



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Colleen Thomas.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Paul Sikdar.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Matthew James Millar.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JULY

Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

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Heavenly Father, Pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture. Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News. Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others. Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions. In moments of hesitation, remind me: If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel? If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed? If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim? God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP
has been sponsored this week
**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
THE CURTIN FAMILY**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OFWALSINGHAM**
has been sponsored this week for
THE INTENTIONS OF AIDAN CURTIN.



**TURN OFF
ALL MOBILE
PHONES**



Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Week 16 Year 1
Divine Office
Week 4

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 23rd July 2017 SIXTEENTH 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



In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Patience is the companion of wisdom"

St Augustine of Hippo

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 Bar of the Parish Centre. THE TUCK SHOP will be open in the Parish Centre after the 9.45am Mass.

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.

PLEASE TRY AND LEAVE THE PEW NEAT AND TIDY AS YOU LEAVE CHURCH TODAY.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 23 July:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Thursday 27 July:

Church Cleaning Group B 10.30am

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Might you be open to serve the Parish as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion? We are always grateful to those people who assist the Priest with administering the Sacrament at Mass and taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Tony or email tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018 ENROLMENT FORMS - First Holy Communion Enrolment Forms are available from the back of Church today. If you child is entering Year 3 in September 2017 please pick up a form today. Thank you!

DESPERATELY SEEKING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS - Due to the loss of a number of FHC Catechists this year (who are either leaving the area or are committed elsewhere) we are urgently seeking new Catechists to help with the First Holy Communion Programme (2017-18), preparing Year 3 children for their First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion. If you would consider helping please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk (020 8904 2552 option 5), speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Thank you!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CATECHISTS - Might you consider helping prepare Parents and Godparents for the baptism of their infants on a Friday evening once every few months? If so, we would be delighted to hear from you. If you might consider helping please contact Fr. Tony Thomas. Thank you.

PARISH VISIT TO FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - The Friars who came to facilitate our Parish Mission in Lent this year are welcoming a group from our Parish to their home, the Friary, in Canning Town on Saturday 2nd September. There are only 20 places available so please book your place soon with Fr. Tony to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

MUSIC AT 5.30pm Mass - Are you a singer or musician? Might you be open to help with the music at the 5.30pm Mass? If you're interested please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

CHURCH CLEANING: We are always looking for volunteers if you are able to help on a Thursday once a month please contact Julia on 020 8904 5324. 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 the change of date—the next baptism preparation evening will be on Friday **25th August** (*not July*) at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

The following **PARISH GROUPS** have now finished until September.
FRIENDS OF JESUS - back on Friday 8th September at 5.30pm.
OVER 60'S GROUP—BACK ON Tuesday 12th September at 1pm.
PRAYER GROUP - back on Thursday 14th September at 8.30am.
CEILIDH/SET DANCING back on Tuesday 19th September

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS

The juxtaposition of the impatience of the servants and the *patient waiting* of the field owner, who represents God. At times we are in a great hurry to judge, to categorize, to put the good here, the bad there.... But remember the prayer of that self-righteous man: "God, I thank you that I am good, that I am not like other men, malicious" (cf. Lk 18:11-12). God, however, knows how to wait. With patience and mercy he gazes into the "field" of life of every person; he sees much better than we do the filth and the evil, but he also sees the seeds of good and waits with trust for them to grow. God is patient, he knows how to wait. This is so beautiful: our God is a patient father, who always waits for us and waits with his heart in hand to welcome us, to forgive us. He always forgives us if we go to him.

The field owner's attitude is that of hope grounded in the certainty that evil does not have the first nor the last word. And it is thanks to this *patient hope* of God that the same weed, which is the malicious heart with so many sins, in the end can become good grain. But be careful: evangelical patience is not indifference to evil; one must not confuse good and evil! In facing weeds in the world the Lord's disciple is called to imitate the patience of God, to nourish hope with the support of indestructible trust in the final victory of good, that is, of God.

