



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

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Ann Hull, Michael Griffin Snr., Titus Fernandes, Mary Malone, Margaret Courname, Annie Phillips, Sadie & Tony Burgess, Mavis Hinton, Tom Fernandes, Cath Kervill, John Flynn, All in Copland Nursing Home, Gerard Perera, Gillian Gibb, Joe Nemeth, Ann Nemeth, Ken Fernandes, Michael Fahey, Marie Rego, Noel Gill, Antonio DiLieto Snr., Alan Woods, David Musgrave, Maria Nellie De Lima.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: James Flavius, Margaret Macdonald, Ann Naughton (Christine Cahillane's mother), Ronald O'Connor.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Spencer Coomarewel, Joseph Wright.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: John Kotikawattage Don, Joel Kotikawattage Don, Orla Gillespie.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY
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PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP
has been sponsored this week for
SPECIAL GUIDANCE

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM
has been sponsored this week
In Memory of
MARGARET NUNN RIP



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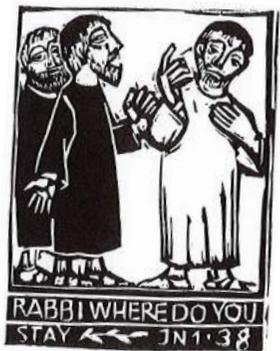
**The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury**



Sunday 14th January 2018
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



Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
The Lord calls Samuel.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20
St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-42
John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"We are more troublesome to ourselves than anyone else is to us"
St. Francis de Sales

Sunday Reflection

In today's gospel passage, we discover that when the two disciples ask Jesus where he is staying or dwelling the question isn't simply about a street address. John uses the same Greek verb (translated as "staying or dwelling") when Jesus at the Last Supper tells his disciples that he "dwells" in the Father and the Father "dwells" in him (John 14: 10–11). We also discover that when Jesus says "Come, and you will see," the essential meaning of "seeing" is the seeing of faith (John 9). Only with that seeing can the disciples know where Jesus truly dwells, with-in the Father.

Thus far there is no life-implication for us beyond appreciation of a narrative about Jesus and his disciples. A life-changing implication occurs only when we realise that Jesus is addressing each of us today in as personal a way as he addressed the two disciples. The gospel is essentially about an encounter with the Risen Lord now, not about historical knowledge, however important, about Jesus. Knowledge cannot enable us to see Jesus in faith—that seeing is a gift of the Spirit.

Because faith means a personal

union of friendship with Christ through his Spirit, life implications will be unique and particular for each person. Nevertheless, from the life of Christ and the lives of the saints, certain patterns emerge that are actualized in the particularity of each person's life. Union with the Risen Lord means to share his relationship with the Father. It means that each of us is able to hear with Christ "You are my beloved" and to say with Christ "Thy will be done."

To be in communion with Christ means to pray, always and everywhere. The second reading of today's Mass (1 Corinthians 7: 32–35) shows us that a disciple's personal union with Christ through his Spirit is the foundation of choices about moral behaviour. Finally, we see that through union with Christ the saints are not defeated by the setbacks of life. Saint Paul speaks for them all when he wrote: "*What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us*" (Rom 8: 35)–37).



Fr John Hemer at our Advent Day of Recollection. Fr John has now kindly provided copies electronically. If you would like to obtain copies, please email Fr Tony and he will send them on to you.

HELPERS AT 9.45AM FAMILY MASS - We are extremely grateful to all who help the children read at the 9.45am Family Mass. We are **urgently looking for new volunteers** to help on a monthly basis. If you might be open to help or would like further information please speak to Marcia Taylor at the 9.45am Family Mass or email bumblebaylor@btinternet.com. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Might you be open to help with the Children's Liturgy at the 9.45am Family Mass? If you might consider joining our team of Catechists/Helpers please contact Una Moran on 07932 620 504. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF JESUS - The Friends of Jesus Programme take place on Fridays from 5.30-6.30pm providing a little Religious Education for children of primary-school age not attending a Catholic school. An information leaflet is available in the porch. .

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 and like to be considered please speak to Fr. Tony .

CALLING BAPTISM PREPARATION CATECHISTS - Might you consider helping to prepare Parents/Carers for the Baptism of their Infants If you are interested or would like further information please speak to Fr. Tony.

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.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED to help with the **CHURCH FLOWERS**. You do not have to be professional just committed to coming to help on Fridays and at major celebrations. If you can help please contact the parish team.

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. PLEASE REMEMBER to book your anniversary Masses early. We are now booked up until July 2018.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING: One raffle prize remain uncollected. If you have a yellow ticket numbered 181-185 please call at the parish office to collect your prize.

ANNUAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES will be held at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 10th February at 2pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. If you will be attending in a wheelchair, please let the parish office know by 28th January 2018.

LOCAL CHARITY urgently needs someone competent with IT skills. Please contact 020 8904 2318.

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

VACANCIES:
ST. RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE: vacancies this term; a post for a new role of Primary Head teacher and a Music Assistant please follow the link: <http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/recruitment>

Latest diocesan vacancies are in the folder in the porch or please go to website.

