



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

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### 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.

#### Evangalization: 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**  
**and the LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF**  
**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**  
**are sponsored this week for the**  
**Intentions of Emilia Salmorin.**



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



## Sunday 6th March 2016 THE FOURTH 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

**"God reconciles us to himself in Christ"**

Christ is our new creation. In him we are re-born. When we were dead through sin Christ came to reconcile us to the Father. Now we are ambassadors for Christ and are privileged to proclaim the good News. Christ takes away our shame if only we will return to the Father's House as prodigal sons confessing our sins and waywardness.

#### First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The Passover celebration described in today's reading is the first in the Promised Land. Because they have now settled in Canaan, the people no longer need the manna (the "bread from heaven") God has been providing on their journey through the desert. Their new homeland will produce all the food they need.

#### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

St. Paul enthusiastically describes how God has made all things new through Christ. He pictures each of us as an ambassador of peace sent by God to our own little corner of the world. To be effective ambassadors, we must first experience God's peace in our lives.

#### Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Jesus wants us to know what God's mercy is like. When anyone sins and is sorry for that sin, God rushes out at top speed to embrace that person. Even when we feel that we may be undeserving of God's love, Jesus tells us that God rejoices like the father in the gospel story.

# Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

What is the main point of Jesus' story about two ungrateful sons and their extravagant father? Is it the contrast between an obedient and a disobedient son? Or the reception given to a spendthrift son by the father and the reception given by the eldest son? Jesus does contrast the eldest son's cold and aloof reception for his errant brother with the father's rather lavish party and warm embrace for his repentant son. While the errant son had wasted his father's money, his father, nonetheless, maintained unbroken love for his son. The son, while he was away, learned a lot about himself. And he realized that his father



had given him love which he had not returned. He had yet to learn about the depth of his father's love for him. His deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed on the husks of pigs and his reflection on all he had lost, led to his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father. While he hoped for reconciliation with his father, he could not have imagined a full restoration of relationship. The father did not need to speak words of forgiveness to his son; his actions spoke more loudly and clearly! The beautiful

robe, the ring, and the festive banquet symbolize the new life – pure, worthy, and joyful – of anyone who returns to God.

The prodigal could not return to the garden of innocence, but he was welcomed and reinstated as a son. The errant son's dramatic change from grief and guilt to forgiveness and restoration express in picture-language the resurrection from the dead, a rebirth to new life from spiritual death. The parable also contrasts mercy and its opposite – a lack of forgiveness. The father who had been wronged, was forgiving. But the eldest son, who had not been wronged, was unforgiving. His 'lack of forgiveness' turns into

contempt and pride. And his resentment leads to his isolation and estrangement from the community of forgiven sinners. In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly kinder than us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home.

During this Lent let us rediscover the joy of repentance and the restoration of relationship as a son or daughter of your heavenly Father.

**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.

**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!"

**HELP & ADVICE WANTED** on how we can tackle the growing problem of cobwebs high up in St George's. Any ideas? Please speak to Fr. Jeremy

**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 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:

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

**CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**—Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm. The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 7th March 2016.

**DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR** Westminster Cathedral 12:30 - 3 pm on Saturday 12th March 2016. In the program Holy Mass, passing through the Door of Mercy, enthronement of the image of Divine Mercy, talk on Divine Mercy, exposition with chaplet. All welcome.

**PERMANENT DEACON COME AND SEE.** Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting at St Edward the Confessor, 700 Finchley Rd, Golders Green, NW11 7NE on Saturday 12th March from 10am to 12. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

**HARROW SUPPORT GROUP** for separated & divorced Catholics. The next meeting of the Harrow Support Group will be on Monday 7th March at 8 pm in St Bernard's Church Hall, Mandeville Road, Northolt. All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For

further information please contact Jill 0208 204 3714 or Eileen 0208 756 1284.