In the end, in fact, evil will be removed and eliminated: at the time of harvest, that is, of judgment, the harvesters will follow the orders of the field owner, separating the weed to burn it (cf. Mt 13:30). On the day of the final harvest, *the judge will be Jesus*, He who has sown good grain in the world and who himself became the "*grain of wheat*", who died and rose. In the end we will all be judged by the same measure with which we have judged: *the mercy we have shown to others will also be shown to us*. Let us ask Our Lady, our Mother, to help us to grow in patience, in hope and in mercy with all brothers and sisters.

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.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

Sunday 23 July	16th OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Michael & Mary Hughes RIP
8.30am	Sheila Lynam RIP
9.45am	Janet Francis RIP
11.15am	Jerry Ryan RIP)
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

Mon 24 July	<i>S. Sharbel Makhluף</i>
9.30am	Noel Rooney Intentions

Tues 25 July	<i>S. JAMES</i>
9.30am	Gerard Cahill RIP

Weds 26 July	<i>Ss. Joachim & Anne</i>
9.30am	Nick KearneyRIP

Thur 27 July	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Joe McDonagh RIP

Fri 28 July	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	G. Golden & Family and all Golden Family Intentions

Sat 29 July	<i>S. Martha</i>
9.30am	Mrs. D. Burton RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 54 (53): 6, 8*

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase
the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope,
faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in
keeping your commands.
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: *Wisdom 12:13.16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares
for everything, to whom you might have to
prove that you never judged unjustly. Your
justice has its source in strength, your sover-
eignty over all makes you lenient to all. You
show your strength when your sovereign
power is questioned and you expose the
insolence of those who know it; but, dispos-
ing of such strength, you are mild in judge-
ment, you govern us with great lenience, for
you have only to will, and your power is
there. By acting thus you have taught a les-
son to your people how the virtuous man
must be kindly to his fellow men, and you
have given your sons the good hope that
after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial psalm: 85

R/. *O Lord you are good and forgiving.*

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call. Give heed,
O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R./**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name. O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R./**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R./**

Second Reading: *Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness.
For when we cannot choose words in order
to pray properly, the Spirit himself express-
es our plea in a way that could never be put
into words, and God who knows everything
in our hearts knows perfectly well what he
means, and that the pleas of the saints ex-
pressed by the Spirit are according to the
mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we
can see what hope his call holds for us.*
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 13:24-43*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds,
'The kingdom of heaven may be compared
to a man who sowed good seed in his field.
While everybody was asleep his enemy
came, sowed darnel all among the wheat,
and made off. When the new wheat
sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared
as well. The owner's servants went to him
and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that
you sowed in your field? If so, where does
the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has
done this" he answered. And the servants
said, "Do you want us to go and weed it
out?" But he said, "No, because when you
weed out the darnel you might pull up the
wheat with it. Let them both grow till the
harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to
the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie
it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the
wheat into my barn." '

He put another parable before them, 'The
kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
which a man took and sowed in his field. It
is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it
has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and
becomes a tree so that the birds of the air
come and shelter in its branches.'
He told them another parable, 'The king-
dom of heaven is like the yeast a woman
took and mixed in with three measures of
flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds
in parables; indeed he would never speak
to them except in parables. This was to
fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the
house; and his disciples came to him and
said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel
in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The

sower of the good seed is the Son of Man.
The field is the world; the good seed is the
subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the
subjects of the evil one; the enemy who
sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the
end of the world; the reapers are the an-
gels. Well then, just as the darnel is gath-
ered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be
at the end of time. The Son of Man will
send his angels and they will gather out of
his kingdom all things that provoke offenc-
es and all who do evil, and throw them
into the blazing furnace, where there will
be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then
the virtuous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone
who has ears!'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied
offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this
sacrifice from your faithful servants
and make it holy,
as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered
to the honour of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Ps 111 (110): 4-5*

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people,
we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued
with heavenly mysteries to pass from for-
mer ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.