



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

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**RECENTLY BAPTISED:**

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Christine Roberts, Kathleen Egan.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Patrick Garry (9th Ann), Ann Patten, Anthony Patten, Mr. Nathan (1st Ann).

**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH**  
**Universal: Families in Difficulty**

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

**Evangelization: Persecuted Christians**

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

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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 in  
Thanksgiving.  
**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY  
OF WALSINGHAM** has been sponsored in Thanksgiving.



Sunday cycle readings Year C  
Weekday readings Lent 5  
Divine Office Lent Week 5 (1)

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



**Sunday 13th March 2016**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**

**" The Lord who forgives"**

Christ came to show compassion and forgiveness to sinners. He condemned sin but let the woman guilty of adultery go free with the reminder that she was to sin no more. None of us is perfect since we can only hope that we will be saved. We suffer in this life but we can accept the loss of everything as so much rubbish if only we can have Christ and be given a share in his resurrection. In this way God, through Christ, is doing something new and is calling us from sinfulness to a life of service.

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**  
The prophet recalls their exodus from Egypt and how God provided for them in the desert. Then he says, "Look ahead!" In other words, whatever great deeds God had done in the past, God can always do something new and greater.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**  
St. Paul recalls that he has given up everything to make room for Christ in his life. He knows it isn't easy to do this. But in the end he will share in Christ's Resurrection. That is why Paul describes himself as a runner, pushing on toward the finish line.

**Gospel: John 8:1-11**  
Once again the scribes and Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus. They bring him a woman caught in the act of adultery. The Law of Moses requires that the adulteress should die. If Jesus does not agree, he will look like someone who does not respect the Law of Moses. To the Pharisees' amazement, Jesus at first ignores them. Then he stops them in their tracks with an unexpected challenge. Now that they recognize their own need for forgiveness, they are not ready to condemn someone else. Neither does Jesus condemn the woman. He simply requires her to turn away from sin. Now she has a chance for a new beginning.

# Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

Lent is always a call to all of us to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness. The most important thing is understand is that God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (Lamentations 3:22-23). Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from all that hinders and holds us back. Jesus never lost an opportunity to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and guilt. His frequent association with sinners, however, upset the sensibilities of the religious leaders. When a woman caught in adultery was brought to them for trial, they confronted Jesus on the issue of retribution. Jewish law treated adultery as a serious crime since it violated God's ordinance and wreaked havoc on the stability of marriage and family life. It was one of the three gravest sins punishable by death. This incident tells us a great deal about Jesus' attitude to the sinner. The scribes and Pharisees



wanted to entrap Jesus with the religious and civil authorities. That is why they brought a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. Jesus turned the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he said: Go ahead and stone her! But let the one who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences. When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice – either go back to your former way of sin and death or to reach out to the new way of life and happiness with him. Jesus gave her pardon and a new start on life. God's grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is – unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God's mercy and forgiveness. Let's loose no time in following this path of the Father's mercy!

**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 will be first come first served. To reserve a place please call Paddy Duffy on: 020 8868 9373.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR REPOSITORY AFTER 5.30PM MASS** - We are looking for volunteers to serve in the Parish Repository after the 5.30pm Sunday Mass, selling religious books, cards, newspapers and a selection of devotional items. If you are open to help please speak to one of the Parish Team. Thank you!

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU** to all who came, gave donations and worked so hard at our **ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE** sale on Mothering Sunday. £632 was raised for St. Luke's, £150 for Marie Curie and £100 for the Alzheimer's Society. All raffle prize winners have been notified. Prizes available from the Repository.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO GIVE EACH WEEK!** OUR NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES will be given out shortly. If you are already in our planned giving scheme and using your envelopes your new box will be available. At the back of the Church this weekend you will find a bright yellow A5 form. Please complete with name/address/telephone number/email, and return to the Parish Office - if the following options apply:

1. You wish to register for Planned Giving envelopes for the first time.
2. You wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to Bankers' Order.
3. You wish to contribute by Bankers' Order for the first time.
4. You wish to Gift Aid your contribution.
5. You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.
6. You have a Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax.

It is the responsibility of anyone who has a Gift Aid and contributes by planned giving envelope or bankers' order to inform us if they are no longer paying tax. **Above all a big thank you for your generosity which helps us to budget & make this parish run smoothly.**

**ONCE AGAIN—CHURCH CAR PARK**— please try to be courteous to each other and try not to double park.

**Did you attend THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE?** The school has formed an Alumni Association to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our former pupils and use your experience and skills to inspire and motivate our current pupils. The school has invested in an education charity 'Future First' to set up a secure database for this purpose. If you are a former pupil or have older sisters or you know a former pupil please encourage them to sign up using the link: <http://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/sacredheartlanguage>

**ADULT K-KWON-DO** every Wednesday in the Parish Centre 7.30-8.30pm. Telephone Mrs. Khosla on 07843053076.

**CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT SUDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE,** 809 Harrow Rd., Wembley, HA0 2LP on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Freshly prepared two course Irish lunch, performances by the children from St. George's Primary School and traditional live music to follow. Only £6 per person. Please call the centre on 020 8908 1220 to book your place. Lunch to be served at 12.15pm.

