



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

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**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Carla-Jean Thompson

**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Universal:** Centrality of the Human Person

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre.

Evangelization: **Mission to Evangelize**

**That** by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

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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 MEMORY OF  
PETER O'LEARY RIP.

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF  
WALSINGHAM has been sponsored for the  
SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF  
THE FERRAUTI FAMILY



Sunday cycle  
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Weekday readings  
Week 25 Year 2  
Divine Office  
Week 1

The Catholic Parish  
of St George, Sudbury



## Sunday 18th September 2016 THE TWENTY FIFTH 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

#### "The call to social justice and peace"

*The Christian is called by Christ to be a person who is on the side of the oppressed. The poor must never be exploited by the rich for material gain. Money and power always need to be put in a proper perspective in our lives. We cannot serve both God and money.*



**First Reading: Amos 8:4-7**

Money is such a tyrant, and the use of it such a touchstone of sincerity of heart, that the prophets always saw it as one of the chief areas for the practice of true religion. One who exploits the poor cannot serve God.

**Second Reading: First letter of St. Paul to Timothy 2:1-8**

To intercede and to give thanks: a duty which falls on every Christian who will pray at length, for all people, especially for those in highly responsible positions, in order to obtain every manner of good things, particularly peace This universal prayer finds its meaning and receives effective power in Christ, the mediator and Saviour of all.

**Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

When salvation is offered, every effort must be made to grasp it, with as much understanding and shrewdness as the steward showed for business and his own future. As for money, the best investment is in the poor. It is important to know which master to choose, to serve God and not subject oneself to money.

# Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

What does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? The steward was responsible for managing his wealthy landowner's property. The steward very likely overcharged his master's tenants for their use of the land and kept more than his fair share of the profit. When the landowner discovered the steward's dishonest practice he immediately removed him from his job, leaving him penniless and ashamed to beg or do manual work.

Before news of his dismissal became public knowledge, the shrewd steward struck a deal with his master's debtors. In discounting their debts he probably was giving up his generous commission. Such a deal won him great favour with the debtors. Since the steward acted as the landowner's agent, such a deal made his master look very generous and forgiving towards those who owned him money. Surely everyone would praise such a generous landowner as the town hero! Since the master could not undo the steward's cancellation of the debts without losing face and making his debtors resent him, he praised the steward for outwitting him and making him appear as a generous and merciful landowner.



What's the point of Jesus' parable? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behaviour but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness, and generosity in his time of need and great want. Jesus immediately followed this parable with an exhortation to his followers to make use of the world's material goods, including "tainted money" (which in Hebrew means "unrighteous mammon"), to relieve those who are indebted to us for the material and physical help we give them in their time of need and want. In the Scriptures generous giving is connected with alms giving - the sharing of our financial and material resources with those in need. Those who receive alms become your friends because you are merciful to them in their time of need. And God who sees all, rewards those who are generous in helping others.

Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need - and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. Let's ask the Lord to fill our hearts with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what we have with others.

**CATECHISTS**— Would you like to serve the Sacramental Programme at St. George's for First Holy Communion or Confirmation from 2016-17? Please contact the Parish Team if you would like to help. Full training will be provided.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** If you would like to serve as an Extraordinary Minister Holy Communion, in particular for the 6.15pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 5.30pm Sunday Mass, please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Full training will be provided.

**READERS** - Would you like to read at the Saturday Vigil or one of the Sunday Masses? We are always happy to welcome new readers onto our rota so, if you would like to get involved with this ministry, please just speak to one of the Parish Team. Thank you.

**KNEELERS** - PLEASE take care of our new kneelers by keeping your feet off them. Please ask your children to do likewise. Thank you.

**MINIBUS—DRIVERS STILL DESPERATELY WANTED!** St George's provides a minibus service for those who are less able-bodied to get to the 11.15am Mass on Sunday. This is highly important for those who use the service. Could you help driving or assisting once a month? Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you are able to help in any way.

**CHURCH CLEANERS** - Would you like to join our happy team of cleaners who keep our church wonderfully clean and tidy. Could you lend an hour a month to help? If you can, please ring Julia on 020 8904 5324 or contact the Parish Office.

**REPOSITORY AFTER 5.30PM MASS** - We are looking for a responsible adult to take care of the Parish Repository after the 5.30pm Sunday Mass. If you are able to help please speak to Margaret Nunn or one of the Parish Team. Thank you!

**NEW MUMS & TODDLERS GROUP** - We are hoping to start-up a new Mums & Toddlers Group at St. George's this year. It would be open to all mums and toddlers of the Parish and provide a happy informal space for mums and toddlers to meet together on a weekly basis. If you are a mum and would be interested in helping with this new initiative please contact Dorina on 07929 758 767 or [dorina1@gmail.com](mailto:dorina1@gmail.com).

**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..

**SET DANCING/CEILI DANCING** at St. George's will be back on Tuesday 13th September and every Tuesday

at 8.45pm. £5 entry. All are welcome - dancing partner not essential. Any profit made goes to charity. Please ring Patsy on 07533587348 for further information.

There will also be a CEILI EVENING on Friday October 14th from 7.30pm. All Welcome.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** at the home of Rosemary Turnbull, 972 Harrow Road (next door to the church) on Friday 30th September at 10am-11.30am. Entrance of £3 includes coffee and cake. With raffle, tombola, cake and plant stall. **ALL WELCOME.**

**TORCHLIT PROCESSION** in honour of Our Lady of Willesden, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Sunday 2nd October from 7-8.30pm, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX. 020 8965 4935/ Willesden@rcdow.org.uk

**JUBILEE OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ALBANS** on Saturday 8th October from 2.30. More details on poster.

