

DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY

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

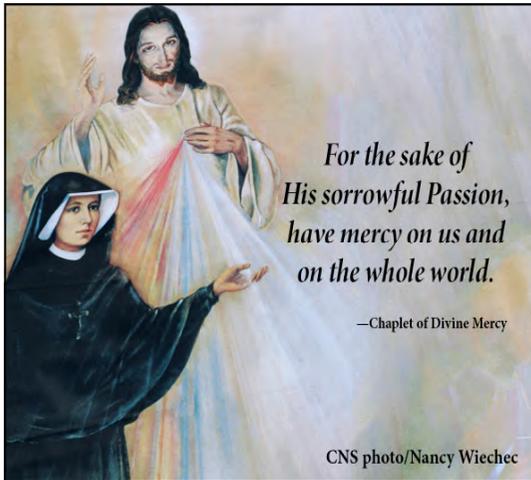
**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Ann Hull, Michael Griffin Snr., Titus Fernandes, Mary Malone, Margaret Cournane, Annie Phillips, Sadie & Tony Burgess, Mavis Hinton, Tom Fernandes, Cath Kevill, John Flynn, All in Copland Nursing Home, Gerard Perera, Gillian Gibb, Joe Nemeth, Ann Nemeth, Ken Fernandes, Michael Fahey, Marie Rego, Alan Woods, David Musgrave, Maria Nellie De Lima, Aaran T., Mrs Evans, Andrea Mensitieri.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:**

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Delroy Anderson

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Mary Kiernan, Leo Barco, Olga Barco, Gerard Burton, George Hillier (2nd Ann), Peter McGauran.

**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL:** For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



### PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Eternal Father,  
I offer you the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity,  
of Your Dearly Beloved Son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the whole world.

*For the sake of His sorrowful  
Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole  
world.*

Conclude with (Say 3 Times):  
Holy God,  
Holy Mighty One,  
Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy on us  
and on the whole world.

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week  
IN THANKSGIVING

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

has been sponsored this week  
For PRIVATE INTENTIONS



**SWITCH** off your phone  
and **SWITCH ON** your heart  
and mind to the Lord.

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of St George, Sudbury



## Sunday 8th April 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



PUT YOUR HAND INTO  
MY SIDE JN 20:27

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples

also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

#### First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

#### Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Those who love God keep his commandments.

#### Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears."*

St. John Paul II

# Sunday Reflection

The Resurrection of Jesus transformed the world in ways that we will never fully comprehend. It was an act of pure and unconditional love of God for us, in which God embraced us and became one of us, suffered and died for our sake, and rose so that we too can share eternal life. Before the Resurrection the most devout lived in hope that the Messiah would come and free them from earthly oppression and bondage, but after the resurrection came the realization by the apostles, disciples and those who came to believe in Jesus that Jesus is the Messiah who gave us so much more; more than was ever imagined. Jesus, through his death and resurrection, gives us complete forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal life. The Apostles themselves did not understand who Jesus truly was until after the resurrection. In the Gospel account of the Transfiguration Jesus instructed Peter, James and John not to tell anyone until he had “risen from the dead” and we are told that they did not know what he meant. After the resurrection they began to understand the meaning of the experience on the mountain with Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Faith in Jesus brings us into the reality that for the faithful “life does not end, it merely changes.”

The resurrection of Jesus and how it changed the world was not easy to accept at first. The Gospel describes the disciples on that first Easter locked in the upper room in fear, as if in a tomb. Jesus enters the room despite the locked doors and stands in their midst. He greets them with words of peace and it seems that they are overwhelmed by

his presence. When the absent Thomas arrives afterwards, they can't wait to tell him that Jesus is truly risen and that he had visited them in this upper room. We are all too familiar with response that resulted with Thomas being forever known as “doubting Thomas.” A week later they are still in the upper room and the doors are still locked. This room has truly become their tomb. They are still in fear and afraid to go out even after the experience of seeing the Risen Lord.



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Jesus appears again and takes Thomas on the words he spoke to the rest of the disciples a week earlier, and invites him to put his hands in the wounds. Thomas has seen enough and he then makes a profession of faith. The disciples experienced the reality of the love and mercy of our Risen Lord, and were able to leave fear behind and venture out of the upper room.

