



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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEK-END 28-29 April and for all participants.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Andrea Mensitieri.

ANNIVERARIES OF THE DEPARTED: James Tierney.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY: Evangelization—The Mission of Laity
That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that

THE DEVIL IS AFRAID OF US WHEN WE PRAY AND MAKE SACRIFICES

HE IS ALSO AFRAID WHEN WE ARE HUMBLE AND GOOD

HE IS ESPECIALLY AFRAID WHEN WE LOVE JESUS VERY MUCH

HE RUNS AWAY WHEN WE MAKE THE **SIGN OF THE CROSS**

- ST. ANTHONY OF EGYPT -

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PRAYER FOR EASTER V

I am the holy vine, which God my Father tends.
Each branch that yields no fruit my Father cuts away.
Each fruitful branch he prunes with care To make it yield abundant fruit.
If you abide in me, I will in you abide.
Each branch to yield its fruit must with the vine be one.
So you shall fail to yield your fruit If you are not with me one vine.
I am the fruitful vine, and you my branches are.
If you abide in me, I will in you abide.
So shall you yield much fruit,
But none if you remain apart from me.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
FOR PRIVATE INTENTIONS

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHAM

has been sponsored this week
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
ALAN McDONNELL



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



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Easter V

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Sunday 29th April 2018 FIFTH 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



JN 15:5

Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Saint Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

"You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."

St. Therese of Lisieux

Jesus teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the

Sunday Reflection

Why does Jesus speak of himself as the true vine? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as “the vineyard of the Lord” and the prophet Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel “as his choice vine”. While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah’s prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which “yielded wild grapes” whilst Jeremiah said that Israel had become a “degenerate and wild vine”. When Jesus calls himself the true vine he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true “vineyard of the Lord”.

Jesus offers true life – the abundant life which comes from



God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vinedresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches – those which bear fruit and those which don’t. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to

serve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him – the fruit of “righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17).

Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us.

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 (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th). 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 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 4th 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!

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 the parish team.

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.

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.

THANK YOU to Pam Corkery who has polished the church floor alone and together with her husband for a number of years. Pam feels it's time to hand over to someone else so, firstly, THANK YOU PAM! But we no need someone or someones to take over this task. It requires a couple or even someone individually taking on this responsibility of once a month—or even less to keep the floor clean and shiny. We really all appreciate - it so could this be you? Speak to one of the parish clergy if you think 'yes'.

SUDSBURY TOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (STRA). Please join THE GREAT PLASTIC PICK UP, a national campaign, on Sunday 13th May from 10am-1pm at Butler’s Green and take hands-on action to tackle the plastic problem and stand up for our environment. Please see noticeboards in the church and parish centre for more information..

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.

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.

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 29 April:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass

Monday 30 April:

Confirmation 7.30pm
Keep Fit 2.30pm

Tuesday 1 May:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm
First Holy Communion Rehearsal (Church) **6.30pm**
Set Dancing 8.45pm

Wednesday 2 May:

"Let it be me" 10.15am
Ladies' Social Guild 2.00pm
First Holy Communion Rehearsal (Church) **6.30pm**
"Let it be me" 7.00pm

Thursday 3 May:

Church Cleaning Group B 10.30am

Friday 4 May:

Teas after morning Mass
Art Class 2.00pm
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm
Film Night (7.15 sharp) Doors open at 6.45pm

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Priest Training Fund last weekend. Our total so far is £1,376.04. It's still not too late to donate as envelopes are still available in church or you can donate online or through the Diocese's website. DON'T FORGET to gift aid your contribution if you are a standard taxpayer.

ACENSION DAY 2018 this year falls on its proper day THURSDAY 10 MAY. We'll be having a Mass in School but also masses here in church at 9.30am and 8.00pm. This is a **Day of OBLIGATION** which means we should treat it as any other Sunday and come to Mass accordingly.

