



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

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**RECENTLY MARRIED:**

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Mick Sheehan.

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**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 ST GEORGE'S DAY**  
**O GOD, who didst grant to Saint George strength and constancy in the various torments which he sustained for our holy faith; we beseech Thee to preserve, through St. George's intercession, our faith from wavering and doubt, so that we may serve Thee with a sincere heart faithfully unto death. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
has been sponsored this week  
IN MEMORY OF  
GEORGE HITCHINS RIP

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**  
has been sponsored this week  
IN MEMORY OF  
THOMAS MAGUIRE RIP  
(34TH ANN)

 **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 22nd April 2018 FOURTH 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



The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12**  
Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2**  
God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

**Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18**  
Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

*I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way.*  
St. Jerome

# Sunday Reflection

'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me.' Jesus gives us this wonderful image in today's gospel. A lamb picks out the voice of its mother from all the voices in the flock. The attachment of the lamb to the mother is so strong that it is able to distinguish between noises that we could not distinguish. Sheep also learn to recognise the voice of the Shepherd, 'the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.'

Jesus is telling us that the love between himself and his followers is based upon complete trust; just the sound of his voice is enough to show us the way. In a baby, hearing develops before sight. Voices are more primitive than faces. Jesus, the Word of God, has spoken amongst us, and before we come to look on the face of God his voice sounds in our ears.

Jesus's image of the sheep and the shepherd is far from the peaceful image we can have of the English countryside (at least, we city dwellers!). The landscape Jesus calls to mind is not that of a peaceful pastoral scene, but the violent, unsafe landscape of his own time, when the shepherd and his sheep would have been under constant threat from thieves and wild animals. The shepherd is constantly watchful of his flock and knows that the flock's safety depends upon the strength of their bond with him. If the sheep fail to recognise his voice, they will wander off to almost certain doom. It is this troubled scene that Jesus calls to mind with the image of the good shepherd. Jesus is the good shepherd, who calls out to us in the midst of life's troubles and uncertainties. He is entering into greater and greater danger and he calls on his disciples to follow him, such that when the violence and conflict increase they are united to him and to one another. This unity is not just an earthly belonging together, but is founded

upon the unity of the Holy Trinity. When Jesus tells his disciples that he and the Father are one, he is telling them that the community he is calling them into, the community of the Church, is not just an earthly institution.

As we journey through the confusions and the dangers of life, Jesus calls to us like the shepherd calling to his sheep. We tend to think of sheep as passive creatures, we criticise people for acting like sheep, but the sheep that Jesus is talking about are far from passive. Just to survive a sheep needs to be constantly aware, listening for the voice of the shepherd. And they can only do this successfully as part of a flock.



A sheep needs to be alert, listening for the voice of the shepherd, not straying from the flock. The message that we often hear today is that you need to be independent, able to stand on your own two feet, making your own way through the troubles of life. This message can only gain hold in a society where a significant number of people have financial independence,

and where the dangers around them can be held at bay by increasingly expensive security arrangements. The reality of life for most people in this world is that you cannot survive on your own, you need the help and support of other people and you need the help of God.

When we follow Jesus in his Church, we are far from being passive and unthinking sheep; we are actively following his voice and opening our lives to the love of God and the love of our brother and sisters in the Church. This is what gives us the courage to be bold in the midst of life's dangers, to live full lives, not constantly looking over our shoulders for the next threat. It is what enables us to be truly who we are. As we place our trust in him we learn our true dignity as sons and daughters of God, the dignity that enables us to grow to the maturity of the children of God.

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 .

**FILM NIGHT—THE SCARLET AND THE BLACK:** Our next film night will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May when we will be showing 'The Scarlet and the Black'. Gregory Peck plays Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, a real-life cleric who, during WWII, rescued thousands of escaped POWs from the Gestapo. A review on the Rotten Tomatoes website described the film as an 'Outstanding story of moral courage and redemption'. We will begin with refreshments at 6.45pm and the film will start at 7.15pm prompt. The screening will finish at approximately 9.45pm. All welcome!

**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!** Some planned giving envelopes still remain unclaimed. If you are already in our planned giving scheme and have not collected your new box please look for it in the boxes at the back of the church. If you ordered a new box over the last 2/3 weeks they will also be at the back of the church. **Please check that the name and address are correct as we have many parishioners with the same or similar surname.** You will also find a bright yellow A5 form. Please complete with name/address etc., and return it to the Parish Office - if you wish to be part of our planned giving scheme.

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

**THANK YOU** for your very generous support last weekend. Holly Shield's HCPT collection has raised £854.10. This not only helps her but other young people to go as helpers.

**MINIBUS ESCORTS:** In order to maintain this important parish service we urgently need more volunteer escorts to help bring the elderly and housebound to 11.15am Mass each Sunday. When we have enough escorts it is an occasional duty but at the moment we only have one regular escort. Please can you help? If you are interested and want to find out more please contact.....

**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 RE-MEMBER to book your anniversary Masses early. We are now fully booked up until end of September 2018.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend is taking place this weekend in Swindon. Please pray for the 3 couples and priest presenting and for the couples experiencing the weekend.