During the Easter Season we are called to leave fear behind and to allow the love of our Risen Lord more deeply in our lives. The Risen Lord loves us and there is no reason for us to lock ourselves in our own tombs of fear. This Sunday is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday so as to reinforce the reality of the depth of God's love for us. A love that is far greater than any fault, failing or sin that we have. His mercy is His gift to us and he is just waiting for us to accept this gift, to unwrap it and allow it to fill us with his mercy, love and peace. During Easter let us welcome the Lord and allow him to away our fears and fill us with his peace. May we continue to joyously proclaim, “Alleluia!” as a response to the gift of God's mercy and love.

Above all a big thank you for your generosity which helps us to budget & make this parish run smoothly.

**SPANISH LESSONS** for children aged 3-7yrs will be starting soon at St. Georges. There will be a free taster session on Saturday 21st April in the Youth Centre from 10am-11.00am. Please telephone Judy or Margarita on 07704174609 to book you place.

**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). Couples with young families are most welcome to bring the children along. The Cathedral is wheelchair friendly. Please have your applications in by **Wednesday 11th April**.

**ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE**—Please see thank you letter to St. George's parishioners on the noticeboard in the church porch.

**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.

**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 middle of September 2018.

**WHITE/YELLOW FOLDER INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING:** (See in church porch)  
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics. Healing weekend 20/22 April. See folder in porch for details.  
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.  
MARRIAGE/ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** 8<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Pilgrimage to The Holy Land from 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 led by Bishop John Wilson. Please see folder for details.

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** The National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sunday 22 April 10.30-5.00pm.. Please see folder.

**ST. SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT** provides Sheltered Housing for Catholics aged 60 or over with limited means. See notice in porch book for details.

**EUCHARISTIC RETREAT** at St. Patrick's, Soho Square, 7-10th April with reflections by Fr. Sean Davidson of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist. Relics of St. Mary Magdalene will be present in the church. See poster in porch folders.

**THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL** is running a four-week internship programme in June/July 2018 focusing on Mathematics and Physics. Please see folder in porch and website for more details.

**VACANCIES:**  
ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL require: RE Teacher X 2 (c/d 23/4).  
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS School require: College Chaplain/Youth Worker (c/d 13/4); Subject Lead in Physics (c/d 13/4). Primary Class Teacher (c/d 20/4), Exams Invigilators (C/D 22/4).  
CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL require temp/p.time Examination Invigilator.

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 information.

# 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 8 April:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass

### Monday 9 April:

### Tuesday 10 April:

Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm

### Thursday 12 April:

Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am

**THE PARISH TEAM** wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter and thank everyone for gifts and cards. It means a lot and is much appreciated.

**MARY'S MEALS COLLECTING BOXES** should be returned as soon as possible. Our collection so far is £1,402.82. thanks to all who have done so.

**FUNERAL LITURGY of Delroy Anderson** on Thursday 12th April at 12 noon followed by burial at Mortlake Cemetery.

**CLOSURE OF REPOSITORY**—Repository will be closed until further notice. We are working hard now for a grand reopening soon. Watch this space!

**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 27th April** at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

**FRIENDS OF JESUS** - The Friends of Jesus Programme takes 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.

**THE TUCK SHOP** will be open again from this Sunday.

**OVER 60'S GROUP** will be back on Tuesday 17th April at 1pm.

**FRIENDS OF JESUS** will be back on Friday 27th April at 5.30pm.

**HELPING AT THE 5.30PM MASS** - We are urgently seeking volunteers to help at the 5.30pm Mass with **Welcoming, Reading & as Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** Please make yourself known to Mgr. Jeremy, Fr. Tony or email Peter at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk if you would be open to serve your community in any of these ways. Thank you!

**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 .

**GROWING IN FAITH:** St George's Contribution to GIF after five years now comes very soon to an end. Of the money raised 19% has gone to the diocesan Caritas Projects, 38% for sick and retired clergy, 17% for priests Training, 2% for Post-Ordination training and 24% towards the parish and our project. As many will know a substantial sum was given over to setting up and paying for a youth worker which for a number of good reasons failed to take off. It is now intended to spend the remaining residue on completing the restoration of the youth club roof and floor to make sure it is a fitting building for activities in the future.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO GIVE EACH WEEK!** OUR **NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** are being distributed this weekend after all Masses. If you are already in our planned giving scheme and using your envelopes your new box will be available. **Please check that the name and address are correct as we have many parishioners with the same or similar surname.** At the back of the Church this weekend you will find a bright yellow A5 form. Please complete with name/address etc., and return it to the Parish Office - if the following options apply:

1. You wish to register for Planned Giving envelopes for the first time.
2. You wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to Bankers' Order.
3. You wish to contribute by Bankers' Order for the first time.
4. You wish to Gift Aid your contribution.
5. You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.
6. You have a Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax.

