



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Mary Teresa Alphonsus, Tony Rammelt.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED : Mary Hughes, Patrick Groome.

RECENTLY MARRIED: William Knottenbelt & Monika Sobon

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JULY:

Universal: Indigenous Peoples That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelization: Latin America and the Caribbean That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with

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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 the **INTENTIONS OF
JOSE GARY SALMORIN.**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM** has been sponsored
for **RENELLE ADRIEN**—who will be celebrating
100th Birthday—in **THANKSGIVING**



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The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 24th July 2016 THE SEVENTEENTH 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

"God is our Father"

When we pray Christ tells us we are to call God our 'Father'.

Through baptism we share with Christ in the Sonship of God. We are to persist in our prayer to God and he will answer us just because he is our Father. We must ask until we receive and seek until we find.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Here we see Abraham pleading with God, praying a beautiful prayer for mercy. Abraham's prayer shows us how close he was to God. It also shows that God always listens to our prayers. God's mercy is so great!

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

When you were baptized, you were freed from sin and given new life through water and the Holy Spirit. It is this new life of grace that St Paul speaks of today. He reminds Christians that Jesus has cancelled the "debt" of our sins by his death on the cross. Our new life is not just something for later, after we die. It begins now!

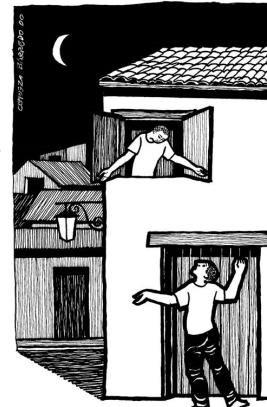
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

The disciples watch Jesus at prayer. One of them gets up the nerve to ask, "Lord, will you teach us to pray?" And Jesus responds by sharing the Lord's Prayer with them. Then Jesus completes his lesson prayer by telling two parables. The first urges us to persist in prayer. The second reminds us that we do not always pray for the right things. God knows best how our prayers should be answered.

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

The Jews at the time of Jesus were noted for their devotion to prayer. Formal prayer was prescribed for three set times a day. And the rabbis had a prayer for every occasion. It was also a custom for rabbis to teach their disciples a simple prayer they might use on a regular basis. Jesus' disciples ask him for such a prayer. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray he gave them the disciple's prayer, what we call the *Our Father* or *Lord's Prayer*. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father in being the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only begotten Son who, reciprocally is Son only in relation to his Father. All fatherhood and motherhood is derived from him. In the Lord Jesus Christ we are spiritually reborn and made new, and we become the adopted children of God.

Jesus teaches us to address God as "our Father" and to confidently



ask him for the things we need to live as his sons and daughters. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbour the same. We can pray with expectant faith because our heavenly Father loves us and treats us as his children. He delights to give us what is good. His love and grace transforms us and makes us like himself. Through his grace and power we can love and serve one another as Jesus taught – with grace, mercy, and loving-kindness. The Lord's Prayer serves to ask us questions about our lives of discipleship. Do we treat others as they deserve, or do we treat them as the Lord would with grace and mercy? Jesus' prayer includes an injunction that we must ask God to forgive us in proportion as we forgive those who have wronged us. Are we ready to forgive as Jesus forgives?

contact Dorina on 07929 758 767 or dorina1@gmail.com.

THE BIG PICTURE - A Bible study course, produced by CaFE & Bible Society will be held in the parish, over a 12 week period from Monday 18th July – 12th October. The 12 engaging sessions taking you through Salvation History, starting at the very beginning with God the Creator right through to end times with the second coming of Christ. The sessions will be held on Mondays at 1.00pm and repeated on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. (and throughout August) For more information please contact: Lucille – 020 8902 5204

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 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 look out 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 if you are able.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: If you are interested in becoming a 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. Thank you.

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.

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!

PARISH GROUPS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER:

CHILDREN'S ART CLASS: Back in September.
SET/CEILI DANCING: Back on Tuesday 13th September.

OVER 60'S CLUB: Back on Tuesday 13th September.

PRAYER GROUP: Back on Thursday 15th September.

FRIDAY COFFEE: This is now on holiday until September.

ART CLASS: Back on Friday 9th September 2pm.

ST. GEORGE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH : There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 26th July at 7.30pm.

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

◆ **RETRouveille**—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.

