



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

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: PC, Yee Wing, CPO, Gillian Gibb, Phyllis Coffey, Ann Hull, Margaret O'Hanlon, Chris, RC, Theresa Mulvaney, Jodie Clarke, Kieran Maher, Rose Knights, Mary Honey, Peggy & John Cox, Diego Campigotto, Edel Rickard, Polly Thompson, Jean McGrath, Antonio Rodrigues, Julie & Lawrence Hayes, Margaret O'Brien, Michael Rynne, Mary Geaghan, Annemarie Dax, Special Intention, Terry Highland, Colleen Thomas, Joe Nemeth, Helen Faria,, Margaret Calhigne, Frank Hunt, Maggie Kirrane, Vera Hylton, Monica Wisniewicz, Geraldine O'Toole, Eileen Harrison, Ian Measham, David Colville, Josephine Smullen, Edward Reilly, , Betty Cain, James McHugh, Callum Stewart-Robert, Betty Hickey, Bernie Marren, Sadie Burgess, Shayanyaki Kaithampillai, Richard Howse, Mia Harrison, RK., Special Intention, Ann Nemeth, Marjorie Hoareau, Max Perera, Nick Holmes, Michael Howard, George McDermott, Josie Redmond, Michael Fahy, Victor Jude Booth, Mary E. Malone, Michael Griffin Snr., Titus Fernandes, Phoebe Corbett, Patrick "Eric" Hughes., Maureen O'Sullivan.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Baby Ryan Quinn, Gerry Maguire, Wilma Primmer, James Karaiskos.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Desmond O'Connor, Emmeline Lynam, Bill & Hannah Carbery, Peter Charles.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Makayla Fassioms, Oisín Flynn.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JUNE:

Universal: That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization: That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

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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 this week

In Thanksgiving.

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM** has been

sponsored this week for a

Special Intention.



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



**Sunday 12th June 2016
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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

"Christ the forgiver of sins"

We are all sinners and come to Christ for forgiveness. It is our faith in Christ's saving power rather than in any observance of the law which brings us pardon for our sins. Forgiveness is given to those who love and if we love Christ then we live a life of peace with God. It is Christ who lives in us once we die to sin.

First Reading: The Second Book of Samuel 12:7-10, 13

In the first reading, Nathan tells King David a story that helps David to see the terrible sin he has committed. Because he wanted another man's wife for himself, David deliberately placed the soldier in the front line of battle where he would be killed. God had given David so many blessings and David now realizes he has sinned against God. David is filled with sorrow but Nathan assures him of God's forgiveness

Second Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16, 19-21

St. Paul tells us that his faith is so strong that it's as if he no longer lives, but Christ lives in him. People should be able to see God's love radiating in us. Those who are so intent on keeping the law that they don't reflect God's love are missing the point. Keeping the law is important, but the law alone will not help us to be saved.

Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

In her love for Jesus, a woman disregards the usual way guests are treated at a banquet. She bathes Jesus' feet first with her tears, then with precious ointment, and wipes them with her hair. Simon, the host of the banquet, shows Jesus none of the usual courtesies when he arrives. Moreover he condemns Jesus for associating with the woman who was a known sinner. In telling Simon a story about forgiving debts, Jesus praises the woman. She is forgiven much because of her great love.

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

Why did a woman with a bad reputation approach Jesus and anoint him at the risk of ridicule and abuse by others? The woman's action was motivated by one thing, and one thing only, namely, her love for Jesus and her gratitude for forgiveness. She did something, however, a Jewish woman would never do in public. She loosed her hair and anointed Jesus with her tears. It was customary for a woman on her wedding day to bound her hair. For a married woman to loosen her hair in public was a sign of grave immodesty. This woman was oblivious to all around her, except for Jesus. She also did something which only love can do. She took the most precious thing she had and spent it all on Jesus. Her love was not calculated but extravagant. In a spirit of humility and heart-felt repentance, she lavishly served the one who showed her the mercy and kindness of God. Jesus, in his customary fashion, never lost the opportunity to draw a lesson from such an incident.



