



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, Marie Rego.

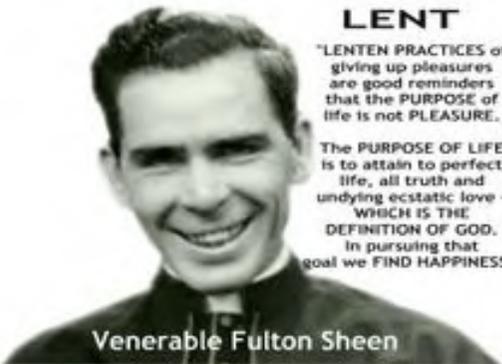
RECENTLY DEPARTED: Norah Biggerstaff, Mary Haddad, Sandy McAdam, Kathleen Mahony, Mary Collins, Tosia Rumus, Bob Haney.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Bertram Jacob, AA Nathan (4th Ann), Fabian Maingot, Kathleen Egan (3rd Ann), Patrick Garry (12th Ann).

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Riley Haines, Rocco Jones.

PRAYERS are asked for all taking part in an Engaged Encounter weekend at St. Aloysius Church, Euston this weekend.

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH 2019
Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



A reminder for the Lent season:
"That is why the Lord says, 'Turn to me now, while there is time! Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Don't tear your clothing in your grief; instead, tear your hearts.' Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and Merciful. He is not easily angered. He is filled with kindness and is eager not to punish you."
Joel 2:12-13
GOD BLESS.

SANCTUARY LAMP
HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK
for a
PRIVATE INTENTION
**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
has been sponsored this week
In Memory of
KATHLEEN EGAN RIP
ROSARY AT HOME: This week the statue of
Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home of
Spirita Ansalmar

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off or to silent**

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Lent week 1
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Week 1

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 10th March 2019 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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



The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*
Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15*
A prayer for God's protection

Second Reading: *Romans 10:8-13*
St. Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 4:1-13*
In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE
**"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us
to make a complete gift of self to God."**
Pope Benedict XVI

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time. (Luke 4:13). These are menacing words, don't you think? Defeated now, the devil slinks away, but not for long. He's off to bide his time, wait for a while, lurk in the shadows, never too far away, just looking for his opportunity.

But we live in an age where people struggle with the idea of the devil. We have reduced him sometimes to a figure of fun that is brought out on Halloween. And sure enough, even some Christians do not believe the devil exists. We surround ourselves with such a comfortable notion of faith, a God of love, the Good Shepherd, the forgiving Father. Wickedness and evil seem so far from what our faith and our idea of God is all about, that it is just so difficult to understand how he could allow there even to be a Devil. And this is dangerous matter. Fighting an enemy who you don't believe exists, is wrestling with shadows. It was the writer CS



Lewis, who said that the devil's greatest achievement was convincing people that he doesn't exist. We must not fall into that trap.

It's not that we need to believe that he's red and has horns and a tail, that he lives under the earth in fire and brimstone. But if we stop believing that evil can be a power, and even have a mind and a will, if we don't recognise that the life of faith is a struggle and that obstacles often fall in our way, if we don't accept that when bad things happen it may not be God's will but might in fact be ill will, if we don't accept these - then there is no battle to be fought,

no struggle to be won. We are like those without hope. He skulks in the shadows, waits in the darkness - and we may not even realise he is there.

Lent is our time in the wilderness - our time when we confront temptation and remember that there is a power of evil. Our time for recognising Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises and then defeating him!

CONFIRMATION -We are delighted that the **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** will be joining our Confirmation Group this coming **Monday 11th March** to speak about their life and mission. The candidates will also be preparing for the **Parish Charity Breakfast on Sunday 24th March** in aid of our **Lenten Charity**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We continue to search for some **generous volunteers** to **help our Catechists prepare the children for their First Holy Communion**. If your child is currently in Year 2 perhaps you'd like to lend a hand next year? Please speak to one of the Parish Clergy, the Catechists or our Catechetical Coordinator to find out more. 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 can be picked up from the porch and Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office.

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 **Friday 29th March 2019 at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.

PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2019/20 will be available shortly. If you are new to the parish and wish to use these envelopes for the first time please complete an information form (orange coloured sheet) to be found at the back of the church and return it to the parish office or presbytery. **If you have a current Gift Aid and ceased to pay tax in the last year you must inform the parish office.**

FILM NIGHT: Our next Film Night will be on Friday 22nd March. It will be an Alfred Hitchcock film called "I Confess"— about a priest, who comes under suspicion for murder, who cannot clear his name without breaking the seal of the confessional. Doors open at 6.45pm for 7.15pm. All welcome.

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.

