



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

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**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY**

**Universal:** Say "No" to Corruption That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday in Lent after the 9.30am Mass



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**PRAYER FOR LENT I**  
**O Lord,**  
**The house of my soul is narrow;**  
**enlarge it that you may enter in.**  
**It is ruinous, O repair it!**  
**It displeases Your sight.**  
**I confess it, I know.**  
**But who shall cleanse it,**  
**to whom shall I cry but to you?**  
**Cleanse me from my secret**  
**faults, O Lord,**  
**and spare Your servant from**  
**strange sins.**  
*St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)*

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
has been sponsored this week for a  
*SPECIAL INTENTION*

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF**  
**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**  
has been sponsored this week  
In Memory of  
*KEVIN DURCAN RIP*



Sunday cycle  
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Week 1

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



**Sunday 18th February 2018**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**



HE WAS WITH THE WILD BEASTS IN THE DESERT MK1:13

We die to the world and live to God through the waters of Baptism. We will still be tempted as Christ was in the wilderness, but if we repent and really believe in the Gospel then we have nothing to fear. God is faithful to those who keep their promises to him and we are promised to God through baptism.

**First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15**

God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15**

Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

**SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"What is the essence of the three temptations to which Jesus is subjected? It is the proposal to exploit God, to use him for one's own interests, for one's own glory and for one's own success. And therefore, essentially to put oneself in God's place, removing him from one's own existence and making him seem superfluous".*  
(Pope Benedict XVI)

# Sunday Reflection

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus'

ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfilment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent. In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle

with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.



tion for children of primary-school age not attending a Catholic school. An information leaflet is available in the porch.

**BANKERS' ORDER CARDS:** If you are contributing by Bankers' Order a supply of cards is available for you to use each week to indicate your offering. Should you require them, they are in a box at the back of the church.

**FILM NIGHT:** Our next film night is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, beginning with refreshments at 6.45pm followed by a screening of the film *Lion* at 7.15pm. *Lion* is a moving tale about a young Indian man's attempt to re-trace his roots after being adopted in Australia as a child. "Not only is it an emotionally powerful experience, but *Lion* is the rare movie that can transform your view of the world we live in" (review on the *Rotten Tomatoes* website).

**ST LUKE'S HOSPICE:** Mothering Sunday is on March 11th. There will be a sale in the parish centre after all morning Masses in aid of St. Luke's Hospice and other charities—with flowers, plants, cakes and card stalls and raffle. Please come and support your local hospice.

**CAFOD** would like to recruit a parish volunteer to continue the volunteering work of Margaret Nunn RIP here at St. George's. There is a leaflet in the porch and in the folders outlining the role of a Parish Volunteer. If you are interested please contact one of the parish team.

**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.

**A CALL TO YOUNG ADULTS - Your Bishops Want to Hear From You.** Cardinal Vincent and the auxiliary bishops of the diocese are inviting Catholic young adults, aged 18 to 30, to meet with them to discuss the theme of the next Synod of Bishops - 'Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment'. In particular, they would like to hear about how you see your place in the world, how faith impacts your life and how the Church can best accompany you as you work out God's plan for your life. The Cardinal is hosting two meetings at Archbishop's House in Victoria and the auxiliary bishops are hosting meetings across the diocese. You are invited to attend one of these meetings. They will involve discussion of the synod theme, an opportunity to question your bishops, and light refreshments. Please do consider making your voice heard and playing your part in the shaping the Church's approach to young people in the future. If you would like to attend, please register at <http://dowym.com/events/> where you can find details of all events.

**CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May 2018 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th 10th,

25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**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. PLEASE REMEMBER to book your anniversary Masses early. We are now fully booked up until the middle of August 2018.

**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

**TEACHER TRAINING** information evening at Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School on Thursday 1 March 5-8pm. Please see notice in porch folder or website for details.

**TEASMAID** for sale—as new. Tel: 07930273097.

**SHELTERED HOUSING** - St Scholastica's Retreat - **VACANT Flats Available.** The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £459pcm - more information from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy - 27 The Retreat, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, HP27 0JG (01844) 344437.

**VACANCIES:**  
**ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** require a Clerk to the Governing Body (C/d 19/2)  
**ST. GREGORY'S SCIENCE COLLEGE** require a Site Caretaker and a part time Administrative Assistant. (C/D 2./3).  
**ST. RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE** require: **Support Roles:** Network Manager, Student Welfare Officer. **Teaching roles:** Science, Psychology, Sociology, Business Studies, Economics, Media Studies. Please contact: <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

**Our Lady to Louis, 13 June 1811:**  
"Jesus wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart"

10.00 am	Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany Mass in honour of Our Lady, Celebrant & Preacher: Monsignor Jeremy Fairhead Consecration of the Parish to Our Lady, The Five Joyful Mysteries
12.15 pm	Lunch break (Please bring packed lunch)
1.15 pm	Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament The Five Luminous Mysteries, Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Tony Thomas The Five Sorrowful Mysteries, Silent Adoration, Meditations on the Passion
3.30 pm	Tea break
4.15 pm	Sermon on Our Lady by Monsignor Jeremy Fairhead The Five Glorious Mysteries, Act of Consecration, Benediction Enrolment in the Brown Scapular and Conferment of the Miraculous Medal During the day: Confession and Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament <small>from 4.30pm</small>

**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 18 February 2018:

Teas and coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

### Monday 19 February:

Keep Fit 2.30pm  
Confirmation 7.30pm

### Tuesday 20 February:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm  
First Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Ceilidh/Set dancing 8.45pm

### Wednesday 21 February:

Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm

### Friday 23 February

Teas Coffees after morning Mass  
Art Class 2.00pm  
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm  
Baptism Preparation 7.30pm

### Saturday 24 February:

Day With Mary 10am

**LENT** has now begun! If you have not yet received a **parish Lent leaflet** together with a collecting box for Mary's Meals, please take one from the back of church today.

