



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

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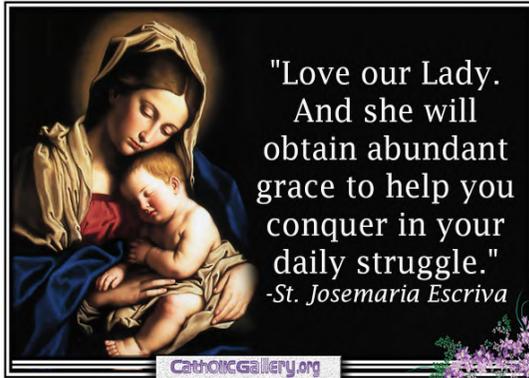
Due to the new legislation on Data Protection Legislation (GDPR) each person who has their name on the newsletter (as in the sick list here) must give their consent to their names appearing. So once again we start a new list. If you would like your name or the name of someone who is sick who needs our prayers then you must supply the office with: 1. The name and, 2. Evidence of their or your consent.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** John Daly, Albert Waliker

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Ryan Nicsen, Alice McDaid, Marisa Edgar, Ethan Tymon-Clarke

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** John Brady, Jim McHugh, Patsy Kenny, Baby Jason Gill.

**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR SEPTEMBER**  
**Universal – Young People in Africa**  
That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



### PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS: "Ad Sacrosanctum Sacramentum"

O sacred banquet at which Christ is consumed, The memory of His Passion recalled, our soul filled with grace, and our pledge of future glory received: How delightful, Lord, is Your spirit, which shows Your sweetness to men, offers the precious bread of heaven, fills the hungry with good things, and sends away empty the scornful rich.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK  
IN MEMORY OF  
MARGARET LYONS RIP

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

has been sponsored this week  
In Memory of  
PHILIP & LILY CROSBY RIP



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Weekday Readings  
Year 3, Week 23

Divine Office  
Week 3

The Catholic Parish  
of St George, Sudbury



## Sunday 9th September 2018 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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



Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In

the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

#### First Reading: *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

#### Second Reading: *James 2:1-5*

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

#### Gospel Reading: *Mark 7:31-37*

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"We are to love God for Himself, because of a twofold reason; nothing is more reasonable, nothing more profitable."*

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

# Sunday Reflection

God is a hands-on God. Throughout the Scriptures there are beautiful descriptions of God being personally involved with creation, especially with us. From the book of Genesis where we read that God created us by forming us out of the earth and then breathing life into us, to Revelation where we are told that we will see the face of God, and God's name will be on our foreheads, we see how closely involved God is with creation and with us. Most of all we see this when God himself becomes one of us in order to save us. Jesus, truly God and truly man, was born into our world and walked, lived and died among us. All of this so that he could personally take the punishment for our sins so that he would rise and extend to us the invitation to follow him and rise with him. This is all part of God's plan for us. A plan that will be fulfilled with the second coming of Christ.

The Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel very nicely illustrate the continuity and progression of God's plan from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and to our own time. Isaiah was a prophet during a period when the leadership of Jerusalem was weak and, against the prophetic advice of Isaiah, entered into an alliance with Assyria. Assyria took control and the people of Jerusalem were oppressed. The reading for this Sunday has Isaiah prophesying not to be afraid, that God would come to vindicate them. When this prophecy is fulfilled, "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared." These are prophetic images of Jerusalem being set free, healed and restored. Isaiah speaks of God in a personal manner as the one who knows those basic

needs of ours. He spoke not only of the immediate promise of God to restore Israel, but his message looked towards the fulfillment of God's plan of sending a Messiah and Redeemer.

Throughout the Gospels Jesus fulfills the prophecy as he opens the ears of the deaf and restores the speech of those with impediments, he also opens the eyes of the blind, heals the crippled, raises the dead back to life, and ultimately takes away our sins. This is so much more than what the people who heard Isaiah's message expected.

In this particular Gospel passage we see the compassion and tenderness of Jesus when he ministered. It was not a ministry from a distance, or one that was preoccupied with formality. It was a ministry in which he personally became involved with those who came for help. In the Gospel the people begged Jesus to lay hands on the

deaf man with a speech impediment. Jesus did much more; he put his finger into the man's ears and touched his tongue. This is probably far more than most of us would do if asked to pray for someone, but for Jesus it a natural response of God's love and personal involvement with us.

This Gospel is a good reminder and lesson for us of how to look on God. In our minds, hearts and devotions we sometimes place a great distance between us and God, while these Scriptures show us how close God is to us. He desires to reach out and touch us, whether it be to heal us of some infirmity, comfort us during a time of sorrow, or forgive us when we sin against him. When we turn our hearts and lives to God we always receive far more than we expect.



