



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.

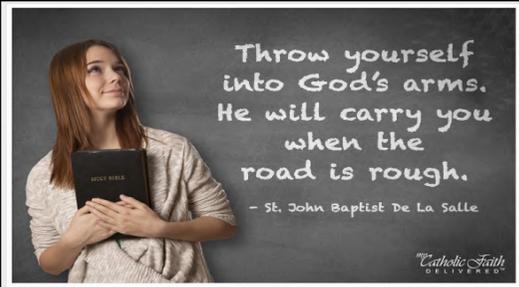
SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Dempsey, Michael Fahey, Michael Griffin, Anne Hull, Gillian Gibbs, Catherine Kevell, Margaret O'Shea, Lionel Stonehouse, Edith Geissler, Sandy McAdam.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Ellen Cronk, Mary McEntaggart.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Philip Clarke (2nd Ann) , Maria Barbosa.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Myra Teeri, Ruari Finnett.

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.



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PRAYER FOR ADVENT III

Heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer, that we may reflect upon the wonder of your love and allow the story of the Saviour's birth to penetrate our hearts and minds. So may our joy be deeper, our worship more real, and our lives worthier of all that you have done for us through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP

HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF
CHARLES KENNEDY RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
has been sponsored this week
FOR PRIVATE INTENTIONS

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



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Advent Week 3  
Divine Office  
Week 3

The Catholic Parish  
of St George, Sudbury



# Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## THE THIRD 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



In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that

means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

A saviour is promised to Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6**

A song of praise to God our saviour.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice always because the Lord is near.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 3:10-18**

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them."*

St. Thomas Aquinas

# SUNDAY REFLECTION

Why did thousands come out to hear John the Baptist? And what was so unusual about his message? John's message of repentance was very practical. He told the people three things: First, we must share our goods with one another, especially with those who lacked the necessities of life. Isn't that what it really means to love your neighbour as yourself? True love is sacrificial and generous. Second, we must give every person their due and take no advantage of another because of their position or status. For example, those who have the duty to collect taxes from others must charge no more than what is rightfully due. (Tax collectors often made handsome profits for themselves by overcharging others.) Those who have authority over others must not demand more than what is just and right. Soldiers in the Roman army could compel any citizen to assist them whenever they wished, such as carrying their heavy supplies for them or giving them food and drink. They often, however, abused their position to force people to do more for them than what was necessary. John did not tell them to leave their profession, but to be good, honest, and respectful soldiers. And thirdly, John exhorted his listeners to be



content with what they had and to avoid coveting what belonged to others.

John's baptism was for repentance – turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. John said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses. The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory, his protective presence, his holiness, his righteous judgment, and his anger against sin. John expanded this image with the illustration of wheat from chaff. A winnowing fan or shovel was used for tossing the wheat in the air. The heavier kernels of wheat fell to the ground, while the lighter chaff was carried off by the wind. The chaff was then collected and used for fuel. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you speak and live?

**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.

**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.

**HARROW DEANERY YOUNG ADULT TRIP TO TAIZÉ 2019** - Our Deanery is planning a trip to Taizé (France) for those **aged 18 to 29** from **27th July to 5th August**. The estimated cost is **£250**. To register your interest please contact Mr. Peter Kingsley at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 8904 2552 (option 5).

**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).

**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.

**FRIENDS OF JESUS** has now finished for the Christmas break and will be back on Friday January 11th at 5.30pm.

**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, to be held in the parish centre in January is to be confirmed.

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

**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.

**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.

**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  
**RETOUVAILLE**—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](http://www.wwme.org.uk)

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

**IT TECHNICIAN** required at St. Gregory's Catholic Science College.

**JUSTICE & PEACE COORDINATOR** for Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. (C/date 4 /1/19).

**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.

## PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday 16 December:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses.  
Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass  
Carols by Candlelight 7.00pm

### Tuesday 18 December:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

### Friday 21 December:

Teas/Coffees after morning Mass in Bar/Café  
Art Class 2.00pm

### Saturday 22nd December:

Church Cleaning 10.00am-1.00pm

**DETAILS OF OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES** are available on a card. Please take one for yourself (if you haven't already done so) and one or more for your neighbours. There are plenty to go around. Thanks to Daniels Estate Agents who have sponsored the card.

