



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: George McDermott, Philomena Ford, Rita Collins, William O'Brien

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Leslie Sequeira

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Daniel Pawlowski, Olivia Kaminska

RECENTLY MARRIED: Duncan Mylles & Gemma Fahey.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY

Christians in Africa: That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

Urgent Intention: Priestly Vocations. Led by the Spirit for Mission - May he give us priests enamoured of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love.

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PRAYER FOR ASCENSION

Father in heaven,
our minds were prepared
for the coming of your
Kingdom when you took
Christ beyond our sight so
that we might seek him in
glory. May we follow where
he has led and find our hope
in his glory,
for he is Lord forever.
Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP
has been sponsored this week
FOR THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS
OF HARRY JULES RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OFWALSINGHAM
has been sponsored this week
IN THANKSGIVING
JURI & EVA DALLE-NOGARE



TURN OFF
ALL MOBILE
PHONES



Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Easter VII
Divine Office
Easter VII Week 3

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 28th May 2017 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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



Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus. The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" for all eternity.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Desire nothing for yourself either good or bad. For yourself, want only what God wants".

S. Josemaria Escriva

Sunday Reflection

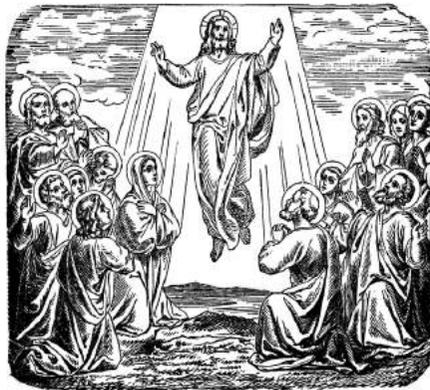
Why did our Lord depart from us and ascend to the Father? This is a question which Christians from the earliest days of the Church have asked. The question makes sense: after all, if Christ truly loves his people and desires salvation for them, would he not remain with us following his resurrection in order to accompany us? As St. Paul tells us *"We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him"* (Romans 6:9). Does it not seem natural that believers of all eras would say to him, if they could, what the disciples on the road to Emmaus said the very day of Jesus' resurrection-*"Stay with us, Lord!"* (Luke 24:29).

Given all of that it is important to understand why the Lord departed from us and returned to the Father. He did so first so that his human existence which began with the incarnation might be brought to completion. When a person dies they are no longer physically present to us, though they may be present in spirit. It is true that when Jesus died he did in fact return to his earthly disciples briefly after the resurrection - a unique event in human history - to show himself as risen and to teach them further. But he then departed since it is not the course of human nature to continue on this earth after death; that is the existence of a ghost rather than a human being.

His ascension also has a 'divine dimension': returning to the Father was the natural state for the Son who in his human

nature is known as Jesus, and so after his earthly life was complete and he had reassured the disciples that he was truly risen it is to be expected by his faithful that the Son should depart: *"If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father"* (John 14:28).

Going further we can say that Jesus ascended to the Father so that through faith we might freely choose to follow him and thereby come to the fullness of our own human dignity and come to salvation. Saint



John addresses this in recording the words of the Lord when he spoke to Thomas: *"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed"* (John 20:29). Saint Paul agrees, writing to the Corinthians: *"We know that while we are at home in the body we are*

away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor 5:6-7).

The Ascension of Christ thus brings before us the glorious mystery of Christ's victory over sin and death and his exultation at the right hand of the Father. At the same time it invites us to use the beautiful gift of freedom, itself a reflection of God's nature, to choose to draw ever nearer to the One in whose image we were made and to whose image we are destined to return. Today let us rejoice in the knowledge that Christ is risen and ascended to the Father - the Father to whom we too will return when our human nature is united to his divinity.

eye but are essential groundwork for the next stages of refurbishment. It all makes us fit for the future and, of course, fulfils all the requirements these days of "health and Safety". By the way, the work doesn't come cheap!

READERS AT 5.30pm MASS - We are currently searching for new readers to help at the 5.30pm Mass. The commitment would be once a month. If you would consider helping please speak to Mgr. Jeremy, Fr. Tony or 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.

FIRE OFFICER NEEDED: in accordance with present 'Health & Safety' is there anyone who is willing to act as our Parish 'Fire Officer'. It's any easy job, just checking the fire alarm regularly and all our extinguishers. Could this be you?

PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST. Our next breakfast will be on Saturday 3rd June at 9.00am. The speaker will be our very own Stephen Dunn (a parishioner at St George's) who will talk about his behind-the-scenes involvement covering Pope Benedict's visit to the UK on BBC television.

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 this Friday 26th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

BEFRIENDING SERVICE - If you know of anyone in the Parish who might like to be befriended please let us know as we have a small group of befrienders who would be only too happy to help.

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. We now have cards (akin to Mass Cards) for the sponsoring of the Sacrament lamp or Walsingham Lamp if you'd like to use these if you are sponsoring a lamp in memory of someone. They can be obtained from the parish office.

CAFÉ/BAR is open on Thursdays from 9-11am. If you would be interested in volunteering to help please contact Patricia on 07939 722 198

BREENA CROWLEY one of our young parishioners who has Type 1 diabetes is doing a fund-raising run to raise money for research into a cure. She is doing this together with her friend Lauren who also has the same condition. Could you help by sponsoring them look at

their just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Breena-Lauren-Diabetes-Run>

SPIRIT IN THE CITY - The largest Catholic Festival in London is taking place in Leicester Square from Friday 9th to Saturday 10th June. Notre Dame de France and Westminster Diocese would welcome any volunteers wishing to help with welcoming, setting-up, refreshments & logistics. If you would like to help please contact info@spiritinthecity.org or call 020 7440 2663. Full details of the festival can be found at spiritinthecity.org.

ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY FIRE APPEAL - Two parishioners recently lost their homes and possessions in a fire on Sudbury Heights Avenue. Emma Nurse has set up a Just-giving Page for donations to help them rebuild their lives. If you would like to give please visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/emma-louise-nurse. For further information please contact Emma on 07534946185. Thank you.

DAY TRIP TO BRIGHTON from Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday 14th June. See folder.

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.
- JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP for boys (8-13yrs)and girls (9-12yrs) in July and August.

JOB VACANCIES: PRE-SCHOOL PRACTITIONER at South Vale Playgroup.

SEN AMINISTRATOR at The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School.

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

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

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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 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.

THIS SUNDAY: Bishop John Sherrington, Auxiliary in our Diocese, will be with us to celebrate the 11.15am Mass.

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

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 28 May:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 29 May:

Confirmation 8.00pm

Tuesday 30 May:

Over 60's Club 1.00pm

Set Dancing 8.30pm

Wednesday 31 May:

Oremus Course 1.00pm

Oremus Course 7.00pm

Thursday 1 June:

Teas/coffees in the Bar/Café 9-11am

Church Cleaning Group B 7.00pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 2 June:

Teas/Coffees in the Bar/Café after morning Mass

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

ROSARY IN MAY is said in church Monday—Friday at 8.00pm. Why not come and join in?

FUNERAL MASS for **Philomena Ford RIP** will take place on Tuesday 30th May at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium at 12.30pm.

FUNERAL MASS for **George McDermott RIP** on Wednesday 31st May at 11.00am followed by burial at Clamp Hill Cemetery. Reception into Church the night before at 6.30pm.

FUNERAL MASS for **Rita Collins RIP** on Monday 5th June at 12 noon followed by burial in Greenford Cemetery.

FUNERAL MASS for **William O'Brien RIP** on Wednesday 14th June at 11.00am followed by burial in St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green. Reception into Church the night before at 6.30pm.

CONFIRMATION - Please keep the Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the next few weeks. Candidates who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on 11th June are asked to please attend the Rehearsal in Church on Monday 5th June at 8pm. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU FOR AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

APPEAL: John Ravi the local rep wrote: *"Thank you very much for your recent generous cheque of £3,603.98. Please thank the parishioners and the Confirmation candidates on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need. It was wonderful to witness the amazing pastoral and catechetical works taking place in your parish."*

LOOKING AHEAD:

PENTECOST SUNDAY—Sunday 4th June

TRINITY SUNDAY – Sunday 11 June

CONFIRMATION— Sunday 11 June at 2.30pm

CORPUS CHRISTI - Sunday 18 June

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - Friday 23rd June

NATIVITY OF S. JOHN THE BAPTIST - Saturday 24th June

SAINTS PETER & PAUL - Thursday 29th June

40 HOURS BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will begin at the 9.30am Mass Thursday 15 June and finishes on the morning of Saturday 17th June. (mathematicians will note it's a bit more than 40 hours but it give a chance for everyone to participate) There will be A Blessed Sacrament Procession at the end of the 11.15am Mass on Sunday 18th June (Corpus Christi).

PLEASE PRAY at this time for all who are about to be ordained either Deacon or Priest but especially for ANTONIO PINEDA from our parish who will be ordained deacon just outside Rome in July.

DONATE A ROSARY - During the months of May and October some of our parishioners head to St. George's Primary School to pray the rosary with the school children. We are looking for the donation of 100 rosaries to be used by the children. If you would like to donate a rosary to this good cause please place it in the box in the porch marked 'ROSARIES FOR ST. GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL'. Thank you!

UNSEEN WORK GOING ON: in addition to all the other works, we are now undergoing a major electrical update. Every five years we have a major electrical inspection which we have just completed the latest. Unfortunately there is over a decade plus of backlog needing doing and some difficult work amongst it all, not least in the damp that has crept into to a lot of the church wiring. But no fear, it's all under way and well be finished quite soon. New fuse boxes and wiring done figure much in the public

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us.

THY KINGDOM COME Pentecost Novena 25th May – 4th June 2017

THE NOVENA PRAYER FOR 'THY KINGDOM COME'

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the Good News of your Kingdom: inspire us with your Holy Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. *And you shall renew the face of the earth.*

Let us pray. *O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 28 May	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)	Leslie Sequeira RIP
8.30am	PRO POULO
9.45am	Vincent Keating RIP
11.15am	Noleen Bell RIP
5.30pm	Mary Lamb RIP
Mon 29 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Thomas O'Connor RIP
Tues 30 May	<i>Easter feria</i>
9.30am	Gray Kennady RIP
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS
	Philomena Ford RIP
Weds 31 May	The Visitation
9.30am	Tina Galvin RIP
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS
	George McDermott RIP
Thur 1 June	<i>S. Justin, Martyr</i>
9.30am	Apolonia Brucal RIP
Fri 2 June	<i>Ss. Marcellinus & Peter</i>
9.30am	Grace Rogers RIP
Sat 3 June	<i>S. Charles Lwanga & comps</i>
9.30am	Orla McNulty RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon *Acts 1: 11*

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Collect

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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: *Acts 1:1-11*

In my earlier work, *Theophilus*, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be

baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial psalm: *ps. 46*

R/. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. ***R/.***

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. ***R/.***

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. ***R/.***

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:17-23*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go make disciples of all nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia.

Gospel: *Matthew 28:16-20*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Mt 28: 20*

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you.

Through Christ our Lord.