**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING** - We are happy to announce that there will be a training session taking place for Altar Servers at the Parish on **Saturday 22nd September at 2pm**. Those who have recently started serving, those who would like to serve in the future as well as experienced servers are welcome to attend.

**CHURCH CLEANING**- Might you consider helping to clean the Church on a monthly basis. If so, please contact Julia on 0208 904 5324.

**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. We have vacancies for some dates in September. Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

**MASS INTENTIONS** are booked until the middle of January 2019. Remember to book your anniversary Masses early.

**LOCAL YOUTH EVENT** - The Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry Team are hosting a retreat day for those in school years 11-13 to see where God fits within this new phase of life. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September | 10am-9pm | £20 (inc meals) | H A 5 3 E P | contact: [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) | [www.dowym.com](http://www.dowym.com)

**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 now be on **Friday 28th September at 7.30pm**.

**FILM NIGHT:** Our next film night will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October when we will show 'The Shoes of the Fisherman'. Starring Anthony Quinn and John Gielgud, it tells the story of a Russian bishop who is elected pope after years of exile in Siberia, and how he becomes embroiled in dramatic global events. It is described by a critic on the *Rotten Tomatoes* website as '...an entirely enjoyable epic which takes you on a journey that is in many ways every bit as relevant today as it was in the 1960s'. We will begin with refreshments at 6.30, and the film will begin at 7.00pm.

**MACMILLAN WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING** will be held at 972 Harrow Road (next door to the Church) on Friday 28th September from 10-11.30am. You and friends are all invited. Entry £3 includes coffee and cake. With raffle/lucky dip/goods stall/cakes/flowers/plants etc.

**ANY OLD STAMPS?** There is a basket at the back of the church for old/used stamps. These will go towards the mission of the Church in Tanzania/Kenya. Thanks to those who have already contributed.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafar-

ers on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 7pm in Our Lady of Victories Church, 235a Kensington High Street, London, W8 6SA. Bishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to [roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**Mary's Meals Day, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September** – join us to celebrate the work of Mary's Meals. We'll hear from our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow and speakers from the countries where we work. There will be uplifting entertainment and inspiring stories. To book your FREE place please visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk/marysmealsday](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/marysmealsday) or call 020 72215745. When: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2-4.45pm (doors open 12.45 for tea/coffee and gift stalls) Where: Irish Cultural Centre, 5 Blacks Road, Hammersmith, LONDON W6 9DT (please note this is a different address from last year's event)

**NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** with relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco will visit St. Bernard's Church, 17 Mandeville Road, Northolt UB5 5HE on 14<sup>th</sup> September 7-10pm (Polish Community) and 9.30am – 5pm on 15<sup>th</sup> September. See poster in porch.

**EASY SPANISH CLUB** is offering an additional class on Saturday mornings from September, to include KS2 children. If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list please contact Margarita or Yudy on 07704174609 or email [easypeasy\\_spanishclub@yahoo.com](mailto:easypeasy_spanishclub@yahoo.com).

**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.**  
**MARRIAGE/ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:** [www.wvme.org.uk](http://www.wvme.org.uk)

**SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS:** Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, St. Gregory's Catholic Science College, Sacred Heart Language College. Further information on their websites also see folder in porch.

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES** please see folder in porch or diocesan website.

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

# NEWS & VIEWS

## A SERIOUS BUISNESS

During the summer Pope Francis issued an important letter to the people of God dealing with the subject of abuse committed by some members of the Church worldwide. This coincided with press reports from America and the Holy Father's visit to Ireland. News of these incidents are shocking and distressing and a cause of sorrow and shame. Whilst this has been deemed to occur in every walk of life we should be ashamed that it has happened in the Church. As a Church we must be renewed in our efforts to eradicate the stain of abuse and to have robust measures and safeguards in place to make sure this never happens again. You can read Pope Francis Letter here: <http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/08/20/180820a.html> You can also read a letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-expresses-sorrow-and-shame-about-abuse-in-the-church/> (hard copies can be found in the porch).

Here in St George's we follow very carefully all the guidelines to make sure we have safe environments at all times for children and vulnerable adults. Our policies are robust and everyone who works alongside our young are police checked before they are allowed to do so. If ever you have a concern in this area the first person you should contact is our Safeguarding Officer, Mary Kugaswaran on 07849947818 or [sud-burysg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:sud-burysg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk). The diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator can be contacted on 02077989350. Let all work together to make our parish and Church a truly safe environment for all persons, especially our children and vulnerable adults.