SANCTUARY REORDERING UPDATE: the plans have all been submitted to the Historic Churches Committee (St George's is a listed building so this is a requirement). They have tweaked the plans a little but the overall scheme remains the same. We need to liaise with them about some of the issues concerning the floor but we will be ready to begin in earnest soon. Inevitably some fundraising will need to take place so any ideas etc. are really 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 April and May. Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS are booked completely up to June 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 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.**

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

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

Free EU Settlement Scheme Information Evening

Get expert advice on applying for EU settled status, speak to other people in similar circumstances, and put your questions to our Brexit panel.

Wednesday 27 March, 7-9pm at the Brent Civic Centre.

For more information, visit eusettlement.eventbrite.co.uk

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 10 March:		
Teas/Coffees after 9.45am/11.15am Masses.		
Monday 11 March:		
Keep Fit		2.00pm
Confirmation		7.30pm
Tuesday 12 March:		
Over 60's Group		1.00pm
First Holy Communion		7.30pm
Set/Ceilidh Dancing		8.45pm
Wednesday 13 March:		
Knights of St. Columba		8.00pm
Thursday 14 March:		
Church Cleaning Group C		10.30am
Friday 15 March:		
Teas/Coffees after Stations of the Cross		
Friends of Jesus		5.30pm
Saturday 16 March:		
Morning of Recollection	Mass	9.30am

THIS SUNDAY there will be a second collection to support the work of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and their work with the poor and destitute which is our Lent Project. We welcome back Fr John Bosco to speak at some of our Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS after the Friday 9.30am Mass (around 10am).

EASTER LILIES in memory of a loved one. Envelopes are available now to buy an Easter lily in memory of a loved one. Their names will also be inscribed in our Easter Lily Book. You'll find the envelopes at the back of church in a nominated basket.

SATURDAY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION FOR LENT led by Fr Tim Dean. Saturday 16th March Beginning with Mass at 9.30am and finishing with lunch at 1.00pm. All welcome. There will be an extra opportunity for confessions on this day.

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).

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

THE TUCK SHOP ON SUNDAYS will be closed during the season of Lent.

DISCOVERING CHRIST: A big 'thank you' from Mgr J Jeremy and Fr Tony for all those who volunteered their time and gifts for this recent course: our group leaders and helpers; those who prepared and served food; our welcomers and hospitality teams; those who helped prepare the parish centre; and to many others who helped make the course a big success. An especial thanks must go to all those who prepared food but weren't able to attend the course. It was a wonderful example of the parish coming together to share the Gospel of Christ.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: Sunday 31 March: There will be a sale, after all Masses in the parish centre, in aid of St. Luke's Hospice. If you would like a stall for your charity please contact Rosemary through the parish office leaving name and telephone number.

REPOSITORY RE-OPENING: Grand reopening this Sunday, so take a look! Open after 9.45am Mass and the 11.15am Mass. If you think you could help with staffing the repository can you let one of the parish Team know.

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. **Thanks to those who have already offered their assistance.**

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 just £250. Those interested are welcome to pick-up an **Information Leaflet & Booking Form** from the porch. An **Information Evening** will be taking place here at **St. George's** on **Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm.**



LENT 2019 at St George's

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday—Friday 9.00-9.30am



Sunday 31st March 2019

Sale in Parish Centre

Raffle—Plants—Flowers—cakes—Cards—Stalls

All in aid of St Luke's Hospice

SALE OF PRINTS AND PAINTINGS

in aid of the St George's

New Sanctuary Fund



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 10 March</i>	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
6.15pm (<i>Sat. Vigil</i>)	PRO POPULO
8.30am	Bertram Jacob RIP
9.45am	Marlyn Fernandez RIP
11.15am	Stephen McGuire RIP
5.30pm	Kathleen Egan RIP (3rd Ann)

Mon 11 March	Lent <i>feria</i>
9.30am	Frank Hunt RIP

Tues 12 March	Lent <i>feria</i>
9.30am	Peter Cronin RIP

Weds 13 March	Lent <i>feria</i>
9.30am	Dominic Harkin RIP

Thurs 14 March	Lent <i>feria</i>
9.30am	Bridget O'Connor Intentions

Fri 15 March	Lent <i>feria</i>
9.30am	1. A.A. Nathan RIP (4th Ann)
	2. Helen Golden (90th Birthday)

Sat 9.16 March	Lent <i>feria</i>
9.30am	Bowe Family Intentions

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 90: 15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me."

'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90:1-2,10-15

R/. Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R/.**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R/.**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R/.**

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R/.**

Second reading: Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: *The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, how-

ever many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Prayer over the Offerings

Give us the right dispositions,
O Lord, we pray,
to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 4: 4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from
the mouth of God.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished,
hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth.
Through Christ our Lord.