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

JOB VACANCIES:

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

◆ **NEWMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE** require a School Inclusion Administrator. (C/d 2/9/16)

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 24 July:

Teas/coffees. After 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 25 July:

The Big Picture 1.00pm

Tuesday 26 July:

St. George's Neighbourhood Watch 7.30pm

Wednesday 27 July:

The Big Picture 7.30pm

Thursday 28 July:

Church Cleaning Group B 1.45pm

Friday 29 July:

Baptism Preparation

WELCOME this weekend to Fr. John Poland, a priest of Liverpool Diocese but at present studying for a doctorate in Canon Law in Rome.

THE RAMMELT FAMILY would like to thank everyone for their prayers and condolences at the death of Tony and above all for all those many people who participated at his Funeral to give him such a fitting Funeral Mass.

GOOD NEWS! The first stage of the grand clean-up of the front of the church is now completed with all the paving slabs levelled and the broken ones replaced and drains installed where necessary. The next stage will be an improvement on the lighting and the repainting and refurbishment of the Statue of St. George. Please pray for the repose of the Soul of the donor of all this.

MORE GOOD NEWS.....!! Thank you again to all who generously made donations—our new hall chairs have arrived. We now urgently need to dispose of the old orange chairs. If you are interested in some chairs for your garden or home these are available

for a donation. Please contact the parish team.

NEWSLETTER. This is the last full newsletter until after the Summer. During August there will be a reduced "vacation" version.

BAR OPENING. The formal opening of our new bar/ café will take place on Friday 9th September, 7.30-10.30pm. It will also double up as a welcome party for our new assistant priest, Fr. Tony Thomas. Make sure this date is in your diary.

THE PARISH OFFICE is now closed and will open as normal on Monday 5th September. If you need to contact the parish team please call at the Priest's offices or leave a message on the answerphone.

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. This might also be an opportunity if you missed out on the Sacrament of Confirmation. 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 29th July 2016**. There will not be a preparation evening in August—the next one after that will be on 30th September.

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.

NEW MUMS & TODDLERS GROUP - A parishioner has generously offered to start a new Mums & Toddlers Group at St. George's. 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

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, **HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **EUCARISTIC ADORATION:** **Saturday** 5.15-6.00pm **RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONS:** 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	24 July	17th of the YEAR Sat.Vigil	6.15pm	Ned Ryan (Casey) RIP
				8.30am	Mary Ferrao RIP
				9.45am	Mary & Michael Hughes
				11.15am	Patrick Groome RIP
RIP				5.30pm	PRO POPULO
R	Mon	25 July	S. JAMES	9.30am	Eileen Power RIP
W	Tues	26 July	Ss. Joachim & Anne	9.30am	Paddy Rogers RIP
G	Wed	27 July	feria	9.30am	Tess Towey RIP
G	Thur	28 July	feria	9.30am	Mr. Carbin RIP
W	Fri	29 July	S. Martha	9.30am	Pat Geraghty RIP
W	Sat	30 July	Of Our Lady	9.30am	Jim Bonner RIP

"OUR FATHER"

To be able to call God our Father and not just Father, but Abba, which is even more tender, intimate, respectful and affectionate, is a reality of such staggering dimensions that man could never have conceived of it apart from divine revelation. Yet God's boundless love is so great that in the covenant, that unique family bond formed through, with and in Jesus, we are elevated to share in the very nature of God (2 Pet 1:4) and become His adopted children. "See what love the Father has given us," writes the Apostle John, "that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 Jn 3:1). St. Mark quotes Jesus addressing the Father by the name Abba during his agony in Gethsemane where he expresses his complete trust in the Father's providence. Our relationship with

the Father should also overflow with confidence and complete surrender. God is not just Father or even my Father, he is "our" Father. Although the word "our" is not in St. Luke's account (Lk 11:2), it is certainly implied. The universality of God's fatherhood is an important theme in Matthew's Gospel. It highlights God's covenantal family. Because God is "our" Father our relationship with others must cut through all races, sexes, cultures, classes, parties, or any other distinctions. The other, no matter how despicable or downtrodden, regardless of their offenses and brokenness, is always my brother or sister because they are also God's children. The Father's great love sent Jesus to bind our wounds and unite us into one family. This is one reason that so much of Catholic worship is communal worship. It celebrates God's love as the family of God.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.
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: Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 137:1-3,6-8

R/. On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. *R/*

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. *R/*

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. *R/*

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. *R/*

Second reading: Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:
"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."'

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on

his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.