



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

Due to the new legislation on Data Protection Legislation (GDPR) each person who has their name on the newsletter (as in the sick list below) 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

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Dempsey, Michael Fahey, Michael Griffin, Anne Hull, Gillian Gibbs, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea.

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

RECENTLY MARRIED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: John Patrick Sydes, Brendan & Peggy Sheridan, Edward Johnston Snr., Denis McGillicuddy, Ray Lorenzato, Margaret Nunn, Camalthasan Xavier.

PLEASE PRAY for all those taking part in a Marriage Encounter weekend at the St. Clarets Centre, St. Neotts, Cambridgeshire.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER

Universal – In Service of Peace That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

All Saint's Day - A Day of Hope

This is a beautiful image of hope: to have the heart anchored there where our ancestors are, where the Saints are, where Jesus is, where God is. This is the hope that does not disappoint.

Pope Francis

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PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP

HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF
MARY GROGAN RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
In Memory of
MARGARET POWER RIP

ROSARY AT HOME: This week the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home of Titus & Sunita Fernando



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Divine Office
Week 2

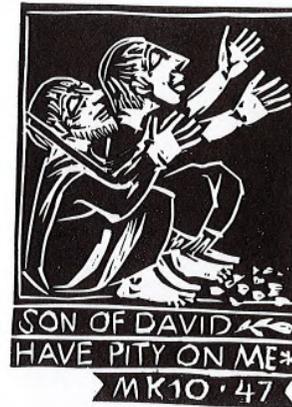
The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 28th October 2018 THIRTIETH 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



When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required.. In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Christ was made high priest by God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"...In this world I cannot see the most high Son of God with my own eyes, except for his most holy Body and Blood".

St Francis of Assisi

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Have you ever encountered a once in a life-time opportunity you knew you could let not pass you by? Such a moment came for a blind and destitute man, named Bartimaeus. He was determined to get near the one person who could meet his need. He knew who Jesus was and had heard of his fame for healing, but until now had no means of making contact with the Son of David, a clear reference and title for the Messiah. It took a lot of courage and persistence for Bartimaeus to get the attention of Jesus over the din of a noisy throng who crowded around Jesus as he made his way out of town. Why was the crowd annoyed with the blind man's persistent shouts? He was disturbing their peace and interrupting Jesus' discourse. It was common for a rabbi to teach as he walked with others. Jesus was on his way to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem and a band of pilgrims followed him. When the crowd tried to silence the blind man he overpowered them with his emotional out-



burst and thus caught the attention of Jesus.

This incident reveals something important about how God interacts with us. The blind man was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his talk and his audience. Jesus showed that acting was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready, not only to empathize with his suffering, but to relieve it as well. A great speaker can command attention and respect, but a man or woman with a helping hand and a big heart is loved more. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the eyes of faith and grants him physical sight as well. Each of us are called to recognize our need for God's healing grace and light, and to seek Jesus out, as did Bartimaeus, with persistent faith and trust in his goodness and mercy.

'ROSARY AT HOME' Would you like to be part of our parish prayer chain? If so, you will receive a statue of Our Lady of Fatima to display for a week (Monday to Friday) in your home. You will also undertake to pray the Rosary at home, each day during the week, for the intentions of the parish, the Church and the world. This revives a very old tradition in the parish; in fact, the statue's casing was made by the second parish priest of St George's, Father Purney. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you would like to participate. THANK YOU to all who have responded. Please note that as there are now many names on our list, which changes weekly, it may be a few months before your name comes around.

OCTOBER is the month DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY. The rosary will be said in church Monday—Friday from 7.30pm. There's a list at the back to sign up to lead. After Saturday morning Mass in October we will incorporate the **'First Five Saturdays' prayers.** This is an initiative of the **World Apostolate of Fatima.** Leaflets will be available explaining this devotion.

SEARCHING FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS—Might you consider giving a few months to help our young people grow in their faith as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you might consider serving the Parish in this way please let us know. Next year's Programme will run from January to June 2019.

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 30th November at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.

