



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

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**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Kathy O'Connor, Joseph Mc Gauran, George Hillier, Billy Brennan.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Tim Davies, Robert Longuet (1st Ann), Nina Castagnetti.

**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL**  
**Universal: Small Farmers** That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour.  
**Evangelization: African Christians:** That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

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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  
For a Private Intention  
and the  
**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF**  
**WALSINGHAM** has been  
sponsored In Memory of  
Thomas Maguire RIP



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Divine Office  
EasterWeek 4

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



## Sunday 17th April 2016 FOURTH 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**  
"Christ gives eternal life to all who listen to his voice."  
Christ is the good shepherd who will lead us to springs of living water where God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. We are a light to the nations so that the salvation of Christ may be preached to the ends of the earth. We have a mission to everyone even though at times people will turn against us because of our belief. We remain full of joy in the Holy Spirit.

**First Reading: Acts of the apostles:13:14, 43-52**  
St. Paul proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ so well that many are converted on the spot. The word spreads rapidly and by the following Sabbath the entire city, Jew and Gentile alike, turns out to hear Paul. Some of the leaders of the synagogue do not approve of including Gentiles in their midst. They expel Paul and Barnabas. Not only the Jews, but the Gentiles as well prove Paul right by gladly accepting Jesus as their Lord.

**Second Reading: The Book of Revelation: 7:9, 14b-17**  
In this vision from Revelation, huge crowds of faithful believers from every nation gather before God's throne. To Christians who are suffering persecution, this vision is comforting. They need to know that their suffering will be rewarded by Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**Gospel: John 10:27-30**  
The words Jesus speaks in this reading were directed to some Jewish leaders who wanted to trip him up. They were hoping he would call himself the Messiah. Instead, Jesus refers to himself as "the Good Shepherd." He describes the secure and lasting relationship he has with his sheep, those who truly hear him and believe.

# Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the sheep who are in danger because they have wandered from the fold (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that

nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands. The security Jesus offers is an abiding relationship with the living God, and membership with his flock, the people of God. Jesus also promises the security of peace and protection from evil and the greatest harm that could befall us – eternal destruction. The Lord does not spare us from all trouble. In this life we will experience pain, suffering, sickness, and death. But through these the Lord will lead us to ultimate victory and safety in his everlasting home. Even in the midst of our sufferings

we can find a peace and security which no one can give except God alone. We can confidently follow the Lord wherever he leads, trusting that nothing can keep us from God if we surrender our lives to him. Above all we need to place our lives securely in God where they belong.

Let us commit ourselves afresh to listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and to obey his word.



Mass. If you are able to help please speak to one of the Parish Team. Thank you!

**PERMANENT DEACON COME AND SEE** at **St Augustines, Hoddesdon 21st May** from 10am to 12. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

**SEASIDE DAY TRIPS** from Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre to Brighton on 15th June, Southend on 20th July and Eastbourne on 14th September. £15 per person paid two weeks before departure. Pick up at 9am from Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre. Leaving destination at 4.30pm. To book a place please call the Centre on 8908 1220/email [office@sudburyneighbourhoodcentre.co.uk](mailto:office@sudburyneighbourhoodcentre.co.uk)

**TWO BEDROOM FLAT REQUIRED** to rent urgently; preferably in the parish. Please contact Maria Fernandes on 020 8904 2340 or 07514 151950.

**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
  - ◆ **RETROUVILLE**—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..
- JOB VACANCIES:**
- ◆ **MARRIAGE CARE LONDON** are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** for Head of Centre, Course Facilitators, Publicity Officer, Qualified Counsellors. For details see folder in the porch or contact [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk).

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

**YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. GEORGE'S** - As a Parish, we would love to find additional ways of providing for the needs of our young people and would be grateful for any advice and ideas you may have in this regard. If you are interested in helping to start a Youth Club at the Parish or have any suggestions please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Thank you.

**READERS AT 6.15PM VIGIL MASS & 8.30AM SUNDAY MASS** - We are urgently looking for new readers for the Saturday 6.15pm Vigil Mass and the Sunday 8.30am Mass for a new rota beginning in May. If you would like to read please give your contact details to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team today. Thank you.

**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.

All **RAFFLE PRIZES** from the parish breakfast (28.2.) must be collected from the resource centre this weekend. Unclaimed prizes will be donated to the St. George's day celebration.