Why did Jesus put the parable of the two debtors before his learned host, a rabbi and teacher of the people? The woman's lavish expression of love was proof that she had found favour with God. The stark contrast of attitudes between Simon and the woman of ill-repute, demonstrate how we can either accept or reject God's mercy. Simon, who regarded himself as an upright Pharisee, felt no need for love or mercy. His self-sufficiency kept him from acknowledging his need for God's grace. During his three years of public ministry Jesus travelled widely. St. Luke tells us that a band of women accompanied Jesus and the twelve apostles. This was a diverse group of women; some came from rich and prominent

families; some had been prostitutes, and others had been afflicted with mental and physical infirmities. We know that Mary Magdalene had lived a very troubled life before Jesus freed her from seven demons. She was privileged to be the first to see Jesus as the risen Lord. As the wife of King Herod's chief financial officer, Joanna was a wealthy lady of the court. It's unlikely that these two would have ever met under other circumstances. So what brought them together and united them in a bond of friendship, service, and loyalty to Jesus? Certainly Jesus and his message of the kingdom of God had transformed them. Unlike the apostles, who took great pride in being the chosen twelve, these women did not seek position or demand special privileges. Jesus had touched them so deeply that they were grateful to do anything for him, even menial service. They brought their gifts and resources to Jesus to use as he saw fit.

We might this Sunday ask whether we are more like the status-conscious apostles who were concerned for their position, or like the women who were content to serve Jesus quietly and generously with their personal resources. The natural tendency is to want to be served and placed first and to avoid giving too much of ourselves to the service of others. And besides, who really prefers to take the lowly place of a servant who puts the needs of others before their own needs? Jesus is our best example who "came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom" for us. The gospel honours these women who imitated Jesus in his selfless sacrificial love and humble service. They are examples to us in our Christian discipleship.

helping and have an hour or two to spare during the week please let Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team know. Thank you.

CLEANERS WANTED! We are always on the lookout for new cleaners for the church. Could you lend some time just to help our great band of cleaners? Please ring Julia on 020 8904 5324 or Peter or the parish office know if you are able.

MINIBUS—DRIVERS WANTED! St George provides a minibus service for those who are less able-bodied to get to Mass on Sunday. This is highly important for those who use the service. Could you help driving or even in assisting, maybe simply once a month. Please get in touch with the parish office if you are able to help in any way.

NEW 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.

YEAR OF MERCY WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE on Saturday 9th July. This is now full but you need to pay ASAP which you can do through the office. Cheques can be made payable to "St. George's Church, Sudbury" otherwise please call Paddy Duffy on: 020 8868 9373. We have a waiting list beginning so if you don't pay your seat will be offered to someone else.

VOLUNTEERS FOR REPOSITORY AFTER 5.30PM MASS - We are still looking for volunteers to serve in the Parish Repository after the 5.30pm Sunday Mass. If you are able to help please speak to one of the Parish Team. Thank you!

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL SUMMER FETE - Saturday July 2nd (2pm - 6pm) This year's fete has lots of fun things for all the family; from inflatables and games for the children, to our annual Bake Off, food stalls & competition together with entertainment for all the family. We hope you can join us for a fun afternoon of fundraising for our school; see poster for more details.

SUDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE will be hosting its annual Garden Party on Saturday 18th June from 1 to 4 p.m., musical entertainment, food, stalls and much more.

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

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.

◆ **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** with the Diocese of Westminster 4-12 November.

◆ **VOCATIONS Pilgrimage** to Walsingham, Saturday 18 June. For further details and bookings, contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

◆ **CHARITY CONCERT** at St. Dominic's Sixth Form College on Thursday 16th June. See poster.

◆ **ANNUAL CONFERENCE** of the Catholic Medical Association - "Principles and Practice of Palliative Care in the Year of Mercy" 30th - 31st July. St. Mary's University, Twickenham TW1 4SX. www.cmg.org.uk/Miscellaneous/2016_symposium.html

JOB VACANCIES:

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

◆ Diocese of Westminster requires **SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER** (C/d 15/6).

