



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

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**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** George McDermott, Philomena Ford, Rita Collins.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Christine Kilker.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Maksymilian Majewski.

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Tanya Hayman & Jonathan Gerrish.

### 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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*Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be  
holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be  
holy. Attract my heart, Holy  
Spirit, that I may love only  
what is holy. Strengthen me,  
Holy Spirit, that I may defend  
all that is holy. Protect me,  
Holy Spirit, that I may always  
be holy.*

Saint Augustine

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
has been sponsored this week  
**FOR THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS  
OF WALTER**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF  
OUR LADY OFWALSINGHAM**  
has been sponsored this week  
**IN MEMORY OF  
NUALA MCNALLY RIP**



**TURN OFF  
ALL MOBILE  
PHONES**



Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Easter VI  
Divine Office  
Easter VI Week 2

The Catholic Parish  
of St George, Sudbury



## Sunday 21st May 2017 SIXTH 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



Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you

will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" .

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17**

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18**

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

**Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21**

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Every truth, without exception - and whoever may utter it - is from the Holy Spirit".*

St Thomas Aquinas

# Sunday Reflection

What our Lord said about the Spirit in the Gospel and what Peter and John teach the Samaritans is as true of us as it was in biblical times: we too receive the surpassing gift of the Holy Spirit when we are immersed in the waters of baptism, and its wonderful vitalizing effects endure as much today as they did in the New Testament era. The First Letter of Peter assures us of this, urging us: "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence" (1 Pet 3:15-16). It is the Spirit that inspires us in such moments of testimony, but we need our hearts to be open to the Spirit and indeed longing for it if we are to receive the fullness of its gifts.

While the Church is no longer in its infancy, as in the days of the Acts, we can still make a contribution to its vibrancy today by taking seriously the presence of the Spirit in our

midst and seeking to hold fast, teach, and live the faith we profess. The parents who lovingly and devoutly raised us, the saintly sister or priest we know, or the teacher or friend-or stranger-who helped us overcome a life devoid of such positive figures: all of these welcomed the Holy Spirit into their hearts and shared it with us.

Building upon their example, or bravely being willing to accept the gift of healing that carries us over the lack of such examples, it is our evangelical task to move forward in faith, sustained and renewed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept . . . but you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you" (John 14:17). Through the intercession of Saints Philip, Peter, and John and moved by the presence of the Holy Spirit may we "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks us for a reason for our hope"



Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming weeks. Please can all candidates who have not yet completed and handed in their Sponsor Form and Letter to the Bishop ensure they bring them to the 'Volunteering Session' in the Parish Centre this coming Monday 22nd May at 8pm. Thank you!

**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!

**CHURCH CLEANING:** We are always looking for volunteers if you are able to help on a Thursday once a month please contact Julia on 020 8904 5324. Thank you.

**FIRE OFFICER NEEDED:** in accordance with present 'Health & Safety' is there anyone who is willing to act as our Parish 'Fire Officer.' It's any easy job, just checking the fire alarm regularly and all our extinguishers. Could this be 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).

**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 this Friday 26th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**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

**SPIRIT IN THE CITY** - The largest Catholic Festival in London is taking place in Leicester Square from Friday 9th to Saturday 10th June. Notre Dame de France and Westminster Diocese would welcome any volunteers wishing to help with welcoming, setting-up, refreshments & logistics. If you would like to help please contact [info@spiritinthecity.org](mailto:info@spiritinthecity.org) or call 020 7440 2663. Full details of the festival can be found at [spiritinthecity.org](http://spiritinthecity.org).

**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](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/emma-louise-nurse). For further information please contact Emma on 07534946185. Thank you.

**DAY TRIP TO BRIGHTON** from Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday 14th June. See folder.

**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.
- JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP for boys (8-13yrs)and girls (9-12yrs) in July and August.

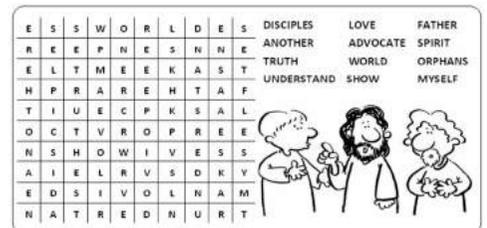
**JOB VACANCIES:**  
**PRE-SCHOOL PRACTITIONER** at South Vale Playgroup.

**SEN AMINISTRATOR** at The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School.

**BUDDY/COMPANION** for a 19yr old male student , with epilepsy, to attend the gym and help with occasional homework. £9.40 p/h part time, flexible work, financed by local authority. Contact Mark on 07776852572.