**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.
- ◆ **PREMISES ASSISTANT** at St. Dominic's Sixth Form College.
- ◆ **DIOCESAN VACANCIES.** Please see folder and website for latest details
- ◆ **SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS**—details in folder for Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School (1st and 6th Form), The Sacred Heart Language, St. Dominic's Sixth Form College, Convent of Jesus & Mary Language College, Gumley House.

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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

who continue to walk in the Walsingham Way, since the shrine was established in 1061. Our aims are to update our facilities, and to make provision for sick and disabled pilgrims and to have facilities for young people to come on pilgrimage. Full details are given on our website [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) Thank you for your generosity."

**TEA & COFFEE** after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses will now be in the new Bar-Café. Come and give it a try!

**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 30th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre..

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17:** If your child is in Year 3, or for some reason has not yet received their First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, you are welcome to join the First Holy Communion Programme this year. Please ensure you pick up a First Holy Communion Enrolment Form from the back of church today and bring your completed form to the Meeting for Parents/Carers only in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm.

**DIVINE MERCY**—afternoon of prayer in St George's on Sunday 2nd October. Flyers and posters now available in the church porch.

**BEFIENDING SERVICE** - We were delighted that Caritas Westminster were able to come and provide our befrienders with a little training earlier this week. If you know of those in the Parish who would like to be befriended please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Peter, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk) so we can begin the process of matching them with someone appropriate from our team.

**FRIENDS OF JESUS:** The Parish offers Religious Education for children of primary school not attending a Catholic school. The Friends of Jesus meets on Fridays during term-time for an hour at 5.30pm. If you are interested in finding out more about the Friends of Jesus please pick up an Information Leaflet on your way out of church. Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office.

**RCIA:** Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming Catholic? Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Church. Did you miss out on the Sacrament of Confirmation as a young adult? In October we will be starting a new series of enquiry sessions (called RCIA). If of interest please pick up a leaflet at the back of church today and/or speak to one of the Parish Team.

## PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday 18 September:

Teas/coffees. After 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

### Monday 19 September:

The Big Picture 1.00pm  
Panto Meeting 8.00pm

### Tuesday 20 September:

First Holy Communion Catechists' Meeting 7.30pm  
Set Dancing: 8.45pm

### Wednesday 21 September:

The Big Picture 7.30pm

### Thursday 22 September:

Prayer Group 8.00pm  
Church Cleaning Group B 1.45pm

### Friday 23 September:

Teas after morning Mass  
Art Class 2.00pm  
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

**THE NEW TUCK SHOP should be up and running this week after the 9.45am Mass in the new café-bar area. Come and treat the kids and have a coffee too!**

**VOTIVE CANDLES**—a reminder that the red and blue candles available in the church cost £1.00 for the large ones and 20p for the smaller ones.

**WELCOME BACK** to St George who has returned to his niche over the entrance to the Church. He now looks splendid and gleaming watching over all of us as we enter the church!

**THIS WEEK** the lighting in the Church is due to be replaced. It will feel a bit brighter and it will be more effective.

**WALSINGHAM APPEAL from Mgr John Armitage:** "On 24th September we shall be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, and on this weekend the Bishops have asked all parishes to have a second collection to help in the developments of England's National Shrine to Our Lady. We are looking to upgrade existing buildings and build new facilities, to help us serve the increasing numbers of pilgrims,

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY MASS:** 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm, **WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am, **HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **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	18 Sept	24th of the YEAR	Sat. Vigil	6.15pm	Noel Wickramsinghe RIP
					8.30am	Billy Brennan RIP
					9.45am	Mary Victoria Pethausupil-lai RIP
					11.15am	Kevin O'Neill RIP
					5.30pm	PRO POPULO
R	Mon	19 Sept	S. Januarius		9.30am	Mr. A. Manuel Pillai RIP
R	Tues	20 Sept	S. Andrew Kim Taegon and companions		9.30am	Nora Hunt Intentions
R	Wed	21 Sept	S. Matthew		9.30am	Andrew Rozario RIP (20th Ann)
G	Thur	22 Sept	feria		9.30am	Mr. Tony O'Sullivan RIP
W	Fri	23 Sept	S. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)		9.30am	Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP# Hermosinda Toucedo RIP
W	Sat	24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham		9.30am	Norah O'Toole RIP



## September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

This devotion dates back to the 12th century. It was especially promoted by the Cistercians and the Servites, so much so that in the 14th and 15th centuries it was widely celebrated throughout the Catholic Church. In 1482 a feast was added to the Missal under the title of "Our Lady of Compassion." Pope Benedict XIII added it to the Roman Calendar in 1727 on the Friday before Palm Sunday. In 1913, Pope Pius X fixed the date on September 15. The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ. "The Seven Dolors," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary. The feast is like an octave for the birthday of Our Lady on September 8th.

This devotion is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of

Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation; with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world.

As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (*Luke 2:25-35*)
2. The flight into Egypt (*Matthew 2:13-15*)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (*Luke 2:41-50*)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (*Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17*)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (*John 19:25-30*)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (*Psalms 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37*)
7. The burial of Jesus (*Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47*)



# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

## Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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: Amos 8:4-7

*Theme: Against those who "buy up the poor for money".*

"Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and Sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, Never will I forget a single thing you have done.

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:1-2,4-8

### *R/. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! *R/.*
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? *R/.*
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. *R/.*

## Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

*Theme: There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanks giving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift

their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

## Gospel Acclamation: Acts 16:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
**Open our heart O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.**

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

*Theme: You cannot be the slave of both God and money.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the

children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.

Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: Ps 119 (118): 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

## Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.