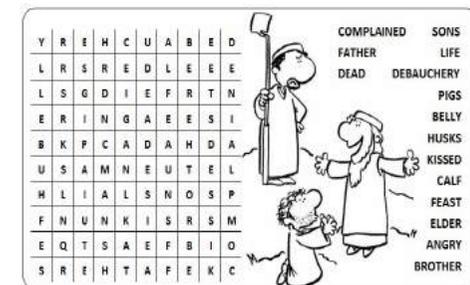
**Did you attend THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE?** The school has formed an Alumni Association to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our former pupils and use your experience and skills to inspire and motivate our current pupils. The school has invested in an education charity 'Future First' 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>

**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.

**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.
- 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 6 March:**  
St. Luke's Hospice Mother's day sale after all morning Masses with teas/coffees.
- Monday 7 March:**  
Lent Group (choir sacristy) after Mass  
Confirmation 8.00pm
- Tuesday 8 March:**  
Over 60's Club 1.00pm  
First Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wednesday 9 March:**  
Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm
- Thursday 10 March:**  
Church Cleaning Group B 1.45pm  
Children's Art Class 5.30pm  
Reconciliation Liturgy 7.30pm
- Friday 11 March:**  
Stations of the Cross 10.00am  
Teas after morning Mass  
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm
- Saturday 12 March**  
Charismatic Praise & Worship 7.15pm

**HOLY WEEK** all the details of services and activities will be available as of next week.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place this week on Friday from after stations (approx. 10.30am) until 1.00pm.

**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**.

**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.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY - THIS Sunday** - Flowers will be blessed and distributed for children to give their mothers at the 9.45am Family Mass. Also..

**ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE SALE ON MOTHERING SUNDAY TODAY** Sunday 6th March—with raffle, flower/plant/cake and other stalls after all morning Masses in the Parish Centre. Please support your local hospice.



**PARISH RECONCILIATION LITURGY** with the opportunity for individual Confession on **THIS Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm**

**FRIENDS OF JESUS** will be back this week on Friday 11th March at 5.30pm

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all those who supported the confirmation candidates parish breakfast; with donations, purchasing breakfast, raffle tickets and words of encouragement, kind comments and help. £720.66 was raised to Bakhita House. Please check the notice boards or the Resource Centre for winning raffle numbers where prizes can be collected.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ATTENDANCE CARDS** - Please ensure your child's full name is clearly written on the attendance card each week to ensure your child's attendance at Mass at St. George's is registered until the end of the First Holy Communion Programme. Thank you!

**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

**VIRTUAL TOUR OF ST. GEORGE'S** - We were recently visited by a Professional Photographer from Google who has created a Virtual Tour of St. George's. If you'd like to do the virtual tour please visit <https://goo.gl/maps/XsWvJye1w542>

**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.

**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 will be available at the back of the church and from the office.

**A DAY WITH MARY** is coming to St George's on **Saturday 19th March**. This day which is celebrated regularly around different parishes in the diocese will begin at 9.15am and last through until 5.45am. Flyers are available at the back of the Church.

# 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	6 March	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm	Pauline & Eddie Spencer RIP
					8.30am	Peter & Vera Warren RIP
					9.45am	Michael & Mary Hughes RIP
					11.15am	Patrick Groome RIP
					5.30pm	PRO POPULO
V	Mon	7 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Joyce Fernandes RIP
V	Tues	8 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Holy Souls
V	Wed	9 March	Lent feria		9.30am	John Brady RIP
V	Thur	10 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Patrick Garry RIP
V	Fri	11 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Bertram Jacob RIP
V	Sat	12 March	Lent feria		9.30am	Richard Wimberley Intentions

## This Sunday is Mothering Sunday -

doubtless a profitable weekend for card retailers, florists and chocolatiers!

But did you know that the origins of Mothering Sunday lie in going to church on this day?

In the Middle Ages in England, boys and girls who lived away from home (as apprentices, servants, etc.) were allowed on mid-Lent Sunday, as it was called, to go home to visit their 'mother church', where they had been baptised or had been brought up (the church which had given them spiritual birth in baptism was known as the 'mother church'). They brought gifts to be placed on the altar and then visited their own mothers, bringing them flowers and cakes and doing all the housework for them!

The Fourth Sunday of Lent has also had other names: Mid-Lent Sunday, Laetare Sunday, Rose Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, Sunday of the Five Loaves.