◆ **PA** to the Principal and **SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR** (c/d 22/6)—St. Dominic's Sixth Form College.

◆ **HEADTEACHER** required at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in Bushey. Please contact dedicated recruitment Microsite www.Sacredheartcatholicprimaryschool.co.uk.

◆ **VOLUNTEER LIBRARY ASSISTANT** (part-time, term time) at Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School (c/d 21/6).

◆ **VOLUNTEER MENTORS** at Feltham Community Chaplaincy Trust (FCCT) . 020 8844 5585 or ccfeltham@hmps.gsi.gov.uk

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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 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 12 June:
Teas/coffees. After 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 13 June:
Confirmation **8.00pm**

Tuesday 14 June:
Over 60's Club 1.00pm
Set/Ceili Dancing 8.30pm

Wednesday 15 June:

Thursday 16 June:
Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm
Children's Art Class 5.30pm
Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 17 June:
Teas after 9.30am Mass
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

COMINGS & GOINGS. The Cardinal has appointed the Rev. Tony Thomas to be the full time assistant priest here in Sudbury, starting in September. Fr. Tony (as he will be) is due to be ordained on Saturday 25th June at 10.30am in Westminster Cathedral (to which everyone is invited). Fr. John will be staying with us until Tony arrives and then he will be going to assist at St. Mary Moorfields in the City. More about how we can say our Goodbye and Thank you to him for so generously filling in after the departure of Fr Shaun.

CONGATULATIONS to all our young adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week.

THANK YOU to all those who pledged or gave money last week to have new special stacking chairs and tables in the hall. We are now in a position to order them.

FUNERAL of Baby RYAN QUINN will take place on Tuesday 14th June at 11.00am.

FUNERAL of GERRY MAGUIRE will take place on Friday 24th June at 11.30am followed by cremations at Break-spear Crematorium.

News has reached us just this week informing us of the death of **Miss Wilma Primmer**. Miss Primmer was Head Teacher of St. George's Infant School for some 20 years from 1971 when the school opened and will certainly be remembered by many of our parishioners. **May she rest in peace.**

LOOKING AHEAD: Ss. Peter and Paul: Wednesday 29th June. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS can be viewed on the notice board in the Parish Centre. Please email us your order at info@papillonphotography.co.uk. Photos will be available for collection at the Evaluation Meeting on Monday 20 June. All orders must be placed by FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2016. Any queries—call 07712 183 744/07939 722 198.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Have you or someone you know ever thought about being a Catholic? Or would you like to find out a bit more about what being a Catholic means. We will soon be starting a new series of enquiry sessions (called RCIA). If interested please contact one of the parish team.

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 24th June 2016.**

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.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - We are looking for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have a little time free to take Holy Communion to people in the Parish who are unwell and unable to attend Mass. If you are able to help please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Thank you.

BEFRIENDING GROUP AT ST. GEORGE'S - We are looking for volunteers to help befriend vulnerable people within the Parish at St. George's. If you are interested in

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

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.

G	Sun	12 June	11th of the YEAR <i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	Aileen McGovern RIP Raymond Purcell RIP PRO POPULO Desmond O'Connor RIP Breeda Keating RIP
W	Mon	13 June	S. Anthony of Padua	9.30am	Charles Colton RIP
G	Tues	14 June	feria FUNERAL LITURGY	9.30am 11.00am	The Tarpey Family Baby Ryan Quinn
G	Wed	15 June	feria	9.30am	Eileen O'Regan Intentions
W	Thur	16 June	S. Richard of Chichester	9.30am	Mary Reilly RIP
G	Fri	17 June	feria	9.30am	Noel Maguire RIP
W	Sat	18 June	Of Our Lady	9.30am	Michael Bonner RIP

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR MASS ON SUNDAY?