**HAS ANYONE LOST A SUNDAY MISSAL?** We have one with a dark blue cover which can be recovered from the sacristy.

**AFTER ALL MASSES TODAY** there will be a second collection for Christmas flowers.

**UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE 2019.** As in former years we will be collecting presents for children. These will be distributed by the Catholic Children's Society. Please label each present Boy or Girl and the appropriate age for the present. As the tree isn't going up until very near Christmas, please bring your presents from 23rd December onwards.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** along with cleaning will primarily happen on the morning of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 10.00am until 1.00pm. Come and lend a hand or an hour if you can.

**CAROL SERVICE: CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** THIS Sunday 16th December at 7.00pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish centre. All welcome.

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (Westminster):** All our crib offerings go to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our diocese. Envelopes will be available next weekend should you wish to gift aid your donation.

**CHRISTMAS GREENERY.** Do you have appropriate Christmas greenery (ivy, holly, firs etc.) in your garden and could cut down a few branches for the church? If you do, please bring it and leave it outside the presbytery door for Saturday morning.

**THANK YOU** to all who worked so hard to organise our Christmas Celebration Evening. It was a wonderful and happy occasion enjoyed by everyone.

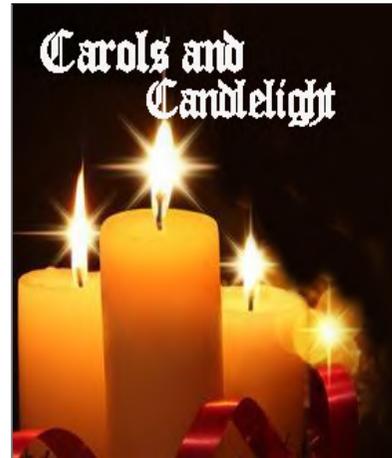
**FUNERAL MASS** of ELLEN CRONK on Wednesday 19th December at 11.00am. Reception into church on Tuesday 18th December at 6.00pm.

**FUNERAL MASS** of MARY MCENTAGGART RIP will take place on Friday 11th January 2019 at 11.00am.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**—please sign up on the rota for Christmas Masses.

**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 or 07989 963435.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**—The Fathers were delighted that the children had been so well prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which they received for the first time last week. Huge thanks to the Catechists for preparing the children so attentively. The first session of Part 2 of the Programme is for **Parents & Carers Only** on **Tuesday 15th January at 7.30pm**.



**THIS SUNDAY  
16th December  
here at St George's,  
at 7.00pm  
ALL WELCOME!**

**Followed by mulled wine  
& mince pies**



# 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.  
**HOLIDAYS 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.

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| <i>Sun 16 December</i>       | <b>ADVENT III</b>                      |
| 6.15pm ( <i>Sat. Vigil</i> ) | Sally Egan RIP                         |
| 8.30am                       | PRO POPULO                             |
| 9.45am                       | Michele Costella & Angela Brancato RIP |
| 11.15am                      | Edward Johnston RIP                    |
| 5.30pm                       | Barbara Gell RIP                       |

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| Mon 17 December | <b>Advent feria</b> |
| 9.30am          | Thanksgiving        |

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| Tues 18 December | <b>Advent feria</b>                      |
| 9.30am           | Tim Geraghty RIP                         |
| 6.00pm           | Reception into Church<br>Ellen Cronk RIP |

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| Weds 19 December | <b>Advent feria</b>                                          |
| 9.30am           | Melinda Peter RIP<br>11.00am FUNERAL MASS<br>Ellen Cronk RIP |

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| Thurs 20 December | <b>Advent feria</b> |
| 9.30am            | Ida Feegrade RIP    |

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| Fri 21 December | <b>Advent feria</b> |
| 9.30am          | Private Intentions  |

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| Sat 22 December | <b>Advent feria</b> |
| 9.30am          | Andrew Hanlon RIP   |

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Phil 4: 4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

## Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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: *Zephaniah 3:14-18*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm-Canticle: *Isaiah 12*

*R/. Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R/.**
  2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R/.**
  3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds; make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R/.**
- Second reading: *Philippians 4:4-7***  
I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation: *Is.61:1(Lk4:18)*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.**  
**He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.**  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: *Luke 3:10-18*

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but

someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

## Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Is 35: 4*

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

## Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.