



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Russell Ingham

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Nellie Graham, Mike Doran, Delia & Martin Mannion, Sinhorina Carvalho, Frs. Ralph Paliakara and Andreas Kindo Sdb, Br Shino Joseph Sdb, Patricia Goodinson..

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.

Urgent Intention: Priestly Vocations. Led by the Spirit for Mission - May he give us priests enamoured of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love -

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PRAYER TO OUR LADY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

O Mary, my dear Mother, how much I love thee! And yet in reality how little! Thou dost teach me what I ought to know, for thou teachest me what Jesus is to me and what I ought to be for Jesus. Dearly beloved Mother, how close to God thou art, and how utterly filled with Him! In the measure that we know God, we remind ourselves of thee. Mother of God, obtain for me the grace of loving my Jesus; obtain for me the grace of loving thee. Amen

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week

**IN MEMORY OF
GRAY KENNADY RIP**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OFWALSINGHAM**

has been sponsored this week
**IN THANKSGIVING FOR MUM AND DAD
ERICA & GRACE PERERA**



**TURN OFF
ALL MOBILE
PHONES**



Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Easter V
Divine Office
Easter I Week 1

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



Sunday 14th May 2017 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



Today Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7*

The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Second Reading: *1 Peter 2:4-9*

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

Gospel Reading: *John 14:1-12*

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"when we have travelled all ways, we shall come to the end of all ways, who says, 'I am the Way'."

St. Ambrose

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 14 May:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 15 May:

Confirmation 8.00pm

Tuesday 16 May:

Over 60's Club 1.00pm

Set Dancing 8.30pm

Wednesday 17 May:

Oremus Course 1.00pm

Oremus Course 7.00pm

Thursday 18 May:

Teas/coffees in the Bar/Café 9-11am

Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 19 May:

Teas/Coffees in the Bar/Café after morning Mass

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Thank you for your generosity last weekend—our collection so far is £1,190.80. It's not too late to donate as the fund will remain open until the end of the month. Donation leaflets/envelopes are still available at the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back as soon as possible. Please 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 and don't forget that if you are a standard tax payer you can increase your donation by 25p in the £ by completing the gift aid portion of the envelope.

AFTER THE 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.

ROSARY IN MAY is said in church Monday—Friday at 8.00pm. Why not come and join in?

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL BOXES - Thank you to all who have used their white collection boxes during Lent to collect for Aid to the Church in Need. Up to this point we have raised £3388.87, which is excellent. **If you have not yet done so, please return your filled collection boxes as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have returned them so far.**

GOOD NEWS: Around and about in the church and Parish Centre there is a clean up going on with a fresh coat of paint. Hopefully this year the hallway and entrance of the Parish Centre will be renewed with new doors, flooring and lighting. More news as plans progress.

LOOKING AHEAD

ASCENSION - Sunday 28th May

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 4th June

TRINITY SUNDAY - 11 June

CORPUS CHRISTI - Sunday 18 June

SACRED HEART OF JESUS - Friday 23rd June

NATIVITY OF S. JOHN THE BAPTIST - Saturday 24th June

SAINTS PETER & PAUL - Thursday 29th June

40 HOURS before the Blessed Sacrament will begin on the Evening of Thursday 15 June and finish on the morning of Saturday 17th June. There will be a Blessed Sacrament Procession at the end of the 11.15am Mass on Sunday 18th June (Corpus Christi)

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

TEACHING CHILDREN THE IMPORTANCE OF MASS ATTENDANCE

Let's be honest - all of us have times when we would rather sleep in on Sunday morning or keep doing what we are doing on Saturday afternoon rather than go to weekend Mass. Yet, participating in Mass is an extremely important part of our faith journey. If you are going to teach a child to grow up to be a strong Catholic, you need to teach them the importance of going to Mass. It is while we are connecting with Christ through the Eucharist that our faith grows stronger and we can more clearly see the plans God has for us. If you are having difficulty convincing your children that Mass is important here are some thoughts or suggestions you can share with them.

⇒ God asks us to give the first and best to Him. This includes giving the first hour of our week to Him through participation in the Sunday Mass. Is that too much to give to God who has given us everything?

⇒ We don't necessarily go to Mass for our own personal enjoyment. We go to praise God and thank Him for all the good things He has given to us.

⇒ The simple act of taking off your watch and leaving it on the dresser before going to Mass can be a symbolic gesture that the time in Mass is a gift of time that you are giving back to God.

⇒ The Eucharist is a banquet to which Jesus personally invites us. It was Christ's last gift to us before He died. How often should we refuse His invitation?

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 14 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Delia & Martin Mannion RIP
8.30am	Mike Doran RIP
9.45am	Sinhorina Carvalho RIP
11.15am	Nellie & Bobby Graham RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO
Mon 15 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	John Fitzgerald RIP
Tues 16 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Donal McEleney RIP
Weds 17 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Sean O'Connor Ints.
Thur 18 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Anthony Mutukisna Ints.
Fri 19 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Alan Parnell Ints.
Sat 20 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Molly Croghan RIP
11.00am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 98 (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 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of
disciples was increasing, the Hellenists
made a complaint against the Hebrews: in
the daily distribution their own widows
were being overlooked. So the Twelve
called a full meeting of the disciples and
addressed them, "It would not be right for
us to neglect the word of God so as to give
out food; you, brothers, must select from
among yourselves seven men of good
reputation, filled with the Spirit and with
wisdom; we will hand over this duty to
them, and continue to devote ourselves to
prayer and to the service of the word."
The whole assembly approved of this
proposal and elected Stephen, a man full
of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together
with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,
Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a
convert to Judaism. They presented these
to the apostles, who prayed and laid their

hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread:
the number of disciples in Jerusalem was
greatly increased, and a large group of
priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial psalm: ps. 32

*R/. May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our trust in you.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R./**

2. From the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R./**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere
him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R./**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by
men but chosen by God and precious to
him; set yourselves close to him so that
you too, the holy priesthood that offers
the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ
has made acceptable to God, may be
living stones making a spiritual house. As
scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a
precious cornerstone that I have chosen
and the man who rests his trust on it will
not be disappointed. That means that for
you who are believers, it is precious; but

for unbelievers, the stone rejected by
the builders has proved to be the
keystone, a stone to stumble over, a
rock to bring men down. They stumble
over it because they do not believe in
the word; it was the fate in store for
them. But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a consecrated nation, a
people set apart to sing

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth
and the Life. No one can come to the
father except through me.",
Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's
house if there were not, I should have
told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for
you, and after I have gone and prepared
you a place, I shall return to take you
with me; so that where I am you may be
too. You know the way to the place
where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know
where you are going, so how can we
know the way?" Jesus said: "I am the
Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can
come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father
too. From this moment you know him
and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, let us see the Father
and then we shall be satisfied." "Have I
been with you all this time, Philip," said

Jesus to him "and you still do not know
me? To have seen me is to have seen
the Father so how can you say, 'Let us
see the Father'?"

Do you not believe that I am in the
Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as
from myself:

It is the Father, living in me, who is
doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I
am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work,
if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly, whoever
believes in me will perform the same
works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father."

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange
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.