**DON'T LET LENT PASS YOU BY!** What are you doing? Why not an extra Mass, or making sure you get to Every Sunday Mass and on time? Also there is half an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday – Friday, 9.00-9.30am. There is also a lent

group on Mondays after the Morning Mass, or Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Plenty to choose from!

**THIS FRIDAY** (23 February) Pope Francis has asked to be kept as a Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday in Lent after the 9.30am Mass (at approx. 10.00am).

**LENT SMALL GROUP** - The theme for the Diocesan Lenten Small Groups is "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you." There will be six sessions during Lent taking place here in the Parish Café Bar starting this coming Monday after the 9.30am Mass. For more information please pick up a flyer from the porch. All are welcome

**FUNERAL MASS** of **Janelle Alica Forbes** on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> march at 11.00am followed by burial in Carpenders Park.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday 3rd March at 9.00am in the café/bar. A fry-up, followed by a talk by a new priest of our Diocese - and a former football coach - Fr Damian Ryan. The talk (deferred from the December meeting) will be on what football can teach us about faith. All welcome!

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

**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 23rd February 2018 at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.

**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 [bumbletaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:bumbletaylor@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.

**CONFIRMATION** - Monday's Confirmation Session is on the Purpose of Confirmation. Please ensure candidates **arrive in good time** for the Session that starts at **7.30pm**. Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - Tuesday's session is for **Parents/Carers with their Children**. Please make the necessary arrangements to ensure a Parent/Carer is available to come to provide the children with the support they need as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. Thank you.

**FRIENDS OF JESUS** - The Friends of Jesus Programme take place on Fridays from 5.30-6.30pm providing a little Religious Educa-

## St GEORGE'S CHURCH BELLS

### An update!

Last year there was a wish from many in the parish to hear our bells ringing more frequently. We have two bells cast in bronze from the famous Whitechapel foundry. One is 4 feet in diameter (a tolling bell) and the other is 2 feet in diameter (a consecration bell). Both at present are tolled by a rope hanging into church. After consultation and site visit from John Taylors, the Bell Foundry in Loughborough we have had advice and relevant quotations. The original idea was to automate the two bells whilst allowing them also to be rung by hand. This is clearly possible with the larger bell but would have to be one or the other with the smaller bell. In addition, there would be quite extensive costs for scaffolding and electrical wiring to the smaller bell. The Foundry have suggested that we keep the existing small bell free ringing but purchase in addition a similar bell. This could be placed on the far side of the church and could be automated (in fact this is a cheaper option!).

So what would these automated bells be able to do?

- Timed Angelus tolling each day and weekly pattern;
- Regina Caeli/Easter season alternative to the above;
- Timed pre-Mass Tolling;
- Funeral tolling;
- Variable speed switching;
- Tolling on two bells;
- Variable speed switching on either bells;
- Single blows on one bell;
- Wire free push button to enable tolling to commence and finish.

All this works through the fitting of a magnetic hammer operated via an electric current. The total cost of the project is £6919 (including VAT). The good news is that due to our Christmas celebration last year together with some specific donations we have now raised £5600, making £1319 short of our total. It would be great to have them ringing by Easter. **So any suggestions as to how we can raise that final amount? The new bell could be bought and inscribed in memory of someone?**

## 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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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 18 Feb 6.15pm ( <i>Sat. Vigil</i> )	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Helen Brady RIP and Alice Cullen RIP
8.30am	PRO POPULO
9.45am	Holy Souls
11.15am	Tony Rammelt RIP
5.30pm	Thanksgiving to Parish (from Perera Family)
Mon 19 Feb 9.30am	<i>Lent feria</i> Nora Hunt Intentions
Tues 20 Feb 9.30am	<i>Lent feria</i> Patrick McGee RIP
Weds 21 Feb 9.30am	<i>Lent feria</i> John James Keown RIP
Thur 22 Feb 9.30am	<i>THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER</i> Sean O'Connor Intentions
Fri 23 Feb 9.30am	<i>Lent feria</i> Rachel Glenys Foley RIP
Sat 24 Feb 10.00am-5.00pm	<i>Lent feria</i> <b>A DAY WITH MARY</b>
10.30am approx (Mass)	Vincent Anthony Lucy RIP (5th Ann)

# TODAY'S MASS

## **Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 90: 15-16**

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

## **Collect**

Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances  
of holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ and by  
worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
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 9:8-15**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth.

When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 24:4-6,7-9**

***R/. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.***

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth,  
and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. ***R/.***

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown  
from of old.  
In your love remember me.  
because of your goodness, O Lord. ***R/.***

3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those  
who stray,  
He guides the humble in the  
right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor. ***R/.***

## **Second reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ himself, innocent though he was,  
had died once for sins, died for the

guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation: Mt4:4**

***Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!***

***Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.***

***Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!***

## **Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God.

'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord,  
we pray,  
to make these offerings,  
for with them we celebrate the  
beginning of this venerable  
and sacred time.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **Communion Antiphon: Mt 4: 4**

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Renewed now with heavenly bread,  
by which faith is nourished,  
hope increased,  
and charity strengthened,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that we may learn to hunger  
for Christ,  
the true and living Bread,  
and strive to live by every word  
which proceeds from your mouth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **Prayer over the People**

May bountiful blessing,  
O Lord, we pray,  
come down upon your people,  
that hope may grow in tribulation,  
virtue be strengthened in temptation,  
and eternal redemption be assured.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**