



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Yolanda Dias, Max Perera, James Walsh, Christine Duckworth.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Edward Johnston, John Brady, Mary Margaret Anthony-muthu.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Aimee Murphy, Alanna Murphy.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

The everlasting God has in His wisdom foreseen from eternity the cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost heart. This cross He now sends you He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His divine mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with loving arms and weighed with His own hands to see that it be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you. He has blessed it with His holy Name, anointed it with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God.

SANCTUARY LAMP

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KEITH & SANDRA CARVALHO & FAMILY
IN THANKSGIVING

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
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IN MEMORY OF
NICK HOLMES RIP



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Sunday cycle
Readings Year A

Weekday readings
Week 22 Year 1

Divine Office
Week 2

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 3rd September 2017 TWENTY SECOND 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



Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the

Messiah in a different way. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The principal act of courage is to endure and withstand dangers persistently rather than to attack them"

St Thomas Aquinas

Sunday Reflection

We start our life of faith with an image of the future that is idealized, as things often are in a child's eyes. If we are good and follow Jesus then the years and decades of life would be challenging but promising as we negotiate our trials with confidence, knowing that the grace of God will carry us forward. While this outlook sustains some throughout life, eventually many people encounter moments in life that are much more than challenging—they can cause us to question the very truth of all that we have held dear.

Family tragedies, abuse by others, hypocritical people, and opposition from colleagues and friends can all lead to a deep sense of cynicism about religion in general and about faith in the Lord. The prophet Jeremiah faces just such a moment in today's first reading, as he shows through his angry words: *"You have seduced me Lord!"* (Jer 20:7). Jeremiah was angered over the pain of having to deliver bad news to the people of Israel, announcing the downfall of Jerusalem and the end of the Kingdom of Judah. Such "defeatist" predictions, while they turned out to be true, led many to oppose him forcefully and even violently.

While the prophet Jeremiah remained faithful to the Lord even in the midst of his anger, when we suffer deep discouragement in life we easily fall prey to cynicism and a jaundiced view of life. The scandals in the Church in recent decades, the betrayal of a spouse or friend, can lead us to a spirit of sarcasm and suspicion and along the way we lose the hope-filled images we cherished as children.

In today's second reading Saint Paul recognizes this possibility among Christians

and he prescribes a remedy for it. In his letter to the Romans, having concluded a reflection on mercy, Paul says: *"Do not model yourselves on the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind"* (Rom 12:2).

St. Paul understood that the human spirit can be overtaken by cynicism, luring even Christian believers into thinking that real conversion and renewal is not possible. He also saw that *"the world;"* that is, our secular age, draws us into this way of thinking and makes us reason that if we are not to be seen as naïve then we must take a hardened bigoted outlook on others and on life itself. Such a perspective is foreign to believers in Jesus, whose mercy Paul extolls: *"O, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!"* (Rom 11:33).

The gospel brings this message home when our Lord teaches his disciples that they will encounter great suffering in the course of their journey of faith and thus cannot be naïve about life. However, Jesus himself will suffer before them in order to redeem them and give them the possibility of living no longer according to the thinking of *"the world"*—*"thinking not as God does, but as human beings do"* (Matt 16:23)—but rather being transformed into the image of him whose mercy triumphs over evil, and whose wisdom commends us to approach him not with a spirit hardened by the travails of life, but with the confidence of a child who cries out *"Abba, Father!"* Let us learn from Jesus and let mercy triumph over the evils committed against us, never falling into the trap of cynicism.

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 **29th September** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

PARISH GROUPS:
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.
FRIENDS OF JESUS - back on Friday 22nd September at 5.30pm.

BAR/CAFÉ: TEA AND COFFEE after Friday morning.

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.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Friday 29th September at 10.00am at 972 Harrow Road (next to the church). Raffle, Tombola, Plant & cake stall -Entrance £3.00 which includes refreshments. All welcomes, especially donations to the stalls.

PEOPLE, FAITH & JUSTICE: A DIALOGUE. An intergenerational conversation between young people aged 20-39 & older adults. London Saturday 7th October 10.30am-4.00pm CAFOD, Romero House, SE1 7JB. If you'd like to know more or attend please speak to one of the Parish Team.

SPEAK UP FOR CAFOD! Could you support the work of CAFOD by speaking at Mass and visiting other parishes. A training day this Saturday 9th September. Romero House. 10am-3.00pm. To book call 02084669901 or southwark@cafod.org.uk

SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE, Wealdstone Open Evenings for years 5 & 6 on Wednesday September 13th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm and Thursday September 21st from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Also see school website.

CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL Open day for Admission in September 2018 Tuesdays 14 September (4.30 & 6.00pm) Tuesday 21 September (3.30pm) and Tuesday 26th September (4.30 & 6.00pm). www.cvms.co.uk for more details.

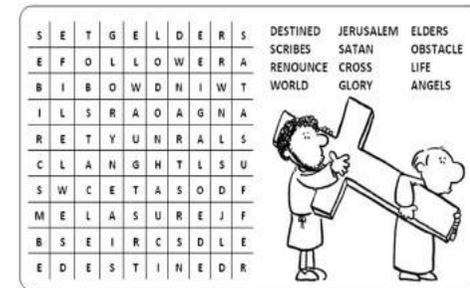
THEATRE GROUP outings in September/October/December and day out in August, organised from Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury. Coach pick up locally. For information see folder in porch or contact Mike Heffernan on 020 8908 0785 / mike@besswaytravel.co.uk

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES. Find out more by visiting www.brs-ccrs.org.uk

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.

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

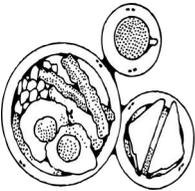
FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges



NEWS & VIEWS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

—the next one will be **THIS Saturday 9th September** at 9am in the Café/Bar. A fry-up followed by a talk by a newly ordained priest Fr. Brian McMahon. All Welcome.



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 3 September 2017:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Wednesday 6 September:

Ladies Social Guild 8.00pm

Thursday 7 September:

Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm

Café/Bar open 9-11am

Friday 8 September:

Teas after morning Mass

Art Class 2.00pm

Saturday 9 September:

Men's Breakfast 9.00am

FUNERAL MASS of YOLANDE DIAS on Wednesday 6th September at 11.00am followed by cremation at Break-spear Crematorium. Reception into church Tuesday 5th September at 6.30pm

FUNERAL MASS of JAMES WALSH on Friday 8th September at 11.00am followed by burial at Carpenders Park. Reception into church Thursday 7th September at 5.30pm.

FUNERAL MASS of MAX PERERA on Tuesday 12th September at 11.00am followed by burial at Carpenders Park. Reception into church Monday 11th September at 7.00pm.

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 ENROLMENT 2017-18 - If your child is beginning in Year 3 in September 2017 please pick up an Enrolment Form from the back of church today and bring your completed form (with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and £20 contribution) to the Enrolment Meeting in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm. Thank you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS - A big THANK YOU to all those who have offered to continue as First Holy Catechists next year and to those who have offered to join our little team. There will be a meeting for all FHC Catechists for the 2017-18 Programme in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS - Many thanks to all those who are continuing to serve the Parish as Confirmation Catechists and to those who have generously offered to come on board next year. There will be a meeting for all Confirmation Catechists for the 2018 Programme in the Parish Café Bar on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CATECHIST AT ST. GEORGE'S? - Catechists help in many ways at the Parish, teaching the faith to those preparing for their First Holy Communion, Confirmation, those being received in to full communion with the Church (RCIA) and parents preparing for the Baptism of their infants. Catechists also help throughout the year at the Children's Liturgy on Sundays at the 9.45am Family Mass and facilitating the Rosary at St. George's Primary School in May & October. If you would like to help as a Catechist at St. George's please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team. Thank you.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: The new rota will be ready shortly. Please continue to assist where necessary

RCIA-Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or learning more about the Catholic faith? If so we would like to invite you to join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme which will run from the autumn until Easter. The programme consists of teaching and discussion in a welcoming and friendly small-group setting. Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to sign up or if you want further details.

AFTER HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, HOW IS JESUS ABLE TO LIVE ON IN HIS CHURCH?

Jesus is necessarily perfect in his divinity. However, in coming to save mankind, he took on an imperfect human nature at the Incarnation, which he perfected through his one sacrifice of Calvary, which encompasses his passion, death, resurrection and ascension (see CCC 1085). To be clear, Jesus didn't taken on a sinful human nature at his Incarnation, but he did take on a human nature capable of being perfected, which he achieved through his paschal sacrifice. This is what Scripture means when it says that Jesus became perfect through suffering in becoming the source of eternal salvation (Heb. 5:7-10).

After the Resurrection, Jesus tells his apostles that he will always be with them (Matt. 28:18-20). He does this most wondrously through the sacraments in general and the celebration of the Eucharist in particular, providing his eternal life-giving Body and Blood (John 6:51-58), which we celebrate in remembrance of him at every Mass (Luke 22:19-20).

He further signals this to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the day of his resurrection in "the breaking of the bread," a term in the early Church for the celebration of the Eucharist (Luke 24:13-35, Acts 2:42). Although Jesus vanishes from the two disciples' sight, he remains with them in the Eucharistic bread, calling them to a greater faith and trust.

In short, Jesus more powerfully lives on his Church *after* his resurrection than before. Through partaking of the Eucharist, we the faithful, though many, are one in him (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 12:12-26).

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.

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 3 Sept 6.15pm (Sat. Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	22nd OF THE YEAR Mary & Richard Cooksey RIP Darren O'Sullivan RIP Anne & Gerald Haugh RIP Bobby & Nellie Graham RIP PRO POPULO
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Mon 4 Sept 9.30am	<i>S. Cuthbert</i> Tom Bugler RIP
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Tues 5 August 9.30am	<i>feria</i> Patrick Gannam RIP
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Weds 6 Sept 9.30am 11.00am	<i>feria</i> Elizabeth Hannon RIP (1st) FUNERAL MASS Yolande Dias RIP
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Thur 3 Sept 9.30am	<i>feria</i> Matt O'Mara RIP
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Fri 4 Sept 9.30am 11.00am	NATIVITY OF OUR LADY Mark McNicholas RIP FUNERAL MASS James Walsh RIP
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Sat 5 August 9.30am	<i>S. Peter Claver</i> Gerald Cahill RIP
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TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 86 (85): 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.

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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: Violence and ruin! The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial psalm: 62

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R./**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R./**
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R./**
4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R./**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obsta-

cle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Ps 31 (30): 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.