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

NEWS & VIEWS

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 LEAVE THE PEW NEAT AND TIDY AS YOU DEPART CHURCH TODAY.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 14 January 2018:

Teas and coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 15 January:

Keep Fit 2.30pm

Tuesday 16 January:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

First Holy Communion (Parents/Carers) 7.30pm

Ceilidh/Set dancing 8.45pm

Wednesday 17 January:

Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am

Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 19 January:

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Saturday 20 January:

Recommissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion after 9.30am Mass.

FUNERAL MASS of Margaret Macdonald on Wednesday 24th January at 11.00am followed by burial in Clamp Hill Cemetery. Reception into church the night before at 5.00pm.

FUNERAL Mass of James Flavius on Friday 26th January at 11.00am followed by burial at Alperton Cemetery at 12.30pm.

CLOSURE OF REPOSITORY - The Repository will be closed until further notice for a general stocktake and reappraisal. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Part 2 of the First Holy Communion Programme begins on **Tuesday 16th January**. Please note that the first session is for **Parents & Carers ONLY** so please make the necessary childcare arrangements in good time. Thank you.

ONCE AGAIN—A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU from Mgr Jeremy, Fr Tony and Peter for the huge amount of cards, enclosures and gifts. Your generosity was immense. We cannot thank you enough and it is good for us to know that we are so well supported.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB. Will stay up this year until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on the 2nd February. Do you remember last year the child and the manger disappeared and sadly never to be returned. During the months prior to Christmas a woodcarver and restorer recurred the child and the manger. We are sure that you will agree that he has really done an excellent job!

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - Would you like to help contribute to making your Parish community safer for all? Until the summer of 2018 **free online training** is available through the Diocese. To register your interest please see the poster in the Porch for further details or email: safeguardin-admin@rcdow.org.uk

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. The next baptism preparation evening will be on **Friday 26th January 2018 at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.

THE LIST OF THE SICK has now been renewed. If you know someone who needs to be included please let the office know.

RECOMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: As you know, we ask all of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to be recommissioned for this important service to the parish on an annual basis. The last recommissioning took place during our recent Advent Day of Recollection. If you are an Extraordinary Minister but were unable to attend this event, there will be a further recommissioning at the end of the 9.30am Mass on Saturday 20th January. Please do make every effort to be present.

FR JOHN HEMER: A number of parishioners have enquired about obtaining copies of the talks given by

THIS WEEK BEGINS OUR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY...

The full and visible Christian unity that we long for demands that we let ourselves be transformed and that we conform ever more perfectly to the image of Christ. The unity we pray for requires an inner conversion that is both common and personal. It is not merely a matter of cordiality or cooperation, it is necessary above all to strengthen our faith in God, in the God of Jesus Christ, who spoke to us and made himself one of us. It is necessary to enter into new life in Christ, who is our true and definitive victory; it is necessary to open ourselves to one another, understanding all the elements of unity that God keeps for us and gives us ever anew; it is necessary to be aware of the urgent need to bear witness among the people of our time to the living God, who made himself known in Christ.

Since the birth of the modern ecumenical movement, more than a century ago, there has always been a clear awareness that the lack of unity among Christians is an obstacle to a more effective proclamation of the Gospel, because it endangers our credibility. How can we give a convincing witness if we are divided?

Of course, the fundamental truths of the faith unite us far more than they divide us. Yet the divisions remain, and also concern various practical and ethical issues, giving rise to confusion and diffidence, undermining our ability to transmit the saving word of Christ. In this sense, we should remember the words of Bl. John Paul II who spoke in his Encyclical *Ut Unum Sint* of the damage to Christian witness and to the proclamation of the Gospel that is caused by the lack of unity (cf. nn. 98, 99). This presents an important challenge to the New Evangelization, which will be all the more fruitful when all Christians proclaim together the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and give a common response to the spiritual thirst of our time.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

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 14 Jan	2nd OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (<i>Sat. Vigil</i>)	Fr. Jamie Mannix RIP
8.30am	Ned McCormack RIP
9.45am	Catherine May Turner RIP
11.15am	Joseph Wright RIP and Lorraine Wright RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

Mon 15 Jan	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Joe Desay RIP

Tues 16 Jan	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Ann O'Malley

Weds 17 Jan	<i>S. Anthony, Abbot</i>
9.30am	Necessidade Santana Fernandes RIP

Thur 18 Jan	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Mr & Mrs Joseph (Wedding Anniversary)

Fri 19 Jan	<i>feria</i>
9.30am	Spencer Coomarewel RIP (6th Ann)

Sat 20 Jan	<i>S. Sebastian</i>
9.30am	Joe Fleming RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: *Ps 65: 4*

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down,

and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 39:2,4,7-10*

R/. Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. *R/.*
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. *R/.*
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. *R/.*
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. *R/.*

Second reading; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation: *cf Jn6:68*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you

live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 22: 5*

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.