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

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



# 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 21 May:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

### Monday 22 May:

Confirmation 8.00pm

### Tuesday 23 May:

Over 60's Club 1.00pm

Set Dancing 8.30pm

### Wednesday 25 May:

Oremus Course 1.00pm

Oremus Course 7.00pm

### Thursday 25 May:

Teas/coffees in the Bar/Café 9-11am

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

### Friday 26 May:

Teas/Coffees in the Bar/Café after morning Mass

Art Class 2.00pm

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Baptism Preparation 7.30pm

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND:** Thank you for your generosity to date. 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.

**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 been using their white collection boxes during Lent to collect for Aid to the Church in Need. **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.**

**UNSEEN WORK GOING ON:** in addition to all the other works, we are now undergoing a major electrical update. Every five years we have a major electrical inspection which we have just completed the latest. Unfortunately there is over a decade plus of backlog needing doing and some difficult work amongst it all, not least in the damp that has crept into to a lot of the church wiring. But no fear, it's all under way and well be finished quite soon.

New fuse boxes and wiring done figure much in the public eye but are essential groundwork for the next stages of refurbishment. It all makes us fit for the future and, of course, fulfils all the requirements these days of "Health and Safety". By the way, the work doesn't come cheap!.....

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Bishop John Sherrington, Auxiliary in our Diocese, will be with us to celebrate the 11.15am Mass. Do come along!

## LOOKING AHEAD

ASCENSION DAY - Sunday 28th May

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 4th June

TRINITY SUNDAY – 11 June

CORPUS CHRISTI - Sunday 18 June

THE 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 at the 9.30am Mass Thursday 15 June and finishes on the morning of Saturday 17th June. (mathematicians will note it's a bit more than 40 hours but it give a chance for everyone to participate) There will be A Blessed Sacrament Procession at the end of the 11.15am Mass on Sunday 18th June (Corpus Christi).

**FUNERAL MASS** for **Philomena Ford RIP** will take place on Tuesday 30th May at 11am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium at 12.30pm.

**DETAILS OF FUNERAL MASSES** for George McDermott & Rita Collins will be available next week.

**PLEASE PRAY** at this time for all who are about to be ordained either Deacon or Priest but especially for ANTONIO PINEDA from our parish who will be ordained deacon just outside Rome in July.

**A WORD ABOUT OUR KNEELERS:** It's really great that we have new kneelers (saving our knees somewhat!) but they will not last if we continue to walk on them (and especially if we have high heels). Please, please can we respect the kneelers. They are easily put up to move about. Many thanks!

**DONATE A ROSARY** - During the months of May and October some of our parishioners head to St. George's Primary School to pray the rosary with the school children. We are looking for the donation of 100 rosaries to be used by the children. If you would like to donate a rosary to this good cause please place it in the box in the porch marked 'ROSARIES FOR ST. GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL'. Thank you!

**CONFIRMATION** - Thank you for keeping the Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the

## THY KINGDOM COME

*A Global Prayer Movement*

25<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between *Ascension* and *Pentecost*, for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

We follow the example of the Apostles who during this time 'prayed constantly'.

### Praying the Novena

Each day during the Novena start with the sign of the Cross, and say the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer. Then meditate on the words from Scripture for that day. Consider the life of Jesus, what his words meant to the Apostles, and what they now mean for us in our daily lives. Think on how the mission of Jesus to bring the Kingdom of God into our world is now our mission. Remember that as we carry forward our mission: Jesus is always with us and sends the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us. Finish your daily prayer and meditation by saying the Prayer, 'Come Holy Spirit'.

### THE NOVENA PRAYER FOR 'THY KINGDOM COME'

*Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the Good News of your Kingdom: inspire us with your Holy Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. *And you shall renew the face of the earth.*

Let us pray. *O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## 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 21 May	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Christine Kilker RIP
8.30am	Jerry Ryan RIP
9.45am	Mary Kiernan RIP
11.15am	Fr. Michael Johnston Ints
5.30pm	PRO POPULO
Mon 22 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Delia & Thomas O'Connor RIP
Tues 23 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Bridget O'Connor Ints
Weds 24 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Bridie Devaney Ints.
Thur 25 May	<i>S. Bede the Venerable</i>
9.30am	Vincent Keating RIP
Fri 26 May	<i>S. Philip Neri</i>
9.30am	Liam Mullane RIP
Sat 27 May	<i>S. Bernadine of Siena</i>
9.30am	Eileen Power RIP

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon Cf. *Is 48: 20*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## Collect

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with  
heartfelt devotion these days of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen  
Lord, and that what we relive in  
remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed

for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.  
The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial psalm: *ps. 65*

**R/. Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: "How tremendous  
your deeds!" R./
2. Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. R./
3. He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. R./
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blessed be God who did not reject  
my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. R./

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

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him", Alleluia!**

## Gospel: *John 14:1-12*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows

him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon *Jn 14: 15-16*

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.