LOOKING AHEAD

OUR FORTY HOURS DEVOTION before the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the feast of Corpus Christi. This begins on THURSDAY 31st MAY at 9.30am

and last until SATURDAY 2nd JUNE at 9.30am. Lists for watching and prayer will be available soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PENTECOST SUNDAY	20 May
TRINITY SUNDAY	27 May
COPUS CHRISTI	3 June
SACRED HEART OF JESUS	8 June
NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	24 June
SS. PETER & PAUL	29 JUNE

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 25th May** at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION -Please note that the **Rehearsals for the FHC Masses** taking place in the church this week start at **6.30pm** (not at the usual 7.30pm). If your child's First Holy Communion is on a Saturday the rehearsal is on the Tuesday beforehand. If on a Sunday, on the Wednesday beforehand. Thank you.

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.

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 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 Safe-guarding Policy**. Thank you for your understanding and collaboration.



DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PASCHAL CANDLE?

This Paschal candle or Easter candle is one of the most sacred and enduring elements in Christianity. Made of beeswax to represent the purity of Christ, the candle's wick signifies Christ's humanity, and the flame His Divine Nature. It is adorned with one or more Christian symbols, often the cross to represent His redemptive sacrifice; the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet - Alpha and Omega – to signify that He is the beginning and the end;

The Paschal candle is a rich symbol of our faith. It reaches its pinnacle at Easter. Each year during the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday night, a fire is lit and from this comes a "new" and blessed fire that lights the Paschal candle which is carried in procession into the dark church. The "new" fire serves as an image of the Resurrection. The candle, which represents Christ himself, is placed on a special Paschal candle stand near the altar. Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle to recall the aromatic spices that were used to prepare Christ's body for the tomb, and the wounds in His hands, feet and side, which remained after His resurrection.

The Paschal candle remains in the Sanctuary on its special candle stand during the full 50 days of the Easter season, and is lit for liturgical services during that time. After Pentecost the candle will be placed next to the Baptismal Font. The candle is lit during all baptisms throughout the year, passing the light of Christ to each person baptized, starting with the Catechumens at the Easter Vigil service. The candle may also be used at funeral services, and placed next to the body during a funeral Mass. At funeral services it is a reminder that the sacrament of Baptism is itself a death and resurrection in Christ, and testifies to Christian certainty in the resurrection of the dead and life with Christ in the world to come.

When you next see the Paschal candle in church, may you too think of its long and sacred past, the death and resurrection of Our Lord which it represents, and the faith, hope and eternal life it means for all of us!

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.

EUCARISTIC 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 29 April	EASTER V
6.15pm (Vigil)	George Hillier RIP
8.3-am	Jim Quinn RIP
9.45am	Mary & Michael Hughes RIP
11.15am	Eileen Nicklen RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

Mon 30 April	S. Pius V
9.30am	Margaret Nunn RIP

Tues 1 May	S. Joseph the Worker
9.30am	Max Perera RIP

Weds 2 May	S. Athanasius
9.30am	Richard O'Dwyer RIP

Thur 3 May	Ss. PHILIP & JAMES
9.30am	Jim Quinn RIP

Fri 4 May	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
9.30am	McDermot & Fee Families RIP

Sat 5 May	Easter feria
9.30am	Ron & Sheila Dyer RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal
Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make
new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care,
bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of

the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 21:26-28,30-32

R/. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. *R/.*

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

2. All the earth shall remember
and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship
before him;
They shall worship him,
all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down
to the dust. *R/.*

3. And my soul shall live for him,
my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations
yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet
unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' *R/.*

Second reading: 1 John 3:18-24

My children,
our love is not to be just words
or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his
presence,
whatever accusations it may raise

against us,
because God is greater than our
conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own
conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son
Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15: 4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Make your home in me, as I make mine in
you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit
in plenty. Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said:
'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken
to you.
Make your home in me,
as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.'

I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown
away – he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown
on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you
should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one
supreme Godhead, grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of
life.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people,
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have
imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of
life. Through Christ our Lord.