PARISH SMALL GROUP—Inspired by the theme of the World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August, the Parish Small Group will be meeting in the Café Bar for 6 sessions beginning on **Tuesday 30th October at 10.15am** to reflect on **Holy Families: The Joy of Love.** For further details please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/small-groups/>.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SIGNING: Thursday 22nd November 6.00-8.00pm in the Parish Centre. Forms are available from St George's School now and must be returned by 15th January. NB: for those who have to state the Deanery in which St George's exits it is now the 'Harrow Deanery.'

DIVINE MERCY - The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be recited in the church each Monday after the Rosary from **29th October to 3rd December.** All are welcome!

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.

NEXT FILM NIGHT: On Friday 9th November we will be showing the film 'Hidden Figures'. The film is the incredible, untold story of three brilliant African-American women at NASA who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit. *'In heartwarming, crowd-pleasing fashion, Hidden Figures celebrates overlooked -- and crucial -- contributions from a pivotal moment in American history -- Rotten Tomatoes website.* Refreshments will be served at 6.45pm, and the film will begin at 7.15pm. All welcome.

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

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

PARISH DIARIES FOR 2019 are available now in a basket in the porch. 50p each.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING—Please see a letter of thanks from the Charity, in the porch, to all who supported the event.

DATA PROTECTION—Our Parish Welcome Pack includes the names and contact details of a number of parishioners who take care of various ministries at the Parish. In the light of recent legislation we are required to ask those whose details are printed in the Welcome Pack if they remain happy for us to include them in the future. If you would like us to delete your contact details from the Welcome Pack please just let us know. Thank you.

MUMS & TODDLERS - The Parish is hoping, once again, to start a Mums & Toddlers group in the New Year. Rosie Long has generously offered to help with the practicalities of getting a future group started. If you are also interested in helping please contact Rosie at longrosaleen@yahoo.co.uk

KEEP FIT: Come and join us in the Parish Centre 2.00-3.00pm on Monday afternoons. Gentle exercise (no special kit needed!). All Welcome.

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.

DIVA OPERA "Home for Christmas" on Saturday 8th December at St. Andrew's Church, 956 Harrow Road at 7pm. An evening of arias, songs and carols. Tickets in advance from Through The Looking Glass, 8 Watford Road ttlgonline@me.com. Also see poster in porch.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: 2 bed ground floor flat required to rent. Please ring Jamira on 07466627720

CLEANER WANTED: N. Wembley area. Tel: 020 8904 3894.

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.wmwe.org.uk

SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS Further information on their websites and in the 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

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)

SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES TODAY FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR who serve the elderly poor around the world and whose mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 28 October:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses.
Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass

Monday 29 October:

Keep Fit 2.00pm

Tuesday 30 October:

Over 60's Group Ploughman's Lunch 1.00pm
First Holy Communion 7.30pm
Set/Ceilidh Dancing 8.45pm

Thursday 1 November:

Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm

Friday 2 November:

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2018: ALL SAINTS DAY is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 9.30am and 8pm.

FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2018: ALL SOULS DAY Mass at 9.30am.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

the Month of the Holy Souls is when we pray for our departed. Envelopes are now available for you to supply names and make an offering.

THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2018: BETHANY MASS for all who have been recently bereaved at 7.30pm.

SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2018: 12 noon Cemetery Blessings at Alperton Cemetery.

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018: Remembrance Sunday Solemn Requiem Mass at 11.15am.

THURSDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2018: BETHANY LUNCH at 1.00pm in the Café/Bar.

Masses for all the Faithful Departed will be celebrated throughout the whole of November

RCIA - Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or learning more about the Catholic faith? If so we would like to invite you to join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme which will run from the autumn until Easter. The programme consists of teaching and discussion in a welcoming and friendly small-group setting and will begin at the end of October. Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to sign up or if you want further details.

SANCTUARY REORDERING: please take a leaflet (in a basket in the porch) outlining proposals for the new project for reordering. Thank you to all those who have so positively responded with comments.

60'S CLUB DIARY DATES:

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH this Tuesday 30th October: Why not come and join us at a Ploughman's Lunch—£3 each—at 1pm in the parish centre. All over 60's welcome. Please contact Joyce on 020 8904 6430 to book

CHANGE OF DATE for our afternoon talk and slides of the Holy Land by Lorraine Maguire. This will now be on 27th November at 1pm. All over 60's welcome.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE will be taking place in the Parish Centre after all Morning Masses on Sunday 2nd December. If you would like to have a Charity Card Table please contact Sandra on Sandra@carvalho.biz as soon as possible. Home-made cakes would be greatly appreciated on the day. Thank you!