The original name was 'Laetare', from the first Latin word of the Entrance Antiphon at Mass, 'Laetare Jerusalem': 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem'. As a symbol of this day, Popes used to carry a golden rose in their right hand when returning from Mass - hence Rose Sunday. The Golden Rose was then blessed and given by Popes to Catholic sovereigns, or bestowed

upon important shrines or churches as a token of esteem. King Henry VIII received three golden roses, from Pope Julius II, Leo X and Clement VII!

## A Prayer for Mother's Day

*All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.*

*We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.*

*We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.*

*We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.*

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## Collect

O God, who through your Word  
reconcile the human race to yourself in a  
wonderful way, grant, we pray,  
that with prompt devotion and eager faith  
the Christian people may hasten  
toward the solemn celebrations to come.  
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: Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken  
the shame of Egypt away from you.'  
The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and  
kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day  
of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho.  
On the morrow of the Passover they tasted  
the produce of that country, unleavened  
bread and roasted ears of corn, that same  
day. From that time, from their first eating of  
the produce of that country, the manna  
stopped falling. And having manna no longer,  
the Israelites fed from that year onwards on  
what the land of Canaan yielded.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 33:2-7

*R/. Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R/.*

2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. *R/.*

3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called, the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. *R/.*

## Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new  
creation; the old creation has gone, and now  
the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was  
God who reconciled us to himself through  
Christ and gave us the work of handing on this  
reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ  
was reconciling the world to himself, not hold-  
ing men's faults against them, and he has en-  
trusted to us the news that they are recon-  
ciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as  
though God were appealing through us, and  
the appeal that we make in Christ's name is:  
be reconciled to God. For our sake God made  
the sinless one into sin, so that in him we  
might become the goodness of God.

## Gospel Acclamation: Lk15:18

*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!  
I will leave this place and go to my father and  
say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven  
and against you.'*  
*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!*

## Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all  
seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he  
had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes  
complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes  
sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this  
parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his

father, "Father, let me have the share of the  
estate that would come to me." So the fa-  
ther divided the property between them. A  
few days later, the younger son got together  
everything he had and left for a distant coun-  
try where he squandered his money on a life  
of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country expe-  
rienced a severe famine, and now he began  
to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to  
one of the local inhabitants who put him on  
his farm to feed the pigs. And he would will-  
ingly have filled his belly with the husks the  
pigs were eating but no one offered him any-  
thing. Then he came to his senses and said,  
"How many of my father's paid servants  
have more food than they want, and here  
am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place  
and go to my father and say: Father, I have  
sinned against heaven and against you; I no  
longer deserve to be called your son; treat  
me as one of your paid servants." So he left  
the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father  
saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to  
the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed  
him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I  
have sinned against heaven and against you.  
I no longer deserve to be called your son."  
But the father said to his servants, "Quick!  
Bring out the best robe and put it on him;  
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his  
feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening,  
and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a  
celebration, because this son of mine was  
dead and has come back to life; he was lost  
and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and  
on his way back, as he drew near the house,  
he could hear music and dancing. Calling one  
of the servants he asked what it was all  
about. "Your brother has come" replied the  
servant "and your father has killed the calf  
we had fattened because he has got him  
back safe and sound." He was angry then

and refused to go in, and his father came out  
to plead with him; but he answered his fa-  
ther, "Look, all these years I have slaved for  
you and never once disobeyed your orders,  
yet you never offered me so much as a kid  
for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for  
this son of yours, when he comes back after  
swallowing up your property – he and his  
women – you kill the calf we had been  
fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me  
always and all I have is yours. But it was only  
right we should celebrate and rejoice, be-  
cause your brother here was dead and has  
come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

## Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings,  
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,  
praying that we may both faithfully revere  
them and present them to you, as is fitting,  
for the salvation of all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come to  
life; he was lost and is found.

## Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes  
into this world, illuminate our hearts, we  
pray, with the splendour of your grace,  
that we may always ponder what is worthy  
and pleasing to your majesty and love you in  
all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer over the People

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,  
and sustain the weak;  
give life by your unfailing light  
to those who walk in the shadow of death,  
and bring those rescued by your mercy from  
every evil to reach the highest good.  
Through Christ our Lord.