**MASS FOR MIGRANTS** on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May at 11am at St. George's Cathedral, London, SE1. Please see poster in porch.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP** in Aldham Essex from 21st July-4th August for boys and 4th-11th August for girls. Please see notice in porch folder. Copy of booking form available from parish office.

**SUDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE** St. George's Day celebration with lunch followed by Rah Rah Theatre group. April 23rd from 12.15-3.30pm. Only £10 per person. Telephone 020 8908 1220 to book.

**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  
**VOCATIONS WEEKEND** for young women 25-27th May.  
**UK —ROSARY ON THE COAST**—Sunday 29th April. Coach from Westminster Cathedral to Canterbury/Ramsgate. Please see full details in porch folder.

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** 14-18 May. Please see folder

**VACANCIES:**  
**ST. GEORGE'S` CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** requires "As and When" School Meal Supervisor Assistants. (C/d 4 May)

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES:** See folder in porch or website.

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

# NEWS & VIEWS

## St GEORGE'S DAY 2018



We'll be anticipating our Patronal Feast **THIS 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 22 April:**  
Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses  
Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass

**Monday 23 April:**  
Confirmation Reconciliation 7.30pm

**Tuesday 24 April:**  
Over 60's Group 1.00pm  
First Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Set Dancing 8.45pm

**Wednesday 25 April:**  
**Thursday 26 April:**  
Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

**Friday 27 April:**  
Teas after morning Mass  
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm  
Baptism Preparation 7.30pm

**THIS 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. We welcome, this weekend, a Seminarian from our Diocesan Seminary, Allen Hall, **Jakub Jozsko**, who will be talking about Vocations at all Masses. This weekend we will have our annual second collection for our support to all those in training now and in the future for the Priesthood. Dona-

tion envelopes are available in the benches and at the back of the church. **DON'T FORGET** to gift aid your contribution if you are a standard taxpayer.

**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:** This week's session, for **Parents/Carers only**, is taking place in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 24th April at 7.30pm**. Please ensure you make the necessary childcare arrangements in good time. Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION:** The **Confirmation Reconciliation Service** is taken place in the Church on **Monday 23rd April at 7.30pm**. **Candidates** are welcome to invite their Parents/Carers and Sponsors if they would like them to be present to provide a little moral support. The **Confirmation Retreat Day** is taking place at SPEC (Pinner) on **Saturday 28th April**. Candidates are reminded that the Retreat Day is **compulsory** and that they should make their own way to SPEC arriving by **9.45am latest**.

**FRIENDS OF JESUS:** The Friends of Jesus Programme takes place on Fridays from 5.30-6.30pm providing 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.

**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 let us know if you might consider serving your community through one of these ministries. Thank you.

**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 week-end. 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 YOUR 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>). Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to attend.

**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

## WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS ABOUT LISTENING TO GOD IN DISCERNING A VOCATION

The Lord's call – let it be said at the outset – is not as clear-cut as any of those things we can hear, see or touch in our daily experience. God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.

We need, then, to learn how to listen carefully to his word and the story of his life, but also to be attentive to the details of our own daily lives, in order to learn how to view things with the eyes of faith, and to keep ourselves open to the surprises of the Spirit.

We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things, in the apathy of those who fritter away their lives in their own little world. We would lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us.

Jesus too, was called and sent. That is why he needed to recollect himself in silence. He listened to and read the word in the synagogue, and with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit he revealed its full meaning, with reference to his own person and the history of the people of Israel.

Nowadays listening is becoming more and more difficult, immersed as we are in a society full of noise, overstimulated and bombarded by information. The outer noise that sometimes prevails in our cities and our neighbourhoods is often accompanied by our interior dispersion and confusion. This prevents us from pausing and enjoying the taste of contemplation, reflecting serenely on the events of our lives, going about our work with confidence in God's loving plan, and making a fruitful discernment.

Yet, as we know, the kingdom of God comes quietly and unobtrusively (cf. Lk 17:21), and we can only gather its seeds when, like the prophet Elijah, we enter into the depths of our soul and are open to the imperceptible whisper of the divine breeze (cf. 1 Kg 19:11-13).

## 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 22 April</i> 6.15pm (Vigil)	<b>EASTER IV</b> Bridget Berry RIP
8.3-am	Jim Quinn RIP
9.45am	Maurice Willis RIP
11.15am <b>St George</b>	Edward & Margaret McEvoy RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO
Mon 23 April 9.30am	<b>ST. GEORGE, PATRON</b> Jimmy Duggan RIP
Tues 24 April 9.30am	<b>Ss. Erkenwald &amp; Mellitus</b> Tony Rammelt RIP
Weds 25 April 9.30am	<b>S. MARK</b> Mary Frances Snyders RIP
Thur 26 April 9.30am	<b>Easter feria</b> Mary Grogan RIP RIP
Fri 27 April 9.30am	<b>Easter feria</b> Margaret Nunn RIP
Sat 28 April 9.30am	<b>S. Louis de Montfort</b> Ann RIP

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## First reading: Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

**R/. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

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

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R/.**

2. I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R/.**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

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

## Second reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,

by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation: Jn10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away

as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that we may always find delight

in these paschal mysteries,

so that the renewal constantly

at work within us

may be the cause of our unending joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,

who laid down his life for his sheep

and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,

and be pleased to settle in

eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever

and ever.