**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. Thank you in advance for your generosity!"

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

Cardinal Vincent invites you to join him at the **ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS** in honour of St Joseph the Worker on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May, at Westminster Cathedral. The banner procession will begin at 10am, followed by witness testimonies from two refugees before Mass, which will be followed by an opportunity for Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

**VOLUNTEERS FOR REPOSITORY AFTER 5.30PM MASS** - We are still looking for volunteers to serve in the Parish Repository after the 5.30pm Sunday

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ANYONE  
BELONG  
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# NEWS & VIEWS



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 17 April:

Teas/coffees. After 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

### Monday 18 April:

Confirmation 8.00pm

### Tuesday 19 April:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

First Holy Communion 7.30pm

### Wednesday 20 April:

### Thursday 21 April:

Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm

Children's Art Class 5.30pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

### Friday 22 April:

Teas after 9.30am Mass 5.30pm

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Art Class 2.00pm

### Sunday 24 April:

St. George's Day lunch from 12.45pm

**FUNERAL MASS** for GEORGE HILLIER RIP on Wednesday 20th April at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

**FUNERAL MASS** for PETER MCGAURAN RIP on Friday 22nd April at 12 noon followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION: Today's second collection** is for the annual Priest Training Fund. It is also Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for our priests and future priests. Your gift helps ensure the best formation programme possible for these men responding to Christ's call—please be generous. Prayer cards for vocations are available please take one home. If you do not yet have an envelope they will still be available throughout April. You can also donate on line at any time at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

The family of **PETER O'LEARY RIP** would like to thank everyone who have supported them in any way following his recent death. Mass will be offered for all your intentions.



**ST. GEORGE'S DAY 2016** celebrating our patron Saint falls on THIS Saturday 23rd. Mass will be at the usual time on at 9.30am but there will be a Solemn Festal Mass on the following day Sunday 24th at 11.15am, followed by a **buffet lunch** in the parish Centre. The cost for this is: £15 per head (Children £10).

## BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

**LENT BOXES** : Please return them from now onwards. Thanks to all who have already done so

**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 searching 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.

**BENEFINDING AT ST. GEORGE'S** - If you know of anyone in the Parish who is unwell or in need of pastoral support please let us know so we can do what we can to support them. We have two Priests and a wonderful team of Extra-Ordinary Ministers who are happy to come and bring the Sacrament to people who are not well enough to attend Mass and provide a listening ear to those in need so please just let Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team know of any need. Thank you.

# 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.

W	Sun	17 April	<b>4th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm	Brendan Byrne RIP
					8.30am	PRO POPULO
					9.45am	Barkley Millane RIP
					11.15am	Micky Mullen RIP
					5.30pm	Chris Matthews RIP
W	Mon	18 April	Easter feria		9.30am	Holy Souls
W	Tues	19 April	S. Alphege		9.30am	Kate Lynchehan RIP
W	Wed	20 April	Easter feria		9.30am	Robert Longuet RIP (1st Ann)
V			FUNERAL MASS		1.30am	George Joseph Hillier RIP
W	Thur	21 April	S. Anselm		9.30am	Betty Kilcoyne RIP
W	Fri	22 April	Easter feria		9.30am	Elizabeth Carter RIP
V			FUNERAL MASS		12 noon	Peter Joseph McGauran
W	Sat	23 April	<b>S. GEORGE, Patron</b>		9.30am	Lesha Dempsey

**TODAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY**  
***“To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.” Blessed John Henry Newman***

Isn't it strange that people have to change in order to stay the same. So, for example, people who ran stagecoaches with horses had to change to motor coaches with engines if they wanted to stay in the transport business. Of course, they could have kept with the stagecoaches but then they would soon find themselves in the leisure business and no longer a serious transport provider. Human beings are the same. Being a disciple who follows Christ involves continuous development. Childhood prayers must evolve into adult prayer, an easy going friendship may lead to marriage, a person working at a simple task could aspire to the demanding responsibilities of

leadership. If prayer, relationships and work never change over a lifetime then the person will no longer be as fully alive as God intends Christian disciples to be. That's why Blessed John Henry Newman's insight is so important: 'to live is to change.' Those called to consecrated life and priesthood live this out in a special way: a divine disruption takes their lives in unimagined directions. In turn, their changed lives influence others and help many people make the changes necessary to growing in faith, in relationships and in responsibility. The apostles are the most startling example of divinely disrupted lives. 'Follow me,' said Jesus, and they left their fishing nets and went, so that untold numbers of people might hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Today we pray especially that those God is calling may allow the divine disruption into their lives so that they might become the disciples Christ intends them to be as priests and religious.

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## First reading: Acts 13:14,43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the

pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 99:1-3,5

**R/. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **R/.**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R/.**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **R/.**

## Second reading: Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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## Gospel Acclamation: Jn10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I am the good shepherd,**  
**says the Lord;**  
**I know my own sheep**  
**and my own know me.**

## Alleluia!

## Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.