All of us have, at one time or another, had the experience of being there at the beginning of Mass and feeling many miles away. It can seem that we are totally distracted by everything, anything going on around us, and by a long list of things, emotions, memories, that find their way into our consciousness the minute Mass starts.

It starts with an attitude

If we think about going to Mass merely as "fulfilling my Sunday obligation," we've already lowered the bar terribly to begin with. The Church - the whole People of God - asks us to come together to give thanks and praise to God and because the Mass makes us who we are as Church. It means coming on time and even preferably some time before and making preparation.

Arriving is part of the journey

If we go to the church, consciously aware that we are being drawn there by the Holy Spirit, and if we have a sense that we are approaching something very special and impactful on our lives, we can prepare ourselves and our family to enter the church in this spirit. It is different from entering a museum or a theatre. We are entering the house of God in which we become God's People, giving God thanks and praise for God's tremendous love and for the nourishment we are about to receive.

Holy Water

The first symbol which greets us at the door is water which has been blessed. When we dip our hand in the water and sign ourselves with it, we can experience a sense that we are entering this church, re-connecting with our identity as Baptised into Jesus' death and resurrection.

Genuflecting

It is a rare and special ritual we do next. When we approach our pew or seats, we look up at the place where the Eucharist is reserved and we genuflect, recognizing that we are before our God and Saviour. The Eucharist is there as a bridge between celebrations of the Eucharist - the presence of our Lord in our midst, connecting the last Eucharist with this one.

A few moments before the Mass begins

Just like all formal prayer, it is really important to ask for the grace we desire during this Eucharist. We have lots of things to ask for. Our focus at this moment is to ask for the grace we need during this next hour, at this Eucharist. We might pray, "Lord, let me enter into this celebration of your love for me. I know that if I let you love me and give me your Good News, and its challenge, and if I let you fill me with your life-giving Body and Blood, I will have deeper peace and courage, hope and a sense of mission to return to my everyday life, in your Spirit."

WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO ENTER INTO AND PARTICIPATE IN MASS.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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: 2 Samuel 12:7-10,13

Nathan said to David, 'The Lord the God of Israel says this, "I anointed you king over Israel; I delivered you from the hands of Saul; I gave your master's house to you, his wives into your arms; I gave you the House of Israel and of Judah; and if this were not enough, I would add as much again for you. Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases him? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, taken his wife for your own, and killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. So now the sword will never be far from your House, since you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife."' David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Then Nathan said to David, 'The Lord, for his part, forgives your sin; you are not to die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 31:1-2,5,7,11

R/. Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. *R/.*

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. *R/.*

3. You are my hiding place, O Lord; you save me from distress.

You surround me with cries of deliverance. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. *R/.*

Second reading: Galatians 2:16,19-21

We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ. We had to become believers in Christ Jesus no less than you had, and now we hold that faith in Christ rather than fidelity to the Law is what justifies us, and that no one can be justified by keeping the Law. In other words, through the Law I am dead to the Law, so that now I can live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift: if the Law can justify us, there is no point in the death of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal. When he arrived at the Pharisee's house and took his place at table, a woman came in, who had a bad name in the town. She had heard he was dining with the Pharisee and had brought with her an alabaster jar of ointment. She waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them away with her hair; then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who this woman is that is touching him and what a bad name she has.' Then Jesus took him up and said, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Speak, Master' was the reply. 'There was once a creditor who had two men in his debt; one owed him five hundred denarii, the other fifty. They were unable to pay, so he pardoned them both. Which of them will love him more?' 'The one who was pardoned more, I suppose' answered Simon. Jesus said, 'You are right.'

Then he turned to the woman. 'Simon,' he said 'you see this woman? I came into your house, and you poured no water over my feet, but she has poured out her tears over my feet and wiped them away with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but she has been covering my feet with kisses ever since I came in. You did not anoint

my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. For this reason I tell you that her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love. It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' Those who were with him at table began to say to themselves, 'Who is this man, that he even forgives sins?' But he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