**CLEANING WORK REQUIRED**— please contact Maria Fernandes on 020 8904 2340 or 07514 151950.

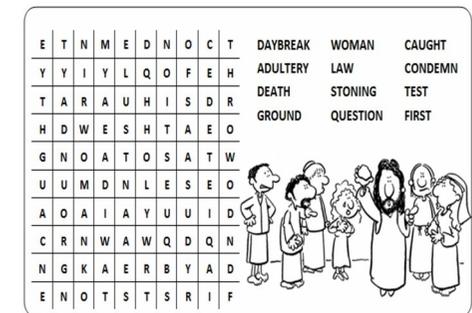
**TO LET:** Double room in Sudbury Hill. £385pm inclusive. Please ring 07427671478 for more information.

**ADMISSIONS POLICY 2017/18** for Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School—follow admissions link on their website.

**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.
- JOB VACANCIES:**
- ◆ **ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL** - Finchley—has a vacancy for Head of Mathematics.
  - ◆ **FELTHAM** Community Chaplain (C/date 18 Mar)
  - ◆ **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 Info.



# 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 13 March:**  
Teas/coffees. After 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

**Monday 14 March:**  
Lent Group (choir sacristy) after Mass 8.00pm  
Confirmation 8.00pm

**Tuesday 15 March:**  
Over 60's Club 1.00pm  
First Holy Communion (Children) 7.30pm

**Wednesday 16 March:**  
K-Kwon-Do 7.30pm

**Thursday 17 March:**  
Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am  
Children's Art Class 5.30pm

**Friday 18 March:**  
Stations of the Cross 10.00am  
Teas after morning Mass  
Art Class 2.00pm  
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

**Saturday 19 March**  
Charismatic Praise & Worship 7.15pm

**HOLY WEEK LEAFLET** with details of all the Holy Week Services is available today. Please make sure you take one.

**HOLY WEEK POSTERS** - The Knights of St. Columba are delighted to let you know that Holy Week Posters are available from the Repository. Please pick up your free poster after Mass. (Make sure you keep the "He is Risen" part folded up until Easter itself!). Thank you.

**FUNERAL MASS** of CHRISTINE ROBERTS on Thursday 17th March at 12 noon followed by private Cremation. Reception into church on Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm.



**TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS** on Friday 18th March at 7.30pm. This time at St Andrew's Church. More info from Peter Kingsley our Pastoral Assistant.

**THIS SUNDAY** at all the Masses there will be a very short talk about the work of Bakhita house which is our Lent project. There will also be a chance for you to contribute to this important work.

## THIS SATURDAY

### "A DAY WITH MARY"

Please take a leaflet.

PLEASE NOTE that Mass on Saturday morning will be at **10.30am** and the Day finishes with Benediction at **5.45pm**



**GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - The Parish is keen to provide our children with their own Stations of the Cross on Good Friday starting at 11.30am. We are searching for catechists/volunteers to help with this initiative. If you are able to help in anyway please contact the Parish Team this week. Thank you

**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 29th April**.



**EASTER FLOWERS.** This year we are offering people the opportunity to buy an Easter lily in memory of a loved one. The cost will be £5.00 and envelopes for this purpose are now available at the back of the church and from the office.

**CONFESSION LEAFLET:** a new leaflet has been produced to help you make your Sacramental Confession during this Year of Mercy. You can find it at the back of the church.

**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.

**CHURCH KNEELERS:** please make sure these are for kneeling on and not standing on!

**NEW CATECHISTS** - The Parish is searching for 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.

**A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT ST GEORGE'S** is now available to us - through text giving on your mobile phone! Just text **PARISH SUDBU to 70800** to donate £5 automatically. This amount will be added onto your phone bill. An easy way to make offerings or to top-up your regular giving, or to give if you're visiting. No more need to search your pocket or purse for loose coins either. Thank you in advance for your generosity!"

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**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.

V	Sun	13 March	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<i>Sat.Vigil</i>	6.15pm	Peter Cronin RIP
					8.30am	PRO POPULO
					9.45am	Vivienne Pentack RIP
					11.15am	The Bowe Family Intentions
					5.30pm	Rumesh Perera RIP, Chandima Anthony RIP, Fatima Silva RIP.
V	Mon	14 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Spencer Coomarewel RIP
V	Tues	15 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Patsy Kenny RIP
V	Wed	16 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Bill Goggin RIP
V	Thur	17 March	S.PATRICK		9.30am	Jim O'Donnell RIP
			<b>FUNERAL MASS</b>		12 noon	Christine Anne Roberts RIP
V	Fri	18 March	Lent feria		9.30am	John Farrell RIP
V	Sat	19 March	<b>S. JOSEPH</b>		<b>*10.30am</b>	Mary Conroy
			<b>*DAY WITH MARY—PLEASE NOTE LATER TIME OF MASS</b>			

## WHY DO WE VEIL STATUES AND CROSSES DURING THIS PART OF LENT?

The Season of Lent grows and develops: a significant shift happens on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Having begun in ashes, and concentrating on the path of repentance with the aid of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the Church now adds to that journey an emphasis on the Passion and Death of the Lord.