**It is the responsibility of anyone who has a Gift Aid and contributes by planned giving envelope or bankers' order to inform us if they are no longer paying tax.**

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: ONE SUNDAY WITH MANY TITLES.....

'**Low Sunday**', is a traditional name in English and is perhaps given this name because of the contrast with the high festival of Easter on the preceding Sunday,<sup>[2]</sup> or the word "Low" may be a corruption of Latin *Laudes*, the first word of a sequence in use in the Sarum Rite (The pre-reformation rite of Mass).

'**Quasimodo Sunday**' is another name from the first words of the introit (Entrance antiphon) in Latin. — "*Quasi modo geniti infantes*, (cf. 1 Peter 2: 2) *rationabile, sine dolo lac concupiscite*", — [*"Like (Quasimodo) newborn babes (infantes), long for the pure spiritual milk, ....that by it you may grow up to salvation; for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord."*]. These words are used by the Church with special reference to the newly baptized (neophytes), as well as in general allusion to humanity's renewal through the Resurrection.

'**Dominica in albis depositis**' or "*Sunday in which the white clothes are put away*" is another name derived from the fact that on it those who had been baptized on Easter Eve for the first time laid aside their white baptismal robes.

'**Divine Mercy Sunday**' is the culmination of the novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus, a devotion mystically given to St. Faustina (Maria Faustina Kowalska), and is based upon an entry in her diary stating that anyone who participates in the Mass and receive the sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist on this day is assured by Jesus of full remission of their sins and punishments. The devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II, who canonized St. Faustina and designated the Sunday after Easter as the Sunday of the Divine in the General Roman Calendar. Pope John Paul II, who died in April 2005 on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1 May 2011, by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI. and was canonized, with Pope John XXIII on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April 2014, by Pope Francis.

'**Saint Thomas Sunday**' is a name in the Eastern Orthodox Church as the Gospel reading is always John 20:19-29, relating the appearance of Christ to his disciples, with Thomas the Apostle present, on the Sunday following his resurrection.

## 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.

<i>Sunday 8 April</i>	<b>EASTER II</b>
6.15pm ( <i>Vigil</i> )	Margaret Nunn RIP
8.30am	Peter McGauran RIP
9.45am	Mary Kiernan RIP
11.15am	George Hillier RIP (2nd Ann)
5.30pm	PRO POPULO
Mon 9 April	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION</b>
9.30am	Margaret Nunn RIP
Tues 10 April	<b>Easter feria</b>
9.30am	Leo & Olga Barco RIP
Weds 11 April	<b>St. Stanislaus</b>
9.30am	Melinda Peter RIP
Thur 12 April	<b>Easter feria</b>
9.30am	Olga & Leo Barco RIP
12noon	FUNERAL LITURGY Delroy Anderson RIP
Fri 13 April	<b>Easter feria</b>
9.30am	Sheilah Newbert RIP
Sat 14 April	<b>Easter feria</b>
9.30am	Peter O'Loughlin RIP

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: 1 Pt 2: 2

Like new-born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## Collect

God of everlasting mercy,  
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
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: Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 117

*R/. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' *R/.*

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. *R/.*

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. *R/.*

## Second reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father  
that begot him

loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children  
if we love God himself and do what he has  
commanded us;

this is what loving God is –  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been  
begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world –  
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus  
is the Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came  
by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness –  
since the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel Acclamation: Jn 20:29

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus said: 'You believe because  
you can see me.'*

*Happy are those who have not seen  
and yet believe.'*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again

and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the oblations of your people  
and of those you have brought  
to new birth,  
that, renewed by confession of your  
name and by Baptism,  
they may attain unending happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place  
of the nails, and do not be unbelieving  
but believing, alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that our reception of this  
paschal Sacrament  
may have a continuing effect  
in our minds and hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord.