



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

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RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Janelle Forbes.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Keith Kugaswaran, Patrick Marron, Matthew Rammelt.

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 II

O Christ,
before your passion and
death you revealed the resur-
rection to your disciple on
Mount Tabor;
we pray for your Church
which labours amid the cares
and anxieties of this world,
that in its trials it may always
be transfigured by the joy
of your victory. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
In Memory Of
ROBERT KELLY RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week for a
BIRTHDAY INTENTION



**TURN OFF
ALL MOBILE
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Sunday cycle
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Weekday Readings
Lent Week 2

Divine Office
Week 2

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 25th February 2018 THE SECOND 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 TRANSFIGURED
BEFORE THEIR EYES

Christ did not come to explain away suffering. He came to fulfil it. Like Abraham we must be prepared to sacrifice everything to God and thus in turn we find fulfilment. God will refuse us nothing now that Christ, risen from the dead pleads our cause before his Father in heaven.

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"At his Transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendour of his beauty, to which he will shape and colour those who are his: 'He will reform our lowliness configured to the body of his glory.'"

Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274)

Sunday Reflection

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from God the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus

signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.



FILM NIGHT: Our next film night is on Friday 2nd 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).

IS ANYONE GOOD ON A SEWING MACHINE? Our flag of St George has shown some wear and tear and now needs a patch. Speak to Fr Jeremy if you can help.

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 .

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

BLOOD DONORS: The next session at Harrow Baptist Church will be on Tuesday 27th February 9-11.30am & 1-3.55pm.

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.

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. GREGORY'S SCIENCE COLLEGE: Site Caretaker and a part time Administrative Assistant. (C/D 2./3).

ST. RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE: College Chaplain/Parish Youth Worker. **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>

CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL: School Finance and Office Manager.

CLEANER for small community of priests in Ealing.

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

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 25 February 2018:

Teas and coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 26 February:

Keep Fit 2.30pm
Confirmation 7.30pm

Tuesday 27 February:

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

Wednesday 28 February:

Thursday 1 March:
Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

Friday 2 March:

Teas Coffees after morning Mass
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

THANK YOU to those who offered to contribute to our bells. We've reached our target and they should be ringing by Easter.

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!

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 8th 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 **SATURDAY 24th March 2018 at 10.30am** 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. 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.

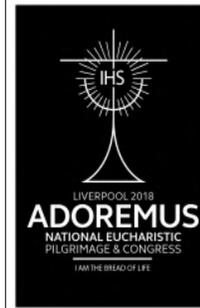
BEST LENT EVER - Best Lent Ever is a free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. To join visit <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS - This weekend is the Confirmation Enrolment Mass where our Confirmation Candidates state their commitment to properly prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in front of the Parish Community. Please join us in praying for our young people as they begin to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May.

CONFIRMATION CHARITY PARISH BREAKFAST - This year our Confirmation Candidates will be serving breakfast in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 18th March from 9am-1pm**. The perfect hangover cure after St. Patrick's day! Please make every effort to join us and help our young people raise as much money as possible for our Lenten Charity, Mary's Meals. Thank you.

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.

TROPIC SKIN CARE—Come and join Tropic Skin Care on **Thursday 1st March between 10am - 2pm** for a morning of pampering at St. George's Café Bar with the opportunity to try a range of products. Perfect inspiration for Mother's Day gifts. Refreshments provided.



National Eucharistic Congress, 'Adoremus' 8th Sept 2018, Liverpool

The Cardinal is inviting our parish to send ten delegates to the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool this year.. Object is to enrich our understanding of the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian life. Open to all: readers, Eucharistic ministers, catechists and catholic teachers would especially benefit by attending. The plan is to travel to Liverpool by fast train. By 10 am we arrive in Echo Arena Liverpool. Keynote speaker is the noted American Catholic evangelist, Bishop Robert Barron. 4.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer and a reflection by Cardinal Vincent. Concludes by 5.00 pm. We travel home by fast train. Please let the parish office know as soon as possible if you are interested in being one of our ten parish delegates. Leave us your contact details so we can get back to you. [It's also possible to book separately to attend the Congress on Friday 7th September – a study day on the Eucharist, and/or on Sunday 9th September – a day of celebration, with Solemn Mass in Liverpool Cathedral, and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of central Liver-

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.

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 25 Feb 6.15pm (<i>Sat. Vigil</i>) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Patrick Marron RIP Catherine Calnan RIP Joe Fernandes RIP Matthew Rammelt RIP PRO POPULO
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Mon 26 Feb 9.30am	<i>Lent feria</i> Mr. & Mrs O'Connor RIP
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Tues 27 Feb 9.30am	<i>Lent feria</i> Michael Griffin Intentions
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Weds 28 Feb 9.30am	<i>Lent feria</i> Keith Kugaswaran RIP
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Thur 1 March 9.30am	<i>S. DAVID Patron of Wales</i> Catherine Calnan RIP
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Fri 2 March 9.30am	<i>Lent feria</i> Birthday Thanksgiving
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Sat 3 March 9.30am	<i>Lent feria</i> Mary McCann RIP
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TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10,15-19

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. *R/.*

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name. *R/.*

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. *R/.*

Second reading: Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When

God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 17:5

Praise to you, O Christ King of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

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Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in
body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal
festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things
of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire
and at last attain
that glory whose beauty he showed
in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

