

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

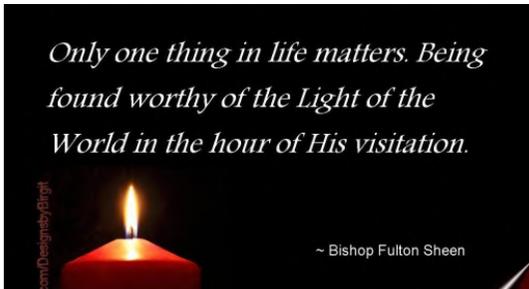
Due to the new legislation on Data Protection Legislation (GDPR) each person who has their name on the newsletter (as in the sick list below) must give their consent to their names appearing. So once again we start a new list. If you would like your name or the name of someone who is sick who needs our 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, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Edith Geissler.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Anne Phillips

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Frank Hunt, Delphine De Lima, Mgr Wilfred Purney, Thomas Thayil, Larry O'Toole, Olivia Osorio (1st Ann), Genoveva Adonis.

**INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR DECEMBER**  
**Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith** That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



*Only one thing in life matters. Being found worthy of the Light of the World in the hour of His visitation.*

~ Bishop Fulton Sheen

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### PRAYER FOR ADVENT I

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK  
IN MEMORY OF  
GENOVEVA ADONIS RIP

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

has been sponsored this week  
In Memory of  
JIM QUINN RIP

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



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Sunday cycle  
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Divine Office  
Week 1

The Catholic Parish  
of St George, Sudbury



## Sunday 2nd December 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we

find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unflinching love for us in all circumstances.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The Lord will fulfil his promises to Israel and Judah.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10,14**

The Lord will teach us his paths.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be holy and to please God.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

#### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about."**

St. Jeanne de Chantal

# SUNDAY REFLECTION

Jesus, during his public ministry performed numerous signs: turning water into wine, calming the storm at sea and walking on water, multiplying seven loaves of bread in the wilderness to feed 5000 people, healing the blind and the lame, expelling demons, and raising the dead. While many believed in Jesus, many also questioned his signs and refused to believe his claim to be the Messiah sent by the Father to suffer and die for our sake on the cross. Jesus' last and greatest sign during his earthly ministry was his rising from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. This sign demonstrated his power to defeat death itself and to give abundant everlasting life to all who believed in him.

Jesus told his disciples that his final great sign would be his return in glory at the end of the age. He would come this second time as Judge and Merciful Redeemer to vindicate those who accepted him as Lord and Saviour and to punish those who rejected him. Jesus declared that this last sign at the end of the world would be unmistakable. All would recognize and "see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory". The title which Jesus most often used to describe his Messianic role was the expression "Son of Man". The image

of a "Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" was given in a vision where the prophet Daniel saw heaven opened before the throne of God.

When the Lord comes again as our Judge and merciful Redeemer he will right every wrong, vindicate every person who has accepted him as Lord and Saviour,



and remove all sorrow, pain, and death itself. The world around us is plagued with greed, envy, strife, and uncertainty. It has lost hope in God and in his promise to restore the human race and all of creation when the Lord Jesus comes again. The anticipation of his final judgment is a sign of hope for all who trust in him. But what can keep us from

recognizing the signs of the Lord's presence and action today? weighed down with troubles. The Lord knows our shortcomings and struggles and he gives us the strength to bear our burdens and to walk in his way of holiness. The Advent season which precedes Christmas and Epiphany reminds us that we are a pilgrim people, aliens and exiles in this age who long for our true home with God in his heavenly kingdom, and who await with joyful hope the return of the Lord Jesus at the end of the age.

Happy Advent!

**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).

**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.

**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.

**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 date of the next baptism preparation evening, held in the parish centre, to be confirmed.

**ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** If parents were unable to attend the open evening at St George's last week, there will be another opportunity to visit the school on Monday 10 December at 2pm. This will be for parents/carers with children born between 01.09.2014 and 31.08.2015 who will be due to start school in September 2019. Please ring the school office if you wish to attend on 020 8422 1272.

**ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS FAIR** will take place on Friday 7th December 3-5.30pm. All welcome.

**DIVINE MERCY** -The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited in the church every Monday after the Rosary. All are welcome!

**LOST PROPERTY:** All items left in church over the past weeks will be on display at the back of the church this weekend.. If you have lost gloves, umbrellas, glasses etc. please take a look.

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS** are booked until April 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.

**MUMS & TODDLERS** - - A big **thank you** to all those mums in the Parish who have offered to help start a new Mums & Toddlers Group. Once all the necessary safeguarding documents have been processed we look forward to this new initiative getting up and running at the Parish.

**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.

**THE PASSAGE** is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 27th November – 12 noon Tues 4th December to support its work with homeless people this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more **information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020.7592.1856 [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk) <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/project/30366>**

**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.

**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)

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

**LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT** required at St. George's Catholic Primary School. (C/date 12 noon 12th December).

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

# 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

### Sunday 2 December:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses.

Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass

### Monday 3 December:

Keep Fit 2.00pm

### Tuesday 4 December:

Parish Small Group 10.15am

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

First Holy Communion (In Church) 7.30pm

Set/Ceilidh Dancing 8.45pm

### Wednesday 5 December:

Ladies Social Guild 2.00pm

### Thursday 6 December:

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

### Friday 7 December:

Teas/Coffees after morning Mass in Bar/Café

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Christmas Ceilidh 8.00pm

### Saturday 8 December:

Christmas Celebration Evening 7.00pm

**TODAY is ADVENT SUNDAY** and the beginning of a new Church year when we shall be reading St Luke's Gospel at Sunday Mass.

**CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE— THIS SUNDAY 2nd December, in the parish centre, after all Morning Masses .** Sale of home-made cakes, raffle etc. All welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** — The **First Reconciliation Rehearsal**, which **Parents & Carers are also asked to attend**, is taking place in the **Church** this coming **Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm..**



**MONDAY** is the Feast of **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**. Mass at 9.30am followed by the veneration of the relic of the Saint.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S NATIVITY**—Once again, during the **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** there will be a **Children's Nativity**. Are you in **Year 3 or above?** Would you like to **take part or help?** If so, please contact **Nicola Woods** at [nicolamylles@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicolamylles@hotmail.co.uk) or 07989 963435.

**CONFIRMATION 2019**—An **Information Evening** will be taking place in the Parish Centre on **Monday 7th January at 7.30pm** for those young people in the Parish in **Year 10 and above** wishing to be confirmed at St. George's in 2019. **Enrolment Forms** will be provided at the Information Evening. Please note, as part of the enrolment process, candidates will need to provide a copy of their baptism certificate (and translation if not in English).

**PLEASE REMEMBER** when buying stamps for your Christmas cards to ask for Christmas postage stamps.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING** on Saturday 8th December 7-11.30pm. Tickets available after Sunday Masses, from the presbytery or parish office.—Adults £16; Children £6.

**CHRISTMAS CEILIDH** in the parish centre on Friday 7th December at 8pm. All are welcome.

**FILM NIGHT:** Our next film night showing "THE NATIVITY" is on Friday 14th December in the Bar/Café. Doors open at 6.45pm and the film begins at 7.15pm. All welcome.

**OVER 60'S GROUP:** This Tuesday 4th December why not come along to an afternoon of carol singing—led by Francis. All welcome.

**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.

**DETAILS OF ALL CHRISTMAS SERVICES** at St George's available from next week.

**HARROW DEANERY YOUNG ADULT TRIP TO TAIZÉ 2019** - Our Deanery is planning a trip to Taizé (France) for those **aged 18 to 29 from 10th to 19th August 2019**. The estimated cost is **£250**. To register your interest please contact Mr. Peter Kingsley at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 8904 2552 (option 5).

**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 on Tuesdays until 4th December 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**

## ABOUT ADVENT

The word "advent," from the Latin *adventus* (Greek *parousia*), means "coming" or "arrival." The Advent Season is focused on the "coming" of Jesus as Messiah (Christ or King). During this time, our worship, Bible readings, and prayers not only prepare us spiritually for Christmas (his first coming), but also for his eventual second coming. This is why the scripture readings during Advent include both Old Testament passages related to the expected Messiah, and New Testament passages concerning Jesus' second coming as judge of all. Also, passages about John the Baptist, the precursor who prepared the way for the Messiah, are read. All of these themes are present in the Church's worship during Advent.

Since Advent looks forward to Christ's birth and Incarnation, it is an appropriate way to begin the Church Year. However, Advent is not part of the Christmas season itself, but a preparation for it. Thus, we should try our best not to sing Christmas hymns, or use Christmas readings, in Mass until December 25th, the first day of the Christmas season. The liturgical colour for Advent is violet (except for the Third Week of Advent, often called Gaudete Sunday, in which rose may be used), and the season is somewhat penitential, similar to Lent, although not so forceful. The character of worship during Advent is more solemn, quiet, and less festive than during other times of the year. In the Catholic Church, for example, the *Gloria in Excelsis* is not used. The use of violet reflects the general themes of Advent: penitence (generally expressed more in terms of expectant hope) and royalty. Some prominent feasts fall within the Season of Advent, including the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Secular culture and many non-Catholic churches celebrate the day of Christmas, but take it outside of the context of Advent and Christmastide. However, Christmas is not meant to be an isolated day, but a festival of the Incarnation in the midst of the Church year. Christmas is only properly understood after having the preparation provided by Advent. In the midst of the secular excesses leading up to Christmas, Advent provides a welcome solace and an opportunity to continually re-orient ourselves to God's will as we expectantly wait with patriarchs, prophets, and kings for the true meaning of Christmas: the Incarnation of God the Son. The word made flesh: God living among 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.

**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 2 December</i>	<b>ADVENT I</b>
6.15pm ( <i>Sat. Vigil</i> )	Thomas Thayil RIP
8.30am	Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP
	Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP
	Hermosinda Toucedo RIP
9.45am	Olivia Osorio RIP (1st Ann)
11.15am	Eric Joseph & Pearly Agnes Hendrick RIP
5.30pm	PRO POPULO
<i>Mon 3 December</i>	<b>S. Francis Xavier</b>
9.30am	Olga Barretto RIP & Holy Souls
<i>Tues 4 December</i>	<b>Advent feria</b>
9.30am	Delphine De Lima RIP
<i>Weds 5 December</i>	<b>Advent feria</b>
9.30am	Mgr Wilfred Purney RIP
<i>Thurs 6 December</i>	<b>S. Nicholas</b>
9.30am	Eddie Thornton RIP
<i>Fri 7 December</i>	<b>S. Ambrose</b>
9.30am	Patsy Donohue RIP
<i>Sat 8 December</i>	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
9.30am	Martin Murphy RIP

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 24: 1-3*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray,  
almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
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 33:14-16*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 24:4-5,8-9,10,14*

*R/. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my Saviour. *R/.*

2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor. *R/.*

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and law.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. *R/.*

## Second reading: *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God

and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.  
Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation: *Ps.84:8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!*

## Gospel: *Luke 21:25-28,34-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery

and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *Ps 84: 13*

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

## Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.