



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

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

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Reynold Briffa.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Helen Brady, Alice Cullen, Eileen Nicklen, Laura McKim, Paddy McKim, Patrick Marron.

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

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.

"The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them."

-Saint Louis Marie de Montfort



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PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Act of Faith

O Jesus, I believe that you have come to me in Holy Communion because you have said it and your word is true.

Act of Love

O Jesus, I love you. Make me love you even more.

Act of Thanks

O Jesus, I thank you for coming to me in Holy Communion.

SANCTUARY LAMP

HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF
FRANCISCO SEBASTIAN BARRETTO RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
In Memory of
KEVIN DURCAN RIP

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



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Sunday cycle
Readings Year C

Weekday Readings
Ordinary Time
Week 6 Year 1

Divine Office
Week 2

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 17th February 2019 THE SIXTH 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 we listen to today's Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation: these are not things that we can

depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

First Reading: *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 1:1-4,6*

Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20*

Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 6:17,20-26*

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"The devil fears hearts on fire with
love of God."

St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY REFLECTION

When you encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, how do you respond? With fear or faith? With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found.

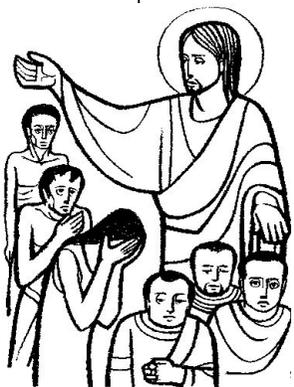
The word beatitude literally means happiness or blessedness. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and

oppression.

St. Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbour. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds. Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness."

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. St Thomas Aquinas said: "No person can live without joy". Do you know the joy and happiness



Monday 25th February. On that evening the candidates will also receive further details about the **Confirmation Retreat Day** taking place at **SPEC (Pinner)** on **Sunday 3rd March**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION— We need to find some generous souls to **help our children in Year 3 prepare to receive their First Holy Communion**. If your child is currently in Year 2 might you consider lending a hand next year when they are making their First Holy Communion? If you'd like further information please speak to one of the Parish Clergy, the Catechists or our Catechetical Coordinator.

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.

FRIENDS OF JESUS: closed for the half-term break & will be back again on Friday 1st March.

HOLY BAPTISM: Information packs are available from the parish office. You can sign up there for the preparation course. 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Our next men's breakfast will take place on **Saturday 9th March at 9.00am in the café/bar**. We will have our regular fry-up followed by a talk by St George's very own seminarian, Daniel Daley. Dan will be talking about his experiences so far as he continues his training for the priesthood. If you've not been to one of our breakfasts before, please come along and give it a try!

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 you are able to help please let us know.

MARY'S MEALS: Double the Love for Mary's Meals, the Government are doubling any donations until 1st March. One of our parishioners has set up a donation page. The idea is to give something up like a meal or drink or anything that comes to mind really and donate the money saved to Mary's Meals.

£13.90 feeds and educates one child for a whole year! The link is - <https://bit.ly/2N3HVPE>. You can also Gift Aid your donations. Thank you.

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 April and May. Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

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

ST GEORGE'S PARISH COOKBOOK: A little fun project to raise some money for the church:
Please take a flyer from the back of Church. Up to date we only have 3 responses. We do need more if our project is to be worthwhile and succeed.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT at St. George's School on Saturday 30th March at 7.30pm. Bar & raffle. £30 for a table of four. To reserve tickets please contact Greg Birch on 07868293463.

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.wmme.org.uk

CLEANER/CARER WANTED: Please telephone 020 8904 3894.

ROOM TO LET: Near church/reasonable rent/students/females only. Tel: 07427671578.

DIOCESAN AND SCHOOL VACANCIES please see folder in porch or School/diocesan website.

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 THIS WEEK

Sunday 17 February:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am/11.15am Masses.

Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass

Tuesday 19 February:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

Set/Ceilidh Dancing 8.45pm

Wednesday 20 February:

Discovering Christ 7.00pm

Thursday 21 February:

Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am

Friday 22 February:

Art Class 2.00pm

Film Night (doors open 6.45pm) 7.15pm

KEEPING THE CHURCH WARM...please, please shut the door after you when you come in. We can't afford to heat the road as well

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

SOCIAL DANCE on Friday 1st March in the parish Centre. Bar-Raffle-Dancing. 8 until late. Music by "Slim Attraction" Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and at the door—£7.00. All proceeds to the parish. Take a flyer today!

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).

LOOKING AHEAD... ASH WEDNESDAY falls on Wednesday 6th March. This day marks the **beginning of Lent**. Full details of our Lenten activities will be available soon.

REPOSITORY UPDATE: we are currently restocking and setting out in the repository hoping for a new opening around the beginning of Lent. Gifts and cards for Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be also available.

HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE: We recently had our annual inspection and we have come on in leaps and bounds as a parish complying with the health and safety regulations in order to make the place a safe environment for everyone. One thing we now need to do is to have designated "Fire Wardens" for each Mass (preferably two each). Could you offer to do this. This is only precautionary, just in case of a fire in church during a Mass. If you could help please speak to one of the Parish team.

FILM NIGHT: Our next film night will be on Friday 22nd February. *'Of Gods and Men'* (a French film with English subtitles), tells the story of Trappist monks in North Africa who face the agonising choice of whether to stay or flee from their monastery in midst of attacks by religious fundamentalists. The film won many awards. 'Patient and restrained, *Of Gods and Men* asks deep, profound questions that will linger in the audience's mind long after the movie' (*Rotten Tomatoes* website). Doors open for refreshments at 6.45pm, followed by the film at 7.15pm. All welcome!

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 estimated cost is **£250**. If you are interested in joining us please pick up an **Information Leaflet and Booking Form** from the back of church.

CONFIRMATION - The next Confirmation Session, offering an 'Experience of Prayer', is taking place on

St George's Catholic Church, Sudbury

SOCIAL DANCE



Friday 1st March 2019

Music by "Slim Attraction"

Bar - Raffle - Dancing

8 until late

£7.00 at the door

970 Harrow Road, St Andrew's Avenue, Sudbury,
Middlesex HA0 2QE
Contact: Patsy 07533587348

To create a "home" is to create a family. It is to learn to feel connected to others by more than the utilitarian and practical bonds, to be united in such a way so as to feel that our life is a bit more human. To create a home is to let prophecy take flesh and make our hours and days less cold, less indifferent and anonymous. It is to create bonds by simple, everyday acts that all of us can do. A home, and this we all know very well, demands that everyone work together. No one can be indifferent or aloof, since each is a stone needed to build the home. And that also means asking the Lord to grant us the grace to learn to be patient, to forgive one another, to start over each day. How many times should I forgive and start over? Seventy times seven times, as many times as necessary. To create strong bonds requires confidence and trust nurtured daily by patience and forgiveness.

POPE FRANCIS

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 17 February</i> 6.15pm (<i>Sat. Vigil</i>)	THE 6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Helen Brady RIP and Alice Cullen RIP (10th Ann) McEvoy Family RIP Kevin Durcan RIP Eileen Nicklen RIP (2nd Ann) PRO POPULO
8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	
Mon 18 February 9.30am	feria Paddy Costelloe RIP
Tues 19 February 9.30am	feria Nora Hunt Intentions
Weds 20 February 9.30am	feria Thanksgiving to St. Jude
Thurs 21 February 9.30am	feria Patrick Marron RIP
Fri 22 February 9.30am	CHAIR OF ST. PETER Kathleen Durkin RIP
Sat 23 February 9.30am	S. Polycarp Matilda Cardozo and John Baptiste Fernandes RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought,

and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 1:1-4,6

R/. Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R/.**
 2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R/.**
 3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind: for the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R/.**
- Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20**
- If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been

raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you,

denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, so that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.