## PARISH IMPROVEMENTS DURING THE SUMMER

- ◆ All Fences around the property have been painted;
- ◆ New notices boards installed to the front and side of the church and for the parish centre;
- ◆ Parish centre Hallway completed renewed and renovated;
- ◆ Parish centre external roof replaced above the hallway;
- ◆ Repository Frontage replaced with new windows making it more welcoming and accessible;
- ◆ Youth Centre: New interior ceiling, New lighting and New flooring;
- ◆ Baptistry gates in Church have a new statue of Christ the Good Shepherd;
- ◆ The Paschal candlestick and other wooden candlesticks have been refurbished;
- ◆ The Automatic Angelus and funeral toll have finally been installed.

**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.**

**This is especially true if you have children using their worksheets. Please make sure they (or you) bring all the crayons back to the basket)**

## PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday 9 September:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses.

Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass

### Monday 10 September:

**Tuesday 11 September:**  
Over 60's Club 1.00pm

**Wednesday 12 September:**  
Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm

**Thursday 13 September:**  
Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm  
FHC Catechist training 7.30pm

**Friday 14 September:**  
Art Class 2.00pm

## PARISH GROUPS:

**Over 60s** will be back on Tuesday 11th September

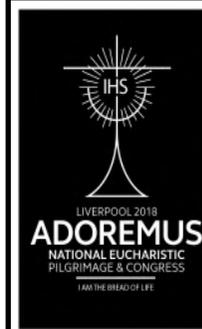
**Set/Ceilidh Dancing** will be back on Tuesday 18th September

**Friends of Jesus** will be back on Friday 21st September

**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. **Enrolment Forms** are available from the Parish Office. Classes begin on **Friday 21st September at 5.30pm.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT** - If you regularly worship at St. George's and your child has entered **Year 3** this September they are welcome to join our First Holy Communion Programme this year. Enrolment Forms can be found at the back of church. Please carefully complete and bring your form, together with all the necessary documents, to the **Enrolment Meeting for PARENTS/CARERS ONLY** in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 18th September at 7.30pm.**

**ADULT READERS WORKSHOP** - We are delighted that our Catechetical Advisor, Mary Crowley (Diocese of Westminster), is coming to lead two sessions for Adults Readers at St. George's on **Saturday 29th September** (Theory) and **Saturday 13th October** (Practice) from **10.30am to 12pm.** All those who currently read, or who would like to read in the future. are welcome to attend.



This weekend the bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool in September 2018. St George's are sending to it 9 delegates.

Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused.

Participants will engage in a series of sessions focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Francis encouraged everyone to visit the Blessed Sacrament, if possible, every day:

*"Moreover, I want to encourage everyone to visit – if possible, every day – especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and His mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him."* The Eucharistic Congress has been given the title 'Adoremus (Let us adore)'.

This pilgrimage will bring people together from across the dioceses and further the service of the poor and marginalised in our midst.

It also aims to provide practical resources to develop the mission of the Church in prayer, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the next weeks we'll be hearing from our delegates about their experience and how we as a parish can grow in our Eucharistic love of Jesus Christ.

# 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 9 September 23rd OF THE YEAR

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| 6.15pm ( Sat. Vigil) | John Brady RIP            |
| 8.30am               | Ann & Anthony Patten RIP  |
| 9.45am               | Patsy Kenny RIP (3rd Ann) |
| 11.15am              | Jim McHugh RIP (2nd Ann)  |
| 5.30pm               | Patrick Paisley RIP       |

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| Mon 10 September | <b>feria</b>      |
| 9.30am           | Martha McHugh RIP |

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| Tues 11 September | <b>S. John Chrysostom</b> |
| 9.30am            | Sean Diviney RIP          |

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| Weds 12 September | <b>Holy Name of Mary</b> |
| 9.30am            | Joan Carroll RIP         |

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| Thurs 13 September | <b>feria</b>      |
| 9.30am             | Private Intention |

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| Fri 14 September | <b>EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> |
| 9.30am           | Mary Hanrahan RIP                   |

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| Sat 15 september | <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> |
| 12 noon          | Max Perera RIP (1st Ann)   |

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Ps 118: 137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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: *Isaiah 35:4-7*

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 145:6-10*

*R/. My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R/.*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. *R/.*
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. *R/.*

## Second reading: *James 2:1-5*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

**Gospel Acclamation: 1s3:9, Jn6:68**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:**

**you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: *Mark 7:31-37*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the

dumb speak.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 41: 2-3*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life

