



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

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Maria Ellul.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Mgr Wilfred Purney, Larry O'Toole, Genoveva Adonis Rosario, Rudolfo Rosario, Salvatore Cavaliere, Delphine de Lima, Margaret Kearney (20th Ann), Mr. & Mrs. Braganza

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Ashwen Francis Nishanthan

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR DECEMBER

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

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ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER

(Loving Mother of the Redeemer)

**Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven,
star of the sea,
assist your people who have
fallen yet strive to rise again.**

**To the wonderment of nature
you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin
after as before.**

**You who received Gabriel's
joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.**

*Marian Antiphon Traditionally said from
Advent to Candlemas*

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week

IN MEMORY OF

GENOVEVA ADONIS ROSARIO RIP

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM**

has been sponsored this week

IN MEMORY OF RUDOLFO ROSARIO RIP



**TURN OFF
ALL MOBILE
PHONES**



Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Advent week 2
Divine Office
Week 2

**The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury**



Sunday 4th December 2016 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the End of Time, and the Second Coming of the Lord - not on the run up to Christmas (that only comes in the last week). If we view Advent as a Season preparing for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it was about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, becomes a confusing figure: his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Everything gets more specific today: what is being preached is not an event, but a person: Isaiah promises him, John welcomes him, Paul invites us to imitate him.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12
John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"Never do anything you cannot do in the presence of all"
S. Teresa of Avila

Sunday reflection

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (*2 Kings 1:8*). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage,



John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In our Gospel today John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

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 for those people who assist the priest with administering the Sacrament at Mass and taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. There will be a training session for those interested in becoming an Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 26th November. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Tony or email tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you

CAFÉ/BAR NOW OPEN ON THURSDAYS—between 9.00am & 11am. If you would be interested in volunteering to help please contact Patricia on 07939 722 198

LADIES SOCIAL GUILD: Please note that the next meeting on Wednesday 7th December will be a Christmas evening at the home of June Bonner at 7.30pm.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS - We are delighted to let you know that the Children's Nativity will once again be part of the St. George's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass this year. If your children are in Year 3 or above they would be very welcome to take part. If your children would like to be involved or if you, yourself, would like to help in anyway (e.g. costumes, props, etc.) please contact Nicola Mylles at nicolamylles@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - A Night to Remember (in place of this year's Panto) the Panto Group is joining forces with the former members of the WE Group to put on a spectacular Quiz Night in aid of St. Mark's Hospital Foundation. We promise an evening of fun and laughter for the benefit of this excellent cause (in memory of Noeleen Bell). Please put the date—Saturday 21st January 2017—in your diaries. Details of how to enter a team will hopefully be published before Christmas.

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..

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.

CAN YOU COOK? - CATERING AT PARISH EVENTS - We are looking for caterers happy to provide food at a reasonable price at Parish events during the year. If you are in the business or know others who might like to help please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team.

AUTUMN FAITH SHARING— "Living Jesus" - A morning group is held on Mondays in the Café/Bar after 9.30am Mass. New members always welcome. Refreshments served. Booklets are available from the Repository after any Mass—£2 each.

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.

SUDBURY & KENTON CHURCHES CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Do you know anyone who would like to attend this lunch? Forms/information are available at the back of church.

HARROW SUPPORT GROUP for separated and divorced Catholics. The next meeting will be on Monday 5 December 2016 at 8pm in the hall at Stt Bernard's Church, Northolt Road. All are welcome, regardless of their situation. For more information please ring Jull 020 8204 3714 or Eileen 020 8756 1284.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA—led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, 24-27 April 2017. Further details in the folder in porch.

TEACHER TRAINING with Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School. (see notice in book)

VACANCIES:

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER required at St. George's Catholic School. (See folder or school website for details).

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

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

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.

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.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 4 December:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 5 December:

Advent Faith Sharing (Café/Bar) after morning Mass.

Confirmation 8.00pm

Tuesday 6 December:

First Holy Communion 7.30pm

Set Dancing: 8.45pm

Wednesday 7 December:

Ladies' Social Guild (see notice)

Thursday 8 December:

Children's Art Class 5.30pm

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 9 December:

Teas after morning Mass

Art Class 2.00pm

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Saturday 10 December:

Advent Day of Recollection

THE **TUCK SHOP** will be open again this week after the 9.45am Mass in the Parish Centre. Come and treat the kids and have a coffee too!

CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS are available from the Parish Office.

FUNERAL MASS of **MARIA ELLUL RIP** will take place on Monday 5th December at 10.30am. Reception Sunday 4th December at 7pm.

TAMIL PRAYER MEETING every Saturday evening after 6.15pm Mass. All Welcome. Contact: Edward on 07976 487 313.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING for **Primary Schools on Friday 6th January 2017 at 7.00pm-8.30pm** in the parish Centre. **IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE AN EVENING PRIOR TO THIS ON FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 7.00-8.00pm.** This year the new 'Certificate of Practice' is in force which means you must be very regular in attending Mass. Please also note that this is the primary time for the parish priests to sign your forms.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
EVENING**

Saturday 17th December 2016
from 7.00-11.30pm in the Parish Centre

**Live Band - Dancing - 3 Course Dinner (Asian food) -
Bar- Raffle**

*[Raffle: 1st Prize - 1 Ticket to Sri Lanka (subject to taxes)
and many other great prizes]*

Tickets: Adult £15.00 7-17 yrs: £10.00
Children under 7 yrs: Free

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 27th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT - We look forward to seeing all those who wish to enrol on the Confirmation Programme with their parents/carers with ALL completed documents (Baptism Certificate if not baptised at St. George's, Completed Sponsor & Confirmation Name Forms, Passport Photo, etc.) at the Enrolment Evening in the Parish Centre this coming Monday 5th December at 8pm. Enrolment Forms received after this date may not be accepted by the Parish Team. Entirely at their discretion. Thank you.

