



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.

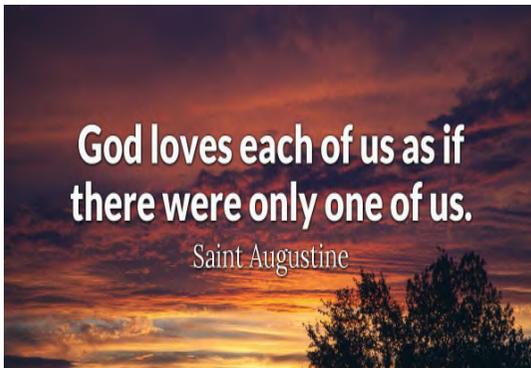
RECENTLY BAPTISED: Adrian Kowalczyk.

RECENTLY MARRIED: Adam Otulakowski and Rachelle Regan

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Delroy Anderson, Leonard Rego.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Robert Longuet (3rd Ann), Gerard Burton, Tony Leathers (20th Ann), Claire Curran (née Kelly).

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.



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PRAYER FOR EASTER III

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

SANCTUARY LAMP
has been sponsored this week
FOR PRIVATE INTENTIONS

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
has been sponsored this week
IN MEMORY OF
TONY LEATHERS RIP
(20TH ANNIVERSARY)

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

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



Sunday 15th April 2018 THIRD 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



Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion.

Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19
Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a
Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48
Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered."
(Pope Benedict XVI, *Benedictus*, 128)

Sunday Reflection

In the weeks following Easter the Church always reviews the story of its early growth, which is recorded implicitly in any number of New Testament books but most purposefully and clearly in the Acts of the Apostles. Starting with the first days after the resurrection and ascension of Christ the Acts recount how Christianity first rooted itself among the Jewish followers of our Lord who continued to worship near the Temple, praying and praising the risen Jesus as their saviour (Acts 2:42-47).

Two trends then emerge in Acts, reflecting the course of early Christianity, in which the faith attracted both further Jewish converts and many new gentile (pagan) adherents; today's first reading shows Saint Peter speaking to a crowd of his fellow Jews asking them to see that Jesus was the long-awaited messiah who fulfilled the promises made to the great patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Peter next urges them to turn to Jesus even if they had rejected him before—as Peter

himself had—and find newness of life in him: “Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away” (Acts 3:19).

This reminds us all that every person has the possibility for a new beginning in Christ, something we especially understand and rejoice in during the Easter season, filled as it

is with rich imagery of resurrection and new life. Once we begin our life with Christ in a conscious and committed manner we are sustained by the grace of God which comes to us in a particular way through the sacraments of the Church, seen in special

focus during the Easter season as many young children receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion, as Catholic young adults receive the sacrament of Confirmation, and as the traditional season for weddings and ordinations opens. Strengthened through all these beautiful moments of grace, we resolve not to part from the one who has brought redemption and meaning to us.



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 again this weekend after all Masses as there are still many uncollected boxes. 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.

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 Yudy or Margarita on 07704174609 to book your child's place.

HELPING AT LOURDES WITH HCPT - One of our Parishioners, Holly Shields, recently went as a helper to Lourdes with HCPT. Holly needs to raise £300 for HCPT to contribute to the expenses of this pilgrimage. Holly will be collecting after the Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generous support.

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS (CONFIRMATION PARISH BREAKFAST) If you won a prize at the raffle at the Confirmation

Parish Breakfast please ensure you pick up your prize from the Parish by the end of this week latest. Thank 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 end 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.wvme.org.uk

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: 8th Diocesan Pilgrimage to The Holy Land from 21st to 29th 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 14-18 May. 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.

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:

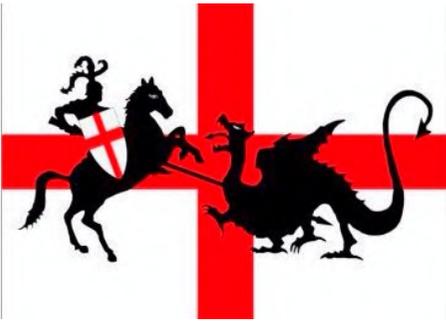
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS School require: Primary Class Teacher (c/d 20/4), Exams Invigilators (C/D 22/4).

CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL require temp/part-time Examination Invigilator.