This emphasis, or concentration, was marked by an increase in the austerity and atmosphere of Lent, as familiar statues and images were hidden from sight by means of violet veils. Even the crosses in church were veiled, leaving only the Stations of the Cross for devotion This gave a special importance to a part of the Solemn Good Friday, when the cross that was to be venerated was solemnly unveiled.

Lent is our annual wilderness, our forty day journey with the Lord through the desert. Fasting and Abstinence, as well as other acts of prayer or penance, are to create that wilderness in our lives - a freedom from distraction, from the busyness of material things and the preoccupations of this world - so that we may discover God's closeness

more vividly, more strongly, more perfectly. As statues and images are veiled in Church in these last days of Lent, we feel a sense of emptiness. We have already been without flowers for more than four weeks - now even our statues of Saint Patrick and Saint Therese and Saint Anthony of Padua are veiled, and we walk into Church and feel a desolation. Thus the interior of the Church, where so many graces are bestowed on the faithful, and worship is celebrated with a certain pomp, takes on an aspect of unaccustomed mourning. But this is an emptiness and desolation that Christ waits to fill: even if our images and crosses are veiled, we do not veil his presence in our midst. Indeed, we are invited to focus more and more on that heavenly gift which is the presence of Christ in our world. We empty ourselves of distractions, so that we can focus all on Christ, who gives all for us. It is fashionable nowadays to talk about the "Liturgical Environment" - we use our senses of sight and touch and smell when we come into Church, to be lifted up in prayer. The veiling of images and crosses makes us stop and ask - Why this emptiness? Why all this sombre purple? What are we celebrating?

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 42: 1-2*

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is  
faithless. From the deceitful and cunning  
rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

## Collect

By your help, we beseech you,  
Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
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: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what  
was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light;  
can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the  
Wilderness (rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 125:1-6*

***R/. What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.***

1. When the Lord delivered Zion  
from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. ***R/.***

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What  
marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. ***R/.***

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. ***R/.***

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of  
song,  
carrying their sheaves. ***R/.***

## Second reading: *Philippians 3:8-14*

I believe nothing can happen that will  
outweigh the supreme advantage of  
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I  
have accepted the loss of everything, and I  
look on everything as so much rubbish if  
only I can have Christ and be given a place  
in him. I am no longer trying for perfection  
by my own efforts, the perfection that  
comes from the Law, but I want only the  
perfection that comes through faith in  
Christ, and is from God and based on faith.

All I want is to know Christ and the power  
of his resurrection and to share his  
sufferings by reproducing the pattern of  
his death. That is the way I can hope to  
take my place in the resurrection of the  
dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I  
have not yet won, but I am still running,  
trying to capture the prize for which Christ  
Jesus captured me. I can assure you my  
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have  
already won. All I can say is that I forget  
the past and I strain ahead for what is still  
to come; I am racing for the finish, for the  
prize to which God calls us upwards to  
receive in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation: *Joel 2:12-13*

***Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal  
glory!  
Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –  
come back to me with all your heart,  
for I am all tenderness and compassion.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal  
glory!***

## Gospel: *John 8:1-11*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At  
daybreak he appeared in the Temple  
again; and as all the people came to him,  
he sat down and began to teach them.  
The scribes and Pharisees brought a  
woman along who had been caught  
committing adultery; and making her  
stand there in full view of everybody, they  
said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was  
caught in the very act of committing  
adultery, and Moses has ordered us in  
the Law to condemn women like this to  
death by stoning. What have you to say?'  
They asked him this as a test, looking for  
something to use against him. But Jesus  
bent down and started writing on the

ground with his finger. As they persisted  
with their question, he looked up and said,  
'If there is one of you who has not sinned,  
let him be the first to throw a stone at  
her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the  
ground again. When they heard this they  
went away one by one, beginning with the  
eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the  
woman, who remained standing there. He  
looked up and said, 'Woman, where are  
they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No  
one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I  
condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do  
not sin any more.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Hear us, almighty God,  
and, having instilled in your servants  
the teachings of the Christian faith,  
graciously purify them  
by the working of this sacrifice.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No  
one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you.  
From now on, sin no more.

## Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,  
that we may always be counted among the  
members of Christ, in whose Body and  
Blood we have communion.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## Prayer over the People

Bless, O Lord, your people,  
who long for the gift of your mercy,  
and grant that what, at your prompting,  
they desire they may receive by your  
generous gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**