



## 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 office with: 1. The name and, 2. Evidence of their or your consent.

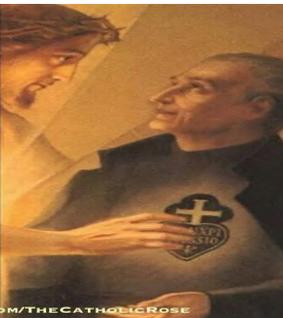
**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Michael Dempsey, Michael Fahey, Michael Griffin, Anne Hull, Gillian Gibbs, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Lionel Stonehouse.

### RECENTLY BAPTISED:

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Baby Elodie Sullivan, Evelyn Phillip, Paul Longuet, Donna O'Brien, Margaret Ryan, Julieanne Murphy, Margaret Nunn (1st Ann), Robert Kelly, Josie Redmond (2nd Ann).

### 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.



**St. Paul of the Cross**

"If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."

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### PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF THE DEPARTED

Almighty Eternal God, in Your fatherly goodness, be kind to the soul of Your servant, (Name). Cleanse him/her whom You have called from this world of all his/her faults, take him/her into the Realm of Light and Peace and into the Community of Your Saints, and give him/her his/her share of Eternal Delight in Your Kingdom. God, You Creator and Saviour of all the faithful, forgive all the sins of all Your servants' souls. Let them receive forgiveness through our pious prayer, for which they have always been yearning. For this we pray through Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK  
IN MEMORY OF  
ROBERT KELLY RIP

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF  
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**  
has been sponsored this week

In Memory of  
JOSIE REDMOND RIP

**ROSARY AT HOME:** This week the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home of Sinead Reekie



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Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B  
Weekday Readings  
Year 31, Week 2  
Divine Office  
Week 3

The Catholic Parish  
of St George, Sudbury



## Sunday 4th November 2018 THIRTY- FIRST 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



ONE OF THE SCRIBES  
CAME UP TO JESUS  
MK 12-28

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect the two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition of Jesus' Jewish community. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law.

Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. For those who follow Christ, however, this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28**

Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28b-34**

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Every consecrated Host is made to burn itself up with love in the human heart".

St John Vianney



# 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)

## PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 4 November:</b>	
Teas/Coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses.	
Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass	
<b>Monday 5 November:</b>	
Keep Fit	2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 6 November:</b>	
Parish Small Group	10.15am
Over 60's Group	1.00pm
First Holy Communion	7.30pm
Set/Ceilidh Dancing	8.45pm
<b>Wednesday 7 November:</b>	
Ladies' Social Guild	2.00pm
<b>Thursday 8 November:</b>	
Church Cleaning Group A	7.00pm
Bethany Mass at 7.30pm with refreshments in the Bar/Café afterwards.	
<b>Friday 9 November:</b>	
Art Class	2.00pm
Friends of Jesus	5.30pm
Film Night—doors open	6.45pm
<b>Saturday 10th November:</b>	
Divine Mercy Retreat	11.00am

## 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.

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

**DIVINE MERCY RETREAT** at St George's, This Saturday 10th November 11.00-4.30. see Poster and flyers in porch for further details. All welcome!

## CEMETERY BLESSINGS:

**CARPENDERS PARK** this Sunday 4th November at 2.00pm.

**ALPERTON**—12 noon on Saturday 10th November.

**CEMETERY MASS** at ST MARY'S and KENSAL GREEN CEMETERIES on Saturday 10th November at 10.00 am. All welcome.

**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.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:** Thank you for your very generous donations of £1,677.59 at last weekend's collection.

**ANNUAL SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION** will take place next weekend. Envelopes will be available in the benches and at the back of the church. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online anytime at [www.rddow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rddow.org.uk/donations) and please remember to gift aid your contribution if you are a standard tax payer. Thank you.

**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.

**OVER 60'S CLUB DIARY DATE: 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](mailto:Sandra@carvalho.biz) as soon as possible. Home-made cakes will be greatly appreciated on the day. Thank you!

**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 at **10.15am** to reflect on **Holy Families: The Joy of Love**. For further details please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/small-groups/>.

**REPOSITORY UPDATE** - Work continues on the renewal of our Parish Repository. We hope to open the newly refurbished space after the **9.45am & 11.15am Masses** in the New Year. To make this possible we need some **willing volunteers** to serve the people after these Masses. If you would be willing to help please speak to one of the Parish Team or email [sudbury@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sudbury@rcdow.org.uk).

**MARY'S MEALS** wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets no pillows please**) and will be at our church **up until 11.15am next Sunday 11th 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**— This week's session, on 'Repairing our relationship with God', is for Catechists & Children only.

**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.

## A WORD ABOUT PURGATORY

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory as a "purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," which is experienced by those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" (CCC 1030). It notes that "this final purification of the elect . . . is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1031).

