

**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

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

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Mary McEnteggart, Annie Dooley, Maria Rozario, Stefan Lazarus

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Paul Dias, Peter Cronin (20th Ann), Jimmy Bonner (3rd Ann), Tom Lally, Desmond Dunne.

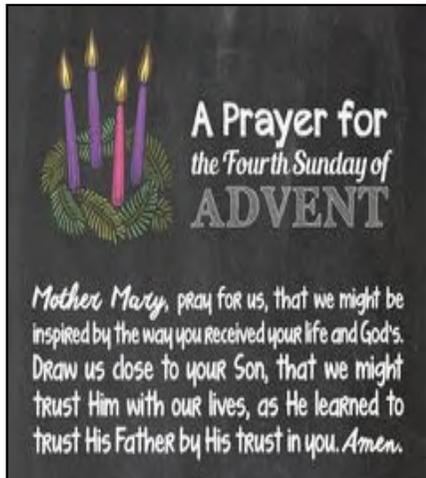
RECENTLY BAPTISED: Ralphie Rae Maddix and Reggie Rae Maddix.

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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SANCTUARY LAMP
HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF
RICHARD O'DWYER RIP

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
has been sponsored this week
In Memory of
PETER MCGAURIN RIP

ROSARY AT HOME: This week the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home of Irani Lawrence



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& Christmas
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Week 4 & Christmas

**The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury**



**Sunday 23rd December 2018
THE FOURTH 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



Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for

salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel.

First Reading: *Micah 5:1-4*
The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19*
A prayer for God's salvation.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 10:5-10*
Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:39-45*
Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy." -St. Francis

SUNDAY REFLECTION

How easy it is for any of us to recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus in our life? Blessed are you if you see and recognize the Lord with the "eyes of faith"! The word "blessed" [*makarios* in Greek] literally means "happiness" or "beatitude". It describes a kind of joy which is serene and untouchable, self-contained, and independent from

chance and changing circumstances of life. There is a certain paradox for those "blessed" by the Lord. Mary was given the "blessedness" of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessed-

ness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. To be chosen by God is an awesome privilege and responsibility. Mary received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. Her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fuelled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain

and which neither life nor death can take away.

What is the significance of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth before the birth of Jesus? When Elizabeth greeted Mary and recognized the Messiah in Mary's womb they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfilment of God's promise to give a Saviour. What a marvellous wonder for God to fill not only Elizabeth's heart with his Holy Spirit but the child in her womb as well. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah,



pointed to his coming and leapt for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. One of the gifts of these final days of Advent is to recognize and then live in the joy and knowledge of God's indwelling presence with us through his Holy Spirit.

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.

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. There are still some weeks free in February. Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS are booked until the end of 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
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.wwme.org.uk

DIOCESAN VACANCIES please see folder in porch or diocesan website.

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 23 December:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses.

Thursday 27 December:

Church Cleaning Group D 2.30pm

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.

THANK YOU for your generous donations to our second collection last weekend for Christmas flowers.

THANK YOU also to all who have cleaned or continuing to do so prior to Christmas. Thanks also to all who are decorating the church at this time.

FUNERAL MASS of ANNIE DOOLEY will take place on Wednesday 9th January at 11.00am. Reception into church at 7pm on Tuesday 8th January.

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

CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPES: These are now available and they are an opportunity for you to make a special Christmas gift to the church at this time. This money, along with the Christmas and Easter collections is no longer an offering to the clergy. If you wish to give them a gift you must do that separately through a card or some other means through the parish letterbox.

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. Please bring your presents from 23rd December onwards.

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.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS AT CHRISTMAS - If you are an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion and are able to help at the Christmas liturgies, please fill in your name on the sheet at the back of Church today. Thank you!

MINISTRIES AT CHRISTMAS LITURGIES - If you are able to help at the Christmas Masses at St. George's (Welcoming, Reading, Collecting, Offering, Serving) please fill in your name on the relevant sheet at the back of Church today. Thank you!

PARISH OFFICE: The parish office is now closed and will be open from Tuesday 8th January 2019.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—The first session of Part 2 of the Programme is for **Parents & Carers Only** on **Tuesday 15th January at 7.30pm.**

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).

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS THIS CHRISTMAS



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.

Sunday 23 Dec	ADVENT IV	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm 9.30am	Tom and Mary Higgins RIP Thanksgiving (Fr. Antonio Pineda) PRO POPULO Fr. Michael Johnston Ints Max Perera RIP Daniel Daley Snr RIP
Monday 24 Dec	Advent feria			
	CHRISTMAS EVE			
	<i>Carols</i>		5.30pm	
	Family Vigil Mass		6.00pm	Peter Cronin RIP (20th Ann)
	<i>Carols by Candlelight</i>		11.30pm	
	MIDNIGHT MASS		12 midnight	Gray Kennady RIP and John Walter Sammi RIP
	CHRISTMAS DAY			
Tuesday 25 Dec	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		8.30pm 9.45am 11.15am 12 noon	Anastasia Johnston RIP Paul Dias RIP Richard O'Dwyer RIP PJ Neylon RIP
Wednesday 26 Dec	S. Stephen		9.30am	Tom Lally RIP (17th Ann)
Thursday 27 Dec	S. John		9.30am	Jimmy Bonner RIP (3rd Ann)
Friday 28 Dec	The Holy Innocents		9.30am	Tim Kelly RIP
Saturday 29 Dec	S. Thomas Becket		9.30am	Bill Brennan RIP
Sunday 30 Dec	The Holy Family	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm 9.30am	Thanksgiving (Fr. Antonio Pineda) Joan Emily Longuet RIP (6th Ann) Frank Hunt RIP PRO POPULO Tom Kerrane Intentions
Monday 31 Dec	Seventh Day of the Octave		9.30am	Melinda Peter RIP
Tuesday 1st Jan	MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD		12 noon	

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Is 45: 8*

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Micah 5:1-4*

The Lord says this:
But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock

with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 79:2-3,15-16,18-19*

R/. Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. ***R/.***
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
R/.
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. ***R/.***

Second reading: *Hebrews 10:5-10*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

*You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'*

Notice that he says first: *You did not want* what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and *you took no pleasure* in them; and then he says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: *Lk1:38*

***Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!***

Gospel: *Luke 1:39-44*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as

soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Is 7: 14*

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.