



**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, Edith Geissler, Sandy McAdam, Julia Ram-melt, Marie Rego.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Stefan Lazarus.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Kathleen Halpin, Joe Fleming, Len Duffner.

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY 2019
Human Trafficking: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



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**Canticle of Simeon
(Nunc Dimittis)**
Lord, now you let your servant
go in peace,
your word has been fulfilled:
My own eyes have seen the
salvation,
which you have prepared in
the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your
People Israel.

SANCTUARY LAMP
HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK
For the intentions of
MARIA BARRETTO

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

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



Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday Readings
Ordinary Time
Week 3 Year 1
Divine Office
Week 3

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



**Sunday 27th January 2019
THE THIRD 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



As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's

Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10
Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19:8,9,10,15
A song in praise of the Law of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27
Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven."
Pope St. Pius X

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The four gospels point us to the very source of truth itself in the person of Jesus Christ. Luke's gospel, especially his introduction, is somewhat unique among the four gospels. Luke speaks in the first person. He addresses his friend, Theophilus, a name which means "beloved of God". In so many words Luke says, I am writing to you the most incredible story humankind has known. And this story is utterly believable because it comes from reliable first-hand witnesses who knew Jesus personally, heard his teaching, saw his miracles, and witnessed his death, resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven. The word "gospel" literally means "good news". The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ and the freedom he has won for us through his death and resurrection. The gospel is God's word for us today! It's a living word that has power to change and transform lives, and bring freedom and healing to those who receive it as the word of God. Do you want to be changed and transformed by God's living word? Listen to his Son and receive his word with expectant faith and trust.

St. Luke tells us that Jesus began his public ministry in his own land of Galilee where he was raised as a child. Jesus'

first public words in his hometown synagogue amazed both his family and townspeople. It was customary for the president of the synagogue to call on different people each week to read from the Hebrew bible and say a few words. Jesus read the text from the prophet Isaiah that explained how the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and evil. Jesus told his audience that he himself had been anointed to fulfil this prophecy. Only a madman or the Messiah would dare to make such a claim! Jesus not only got their startled attention, he awoke in his people fresh hope that God was indeed fulfilling his promises to them. Luke tells us that the people received Jesus' words favourably and wondered what would become of "Joseph's son". In Jesus we see the grace and power of God in action. His gracious words bring hope, joy, and favour to all who were and still are ready to receive him.

Jesus came for our sake and for our salvation. He came to set us free from the worst tyranny possible – slavery to sin and the fear of death, and the eternal destruction of both body and soul. God's power alone can save us from hopelessness, fear, spiritual emptiness, and despair. The gospel of salvation is indeed "good news" for us



you are able to help please let us know.

THE ANNUAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES takes place on Saturday 9th February at 2pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. All are welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to all who are sick or infirm, all hospital chaplains, doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and all who work in healthcare. No tickets required.

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 and March. Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS are booked until May. Remember to book your anniversary Masses early. The diocesan suggested Mass offering is £10 per Mass.

CHURCH CLEANING- Might you consider helping to clean the Church on a monthly basis. If so, please contact the parish office.

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

DIOCESAN VACANCIES please see folder in porch or diocesan website.

CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL require a **Science Technician** (part time) 2 days per week, term time and **Exams and Assessment Officer** - 35 hours per week, term time. C/date for both 4/2/19). See website for details.

FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges information.

Harrow Deanery Young Adult Trip to Taizé 27th July to 5th August 2019



Are you aged 18-29?

Information Evening
Thursday 31st January, 7.30pm
Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury
22 Roxborough Park, Harrow-on-the-Hill, HA1 3BE

Approximate Price: £250

Contact
peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

ST GEORGE'S PARISH COOKBOOK

A little fun project to raise some money for the church:

Can you provide:

- ◆ **THE NAME OF YOUR RECIPE**
 - ◆ **YOUR NAME** (or a pseudonym)
 - ◆ **INGREDIENTS** (metric and/or imperial)
 - ◆ **METHOD** – step by step...
 - ◆ **PHOTOGRAPH(S)** especially of the finished product
 - ◆ **SOMETHING ABOUT WHY THIS RECIPE IS IMPORTANT** (i.e. where it comes from, maybe when you cook it (seasonal) – this is optional)
- All this can be sent to subury@rcdow.org.uk or put together in an envelope (pictures etc.) and popped through the presbytery letter box or given to one of the parish team.