The purification is necessary because, as Scripture teaches, nothing unclean will enter the presence of God in heaven (Rev. 21:27) and, while we may die with our mortal sins forgiven, there can still be many impurities in us, specifically venial sins and the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. When we die, we undergo what is called the particular, or individual, judgment. Scripture says that "it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment" (Heb. 9:27). We are judged instantly and receive our reward, for good or ill. We know at once what our final destiny will be.

At the end of time, when Jesus returns, there will come the general judgment to which the Bible refers, for example, in Matthew 25:31-32: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." In this general judgment all our sins will be publicly revealed (Luke 12:2-5).

Why would anyone go to purgatory? To be cleansed, for "nothing unclean shall enter [heaven]" (Rev. 21:27). Anyone who has not been completely freed of sin and its effects is, to some extent, "unclean." Through repentance he may have gained the grace needed to be worthy of heaven, which is to say, he has been forgiven and his soul is spiritually alive. But that's not sufficient for gaining entrance into heaven. He needs to be cleansed completely.

Catholic theology takes seriously the notion that "nothing unclean shall enter heaven." From this it is inferred that a less than cleansed soul, even if "covered," remains a dirty soul and isn't fit for heaven. It needs to be cleansed or "purged" of its remaining imperfections. The cleansing occurs in purgatory. Sanctification is thus not an option, something that may or may not happen before one gets into heaven. It is an absolute requirement, as Hebrews 12:14 states that we must strive "for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

## 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 4 November</i>	<b>31st OF THE YEAR</b>
6.15pm ( <i>Sat. Vigil</i> )	Margaret Nunn RIP
8.30am	Julianne Murphy RIP
9.45am	PRO POPULO
11.15am	Donna O'Brien RIP
5.30pm	Benedict, Lorrissa & Elmo Outschoorn RIP

Mon 5 November	<b>Of Requiem</b>
9.30am	Spencer Coomarewel RIP and Holy Souls

Tues 6 November	<b>Of Requiem</b>
9.30am	Festers, Marlene, Orline Peters RIP

Weds 7 November	<b>Of Requiem</b>
9.30am	Mary Walsh RIP

Thurs 8 November	<b>Of Requiem</b>
9.30am	Paul E. Longuet RIP (5th Ann)

Fri 9 November	<b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>
9.30am	Gertrude Jonathan RIP

Sat 10 November	<b>S. Leo the Great</b>
9.30am	Mrs Ash RIP

# TODAY'S MASS

## **Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 37: 22-23**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

## **Collect**

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without  
Stumbling to receive the things you  
have promised.  
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: Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear  
the Lord your God all the days of  
your life and if you keep all his laws  
and commandments which I lay on  
you, you will have a long life, you  
and your son and your grandson.  
Listen then, Israel, keep and observe  
what will make you prosper and give  
you great increase, as the Lord the  
God of your fathers has promised  
you, giving you a land where milk  
and honey flow.  
'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is  
the one Lord. You shall love the Lord

your God with all your heart, with all  
your soul, with all your strength. Let  
these words I urge on you today be  
written on your heart.'

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 17(18):2-4,47,51**

**Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
when I call I am saved from my foes.*R/.*

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me,  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed.  
*R/.*

## **Second reading: Hebrews 7:23-28**

There used to be a great number of  
priests under the former covenant,  
because death put an end to each  
one of them; but this one, because  
he remains for ever, can never lose  
his priesthood. It follows, then, that  
his power to save is utterly certain,

since he is living for ever to intercede  
for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest  
would have to be holy, innocent  
and uncontaminated, beyond the  
influence of sinners, and raised up  
above the heavens; one who would  
not need to offer sacrifices every  
day, as the other high priests do for  
their own sins and then for those of  
the people, because he has done  
this once and for all by offering  
himself. The Law appoints high  
priests who are men subject to  
weakness; but the promise on oath,  
which came after the Law, appointed  
the Son who is made perfect for ever.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

## **Gospel; Mark 12:28-34**

One of the scribes came up to Jesus  
and put a question to him, 'Which  
is the first of all the commandments?'  
Jesus replied, 'This is the first:  
Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is  
the one Lord, and you must love  
the Lord your God with all your  
heart, with all your soul, with all

your mind and with all your strength.  
The second is this: You must love  
your neighbour as yourself. There is  
no commandment greater than these.'  
The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken,  
Master; what you have said is true:  
that he is one and there is no other.  
To love him with all your heart,  
with all your understanding and strength,  
and to love your neighbour as yourself,  
this is far more important than any  
holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing  
how wisely he had spoken, said,  
'You are not far from the kingdom  
of God.' And after that no one  
dared to question him any more.

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

May these sacrificial offerings, O  
Lord, become for you a pure oblation,  
and for us a holy outpouring of your  
mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

## **Communion Antiphon**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
O Lord.

## **Prayer after Communion**

May the working of your power, O  
Lord, increase in us, we pray,  
so that, renewed by these heavenly  
Sacraments, we may be prepared  
by your gift for receiving what they  
promise. Through Christ our Lord.