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

NEWS & VIEWS

St GEORGE'S DAY 2018



We'll be anticipating our Patronal Feast on **Sunday 22nd April at the 11.15am with a Festal Solemn Mass and then on the day proper, Monday 23rd April, with Mass at 9.30am** (there will be also Mass in St George's School)

HAPPY ST. GEORGE'S DAY

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 15 April:
Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses
Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass

Monday 16 April:
Confirmation 7.30pm

Tuesday 17 April:
Over 60's Group 1.00pm
First Holy Communion 7.30pm
FHC Catechist Meeting 8.30pm
Set Dancing 8.45pm

Wednesday 18 April:

Thursday 19 April:
Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm

Friday 20 April:
Teas after morning Mass
Art Class 2.00pm

NEXT SUNDAY is Good Shepherd Sunday when we hear the Gospel of Jesus the Good Shepherd. It is traditionally a Sunday when we pray, think and support vocations to the

Priesthood. Next Sunday we welcome a Seminarian from our Diocesan Seminary, Allen Hall, Jakub Jozsko, who will be talking about Vocations at all Masses. There will also be our annual second collection for our support to all those in training now and in the future for the Priesthood.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The next session for **children only** is taking place in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 17th April at 7.30pm**

CONFIRMATION - We are delighted that the **Westminster Youth Ministry Team** are coming to facilitate the session for our Confirmation Candidates this coming **Monday 16th April at 7.30pm**. Thank you for keeping the candidates in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive this Sacrament in May.

FRIENDS OF JESUS: The Friends of Jesus Programme provides a little Religious Education to children of Primary-School age who are not attending a Catholic School. An Information Leaflet is available in the Porch. Please note that the first session post-Easter is taking place on **Friday 27th April at 5.30pm**. A list of summer dates is on the board in the Parish Centre.

ALTAR SERVERS: Those Altar Servers who have not yet completed an **Altar Servers Form**, providing **Full Contact Details (and Parental Consent for those under 16)**, must pick up a letter marked for their attention from the Sacristy this weekend. Unfortunately, those servers who do not complete this Form will not be included on the new rota which is currently being prepared and will not be able to serve in the future until this form has been completed. This is in line with **Diocesan Safeguarding Policy**. Thank you for your understanding and collaboration.

LET IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO MY WORD: 'Let It Be Done To Me...' is a five-part programme about how Mary helps us to be filled with God. Each week a video presentation will be followed by opportunities for discussion, further study and prayer. The course will run on Wednesday mornings (10.15am) and again on Wednesday evenings (7.00pm) during May (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th). Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to attend.

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

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Might you be open to serve the Parish as an Extra-Ordinary

ORDINATION OF ANTONIO PINEDA on Saturday 28th July at 12 noon

Principal Celebrant:
Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster
FIRST MASS - Sunday 29th July at 11.15am all at St George's

It is a great joy that one of our parishioners, Antonio will be ordained in our parish this Summer. Antonio has not been much around these last six years as he has spent most of them at the English College at Rome in his training for the Priesthood. Beforehand he was a Confirmation catechist in the parish. Nevertheless he has not been forgotten whatsoever and we are now preparing to welcome him for his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. This is a huge privilege for us and to welcome our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

The end of July is never an easy time in the parish as many organisations have broken up for the Summer holidays, and others have already gone away but we will be putting on the "very best we can" for Antonio and really supporting him with our efforts and prayers on this weekend. In the next few months we'll be asking for loads of help in all sorts of areas: organising, stewarding, serving, catering, clearing and anything else.

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 15 April</i> 6.15pm (<i>Vigil</i>)	EASTER III Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP Hermosinda Toucedo RIP PRO POPULO Manuel Cabral RIP Gerard Burton RIP Mauro Cirillo RIP
8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	
Mon 16 April 9.30am	Easter feria Peter O'Loughlin
Tues 17 April 9.30am	Easter feria Margaret Nunn RIP
Weds 18 April 9.30am	Easter feria Holy Souls
Thur 19 April 9.30am	S. Alphege Margaret Nunn RIP
Fri 20 April 9.30am	Easter feria Robert Longuet RIP (3rd Ann)
Sat 21 April 9.30am	Easter feria Mary Grogan RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that,
rejoicing now in the restored glory of our
adoption, we may look forward in
confident hope to the rejoicing of the day
of resurrection. 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 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2,4,7,9

**R/. Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord.**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! **R/.**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R/.**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. **R/.**
4. I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety. **R/.**

Second reading: 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes
our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,

is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he
has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to
God.**

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us
as you talk to us.**
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what
had happened on the road and how
they had recognised him at the breaking
of bread.

They were still talking about all this
when he himself stood among them and
said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a
state of alarm and fright, they thought
they were seeing a ghost. But he said,
'Why are you so agitated, and why are
these doubts rising in your hearts? Look
at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed.
Touch me and see for yourselves; a
ghost has no flesh and bones as you can
see I have.' And as he said this he
showed them his hands and feet. Their
joy was so great that they still could not
believe it, and they stood there
dumbfounded; so he said to them,
'Have you anything here to eat?' And
they offered him a piece of grilled fish,
which he took and ate before their eyes.
Then he told them, 'This is what I meant
when I said, while I was still with you,

that everything written about me in the
Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in
the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then
opened their minds to understand the
scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you
see how it is written that the Christ
would suffer and on the third day rise
from the dead, and that, in his name,
repentance for the forgiveness of sins
would be preached to all the nations,
beginning from Jerusalem. You are
witnesses to this.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for
such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Lk 24: 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people,
O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew
by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory
of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.