If we have a good response we can get it up an running for Easter.

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.

THIS SUNDAY - WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal THIS weekend 27th/28th January. Please give generously to this worthy cause.



THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS Saturday 2nd February Mass with Blessing of Candles at 9.30am.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK
Sunday 27 January:

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

Monday 28 January:

Keep Fit 2.00pm
Confirmation 7.30pm

Tuesday 29 January:

First Holy Communion (children) 7.30pm
Set/Ceilidh Dancing 8.45pm

Wednesday 30 January:

Discovering Christ 7.00pm

Thursday 31 January:

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

Friday 1 February:

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

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

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 8th June 2019 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th,

50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

CONFIRMATION 2019—Enrolment on the Confirmation Programme 2019 **is now closed.** Thank you for keeping the candidates in prayer as they prepare to receive this Sacrament. This coming Monday evening's session, on **'The Purpose of Confirmation'**, **begins in the Hall at 7.30pm.** Thank you for arriving promptly so we can start on-time.

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 2019.** The cost will be around **£250.** If you are interested please pick up an **Information Leaflet** from the porch and join us for the **Information Evening on Thursday 31st January at 7.30pm** at **Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury** (22 Roxborough Park, Harrow-on-the-Hill, HA1 3BE).

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 can be picked up from the porch and Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—The next session, entitled 'We are Catholic Christians', for children only is taking place on **Tuesday 29th January at 7.30pm.**

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 is **Saturday 2nd March at 10.30am** in the parish centre.

WELCOMING AT SATURDAY 6.15PM—We would be grateful to any **new volunteers** open to help welcome the people at the **Saturday 6.15pm Mass.** If

WHAT IS CANDLEMAS?

Candlemas commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem.

The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World. Both of these mysteries took place at the same moment. Luke 2 describes how the Holy Family fulfilled the Old Testament Law, which said that a rite of redemption of the firstborn son should take place 40 days after his birth. Also, mothers would undergo ritual purification after childbirth. This is the moment that old Simeon saw the Messiah and pronounced his Nunc dimittis, and the many decades of widowed Anna's faithful waiting were fulfilled.

The nickname "Candlemas" results from our solemn blessing of candles for use in church and in homes during the year. We will unite our prayers and hearts with our forebears in so doing. The practice of a procession on this feast is mentioned as early as the time of Pope St Gelasius I (496 AD). St Bernard of Clairvaux said that in processing we imitate Mary and Joseph, Anna and Simeon, walking two by two with candles lighted from the blessed fire of the Church:

We walk while we sing to God to denote that to stand still in the paths of virtue is to go back. The lights we bear in our hands represent the divine fire of love with which our hearts ought to be inflamed, and which we are to offer to God without any mixture of strange fire, the fire of concupiscence, envy, ambition, or the love of creatures. We also hold these lights in our hands to honour Christ, and to acknowledge him as the true light.

The ritual offering of both Mary and Jesus in the Temple might prompt our own self-offering, especially at beginnings. The beginning of our lives, our coming into this world's light, is an offering in baptism. Our candles are ignited. We should offer each daybreak to the glory of God. Offer, too, the commencement of every good work, that they bring light to others.

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 27 January</i>	THE 3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (<i>Sat. Vigil</i>)	Martin Kilcommins RIP
8.30am	Imelda McCarthy RIP
9.45am	PRO POPULO
11.15am	Kathleen Halpin RIP
5.30pm	Joe Fleming RIP

Mon 29 January 9.30am	S. Thomas Aquinas Teresa Canavan Intentions
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Tues 30 January 9.30am	feria Daniel Doherty RIP
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Weds 31 January 9.30am	S. John Bosco Charles McCann RIP
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Thurs 1 February 9.30am	feria Neil Keating RIP
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Fri 2 February 9.30am	feria Den & Anita Coulson RIPP
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Sat 3 February 9.30am	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS) Cathy Boyle RIP
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TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your strong-hold.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 18:8-10,15

R/. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *R/.*
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. *R/.*
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *R/.*
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! *R/.*

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He

stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,

for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,

to set the downtrodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.