SEEKING CATECHISTS & HELPERS FOR CONFIRMATION - If you would like to help prepare this year's candidates for their Confirmation in June next year we would be delighted to hear from you. If you would be interested in helping in any way please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION—It is so easy to get caught up in the secular preparations for Christmas that we fail to reflect on the real meaning of this great feast. In order to help us prepare properly for Christmas the parish is holding a Day of Recollection on Saturday 10th December. This will include two talks based on the advent Mass readings, discussion and social time, and the recommissioning of our Eucharistic ministers. Our speaker will be Fr John Deehan, scripture scholar and parish priest at Eastcote. The day will begin with Mass at **10.00am** (note the change in time) and finish with a light lunch at 1.00pm. RSVP to Fr Tony on tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

V	Sun	4 Dec	ADVENT II	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	PRO POPULO Damian O'Halloran RIP Delphine de Lima RIP John O'Leary RIP (10th Ann.) Salvatore Cavaliere RIP and Christina di Luca RIP
V	Mon	5 Dec	Advent feria FUNERAL		9.30am 10.30am	Tony Rammelt RIP Maria Ellul RIP
W	Tues	6 Dec	S. Nicholas		9.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Braganza RIP
W	Wed	7 Dec	S. Ambrose		9.30am	Holy Souls
W	Thur	8 Dec	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM		9.30am	Layla Abeo Rennie-Fraser Intentions
V	Fri	9 Dec	Advent feria		9.30am	Genoveva Adonis & Rudolfo Rosario RIP
V	Sat	10 Dec	Advent feria		10.00am	Josephine Mulholland RIP Darren O'Sullivan RIP

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday 10th December 2016



ALL WELCOME

From 10.00am until approximately 1.30pm

PROGRAMME

10.00am Mass in the church (note the change of time)

10.30am Tea and coffee in the Parish Centre

NB. Priests will be available in the church to hear Confessions during this time

11.00am First talk: The Spirituality of Advent, based on the Advent Mass Prefaces

11.30am Small group discussion

12.00pm Second talk: A Panorama of the Readings for the Sundays of Advent

12.30pm Small group discussion

12.50pm Commissioning and recommissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

1.00pm Soup and bread, tea and coffee in the parish centre

NB. Priests will be available in the church to hear Confessions until 1.15pm

TODAY'S MASS

Introit

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice
heard in the joy of your heart.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the
Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor
of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the
ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobras hole;
into the vipers lair the young child puts his
hand. They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge
of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a
signal to the peoples. It will be sought out
by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 71*

R/. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

1. God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. **R/.**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R/.**
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R/.**
4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R/.**

Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-9*

Everything that was written long ago in the
scriptures was meant to teach us something
about hope from the examples scripture
gives of how people who did not give up

were helped by God. And may he who
helps us when we refuse to give up, help
you all to be tolerant with each other, fol-
lowing the example of Christ Jesus, so that
united in mind and voice you may give
glory to the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you
to treat each other in the same friendly
way as Christ treated you. The reason
Christ became the servant of circumcised
Jews was not only so that God could faith-
fully carry out the promises made to the
patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to
give glory to God for his mercy, as scrip-
ture says in one place: For this I shall
praise you among the pagans and sing to
your name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

***Prepare a way for the Lord, make his
paths straight. And all mankind shall see
the salvation of our God.***

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 3:1-12*

In due course John the Baptist appeared;
he preached in the wilderness of Judea
and this was his message: 'Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This
was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of
when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of
camel-hair with a leather belt round his
waist, and his food was locusts and wild
honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and
the whole Jordan district made their way
to him, and as they were baptised by him

in the river Jordan they confessed their
sins. But when he saw a number of Phari-
sees and Sadducees coming for baptism he
said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who
warned you to fly from the retribution that
is coming? But if you are repentant,
produce the appropriate fruit, and do not
presume to tell yourselves, "We have
Abraham for our father," because, I tell
you, God can raise children for Abraham
from these stones. Even now the axe is
laid to the roots of the trees, so that any
tree which fails to produce good fruit will
be cut down and thrown on the fire. I bap-
tise you in water for repentance, but the
one who follows me is more powerful than
I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and
fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he
will clear his threshing-floor and gather his
wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will
burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble
prayers and offerings, and, since we have
no merits to plead our cause, come, we
pray, to our rescue with the protection of
your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Bar 5: 5; 4: 36*

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights, and behold the joy which comes
to you from God.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual
nourishment, we humbly beseech you,
O Lord, that, through our partaking in this
mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely
the things of earth and hold firm to the
things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.