CAFOD HARVEST FAST COLLECTION Envelopes are still available so it's not too late to donate and the collection will remain open until the end of the month. REMEMBER if you are a Tax Payer you can GIFT AID your contribution by completing the gift aid portion on the envelope.

MARY'S MEALS wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets no pillows please) and will be at our church until 11.15am on **Sunday 11- November ONLY** to collect them all. Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity Mary's Meals will be here to pick them up. Amazingly 4 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—The next session, on **Tuesday 30th October**, led by the Catechists in their groups is for **CHILDREN & PARENTS/CARERS**. Your Catechist will have details of your child's allocated FHC Date.

READERS AT 8.30AM & 5.30PM MASS—We are hugely grateful to those who read at Mass. We are urgently looking for some new volunteers to help with this ministry at the 8.30am & 5.30pm Mass. If you might consider helping please let us know. The commitment would be once/month. Thank you.

CTS READERS HANDBOOK—Following Mary Crowley's successful Workshop for Readers at the Parish we have acquired several copies of the **CTS Handbook for Readers at Mass**. These are available for purchase at the back of church with the other CTS resources.

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 and have not yet received their First Holy Communion. An information leaflet is available in the porch. The next session will be on Friday 2nd November after the half-term break.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT—Enrolment for the Confirmation Programme at St. George's will be taking place in January 2019. Those in year 10 and above will be welcome to enrol. Please keep your eye on the Newsletter for details that shall be provided in due course.

November 1 every year is a day for remembering Christian saints and martyrs and celebrating them with festivals and church services held in their honour. All Souls' Day meanwhile is held on November 2 and is a date to remember those who are deceased, those who might be in purgatory awaiting to atone for their sins. Here is everything you need to know.

What is All Saints' Day? The tradition of celebrating the saints and martyrs has been marked by Christians ever since the 4th century but it was only formalised for the first time in 609AD when Pope Boniface IV decreed that all martyrs should also be celebrated on the 13 May during something he called the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. In 837AD Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to include saints, renaming the festival the Feast of All Saints and changing the date to November 1 and the festival has been marked on that date ever since. Which saints are remembered? All Saints Day is a time to be thankful for all those Christians who have lived before us, whether they are officially saints or not. Some are the great teachers and prophets from history. Some are those who've taught and inspired us personally. 'Some are our friends and family. We can thank God for their witness, and for the way they have transmitted the faith down the generations. We can learn from their lives. We can take time to be grateful for what we've received, and to recommit ourselves to follow in their footsteps.'

What is All Souls' Day? All Souls' Day is the day after All Saints' Day and is all about praying for the souls of the dead so they can leave purgatory and go to heaven. During All Souls' prayers Christians ask for God's mercy for them. We believe all our prayers and sacrifices can help those who have died so that they may be made whole and join the company of All the Saints.

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>Sun 28 October</i>	30th OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (<i>Sat. Vigil</i>)	Denis McGillicuddy RIP
8.30am	Nancy Watson Intentions
9.45am	Marguerite Rogers RIP
11.15am	Edward Johnston Snr RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

Mon 29 October 9.30am	feria Helen Moir RIP
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Tues 30 October 9.30am	feria Con Buckley RIP
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Weds 31 October 9.30am	feria Peggy Reynolds RIP
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Thurs 1 November 9.30am 8.00pm	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Holy Souls Evelyn Thorpe RIP
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Fri 2 November 9.30am	ALL SOULS Leo & Olga Barco RIP
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Sat 3 November 9.30am	S. Martin de Porres Ray Lorenzato RIP
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TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far
ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them
as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not

stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 125:1-6

**R/. What marvels the Lord worked
for us! Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with
laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R/.**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R/.**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our
bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R/.**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back,
full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R/.**

Second reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have

pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your
majesty, that whatever is done by us
in your service may be directed
above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your
saving help and exult in the name of
our God.

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we
pray, perfect in us what lies within
them, that what we now celebrate in
signs we may one day possess in
truth. Through Christ our Lord.