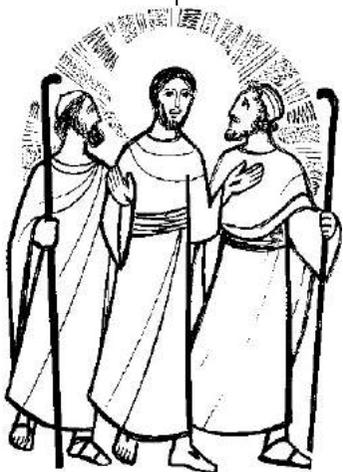
When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger.

Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.



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 26th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

NEW CHURCH CLEANING ROTA—This has been posted. Please let the parish office know if you have not received your copy. We are always looking for volunteers so if you are able to help on a Thursday once a month please contact Julia on 020 8904 5324. Thank you.

BENEFICENT 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.

MASS INTENTIONS UPDATE: We are now booked up until the middle of November. If you have a special date or anniversary please remember to book your Mass early to avoid disappointment.

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.

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.

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

AN ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is taking place at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Hendon this weekend. Please pray for the two couples and priest presenting it and the couples taking part.

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.

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.

JOB VACANCIES:
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

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.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 30 April:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 1 May:

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2 May:

Over 60's Club 1.00pm
First Holy Communion rehearsal in Church (for Saturday 6th May) 6.30pm
Set Dancing 8.30pm

Wednesday 3 May:

Oremus Course 1.00pm
First Holy Communion rehearsal in Church (for Sunday 7th May) 6.30pm
Oremus Course 7.00pm
Ladies Social Guild 8.15pm

Thursday 4 May:

Teas/coffees in the Bar/Café 9-11am
Church Cleaning Group B 1.45pm
Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 5 May:

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE - Thank you for keeping the children making their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks in your prayers as they make this important step on their journey of faith. The Repository will be open after all Sunday Masses and at the First Holy Communion Rehearsals for you to acquire any cards and presents you may wish to give.

CONFIRMATION RECONCILIATION SERVICE - The Confirmation Reconciliation Service is taking place in the Church on Monday 8th May. Parents, Carers and Sponsors are welcome to accompany the candidates at this service as they make this important step on their journey of faith. Candidates are reminded that attendance at the Reconciliation Service is a compulsory part of the

programme for those wishing to be confirmed this year. Thank you.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. The Fund helps pay for training seminarians (there are currently 39), further studies of our priests for specialised ministries, and for ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please also pray for vocations; please take home a prayer card for vocations and pray it daily. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

THE FUNERAL MASS of Mary Joyce Cummings RIP will take place on Monday 8th May at 11.30am. Followed by cremation at Golder's Green Crematorium at 1.00pm.

AFTER THE MISSION - Are you hoping to deepen your spiritual life following our parish mission? 'Oremus' is an eight-week course of teaching and practical advice about prayer. Our evening programme has just started, but it is not too late to join! Sessions are at 7.00pm on Wednesday evenings in the cafe/bar - please contact 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).

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

The two disciples have left Jerusalem. They are leaving behind the 'nakedness' of God. They are scandalized by the failure of the Messiah in whom they had hoped and who now appeared utterly vanquished, humiliated, even after the third day.

Here we have to face the difficult mystery of those people who leave the Church, who, under the illusion of alternative ideas, now think that the Church—their Jerusalem—can no longer offer them anything meaningful and important. So they set off on the road alone, with their disappointment. Perhaps the Church appeared too weak, perhaps too distant from their needs, perhaps too poor to respond to their concerns, perhaps too cold, perhaps too caught up with itself, perhaps a prisoner of its own rigid formulas, perhaps the world seems to have made the Church a relic of the past, unfit for new questions; perhaps the Church could speak to people in their infancy but not to those come of age. It is a fact that nowadays there are many people like the two disciples of Emmaus; not only those looking for answers in the new religious groups that are sprouting up, but also those who already seem godless, both in theory and in practice. Faced with this situation, what are we to do? We need a Church unafraid of going forth into their night. We need a Church capable of meeting them on their way. We need a Church capable of entering into their conversation. We need a Church able to dialogue with those disciples who, having left Jerusalem behind, are wandering aimlessly, alone, with their own disappointment, disillusioned by a Christianity now considered barren, fruitless soil, incapable of generating meaning."

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Michelle Scane RIP
8.30am	PRO POPULO
9.45am	Jim McHugh RIP
11.15am	Richard O'Dwyer RIP
5.30pm	Julianne & Jack Murphy RIP
Mon 1 May	<i>S. Joseph the worker</i>
9.30am	Margaret Flaherty RIP
Tues 2 May	<i>S. Athanasius</i>
9.30am	Patrick Neylon RIP
Weds 3 May	Ss. Philip & James
9.30am	Oliver McGovern Intentions And The Pope's Intentions
Thur 4 May	The English Martyrs
9.30am	Noel O'Shea RIP
Fri 5 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Jerry Ryan RIP
Sat 6 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Grace Fleming RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 66 (65): 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory
of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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 2:14, 22-28

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing
can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to
Hades nor allow your holy one to
experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to
me,
you will fill me with gladness through your
presence.

Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch

David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.

Responsorial psalm: 15

R/. Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1. Preserve me, Lord, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: "You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize." **R./**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R./**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R./**
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **R./**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the

precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So

slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such
great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Lk 24: 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by
eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.