



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

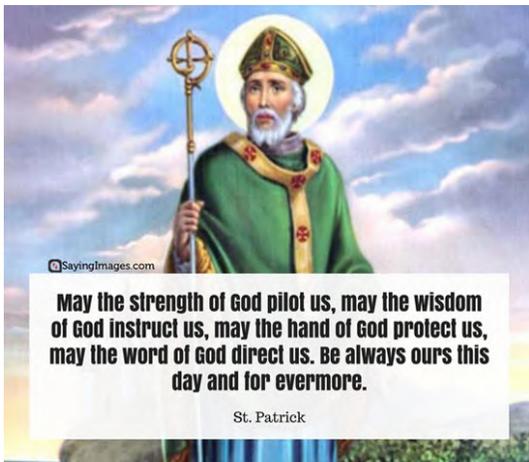
SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Michael Griffin, Anne Hull, Gillian Gibbs, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Lionel Stonehouse, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Norah Borthwick, Mary Haddad, Sandy McAdam, Tosia Rumus, Anthony Billane.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Anna Carbery, David Sullivan (7th Ann), Bridie Murphy (3rd Ann), Ann Patten, Anthony Patten.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Aiden Almeida, Liam McManus.

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



May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us, may the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. Be always ours this day and for evermore.

St. Patrick

PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK

Christ be with me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

SANCTUARY LAMP

HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK
for Adrian Gadzinska

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
has been sponsored this week
for the intentions of
Baptist Fernandes & Family

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



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off or to silent

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Weekday Readings
Lent week 2

Divine Office
Week 2

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury

Sunday 17th March 2019 THE SECOND 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



In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our

hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

First Reading: *Genesis 15:5-12,17-18*

God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him many descendants.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 27:1,7-8,8-9,13-14*

A prayer to God who is our salvation

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:20-4:1*

Saint Paul encourages the Philippians to remain firm in their faith that Christ will subject all things to himself.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:28b-36*

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE

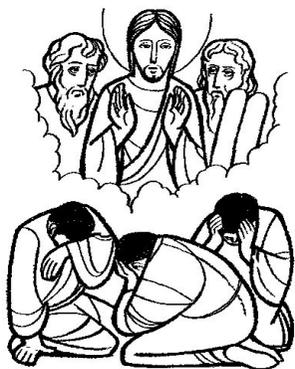
"Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, take pity on him. If you see a friend being honoured, do not envy him. Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies."

St. John Chrysostom



SUNDAY REFLECTION

I wonder if any of us are really prepared to meet the Lord face-to-face and to see him in his glory. However we may feel, God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. St Paul writing in his Second letter to the Corinthians says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 Cor 3:7). In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles, Peter, John, and James. So what is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him). The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again.



St. Luke tells us that Peter, James, and John were heavy with sleep while Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah. Upon awakening they discovered that Jesus was transfigured in glory along with Moses and Elijah. It reminds us that we so often miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually. There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God. Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of comfort can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. This Lent we may just ask ourselves: Are we spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Jesus Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). This Lent, the Lord Jesus wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. So let us seek his presence with faith and reverence.

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 OPENING: 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.

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**.

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 from next Sunday. 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 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 May and June. Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS are booked completely up to July 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.

THE PASSAGE is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 19th March – 12 noon Tues 26th March to support its work with homeless people moving from Street to Home. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 7592 1856 / andrew.h@passage.org.uk Donate at www.thebiggive.org.uk/thepassage2019 The maximum is £25,000 from any one donation. **It is not a limit per person.**

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.wvme.org.uk

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

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL has vacancies for a Cleaner and As & When Cleaners. (C/date 22 Mar). See website.

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

NEWS & VIEWS

Confirmation Charity Parish Breakfast Sunday 24th March 9am-1pm



Please join our Confirmation Candidates in the Parish Centre and help raise as much money as possible for our Lenten Charity, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

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 March:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am/11.15am Masses.
St. Patrick's Day celebrations after 11.15am Mass

Monday 18 March:

Keep Fit 2.00pm
Confirmation 7.30pm

Tuesday 19 March:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm
First Holy Communion 7.30pm
Set/Ceilidh Dancing 8.45pm

Thursday 21 March:

Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm

Friday 22 March:

Teas/Coffees after Stations of the Cross
Art Class 2.00pm
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm
Film Night doors open at 6.45pm 7.15pm

ST. PATRICK'S DAY celebrations in the Bar/Café after 11.15am Mass today. All Welcome.

FUNERAL MASS of **Mary Haddad** on Wednesday 20th March at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

FUNERAL MASS of **Theofila Rumun** on Wednesday 27th March at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

FUNERAL MASS of **Nora Borthwick** on Thursday 28th March at 11.00am followed by Burial in Alperton Cemetery.

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

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.

THANK YOU to all who worked hard to make our recent Social Dance such a success. It raised £1983.00 for the parish.

THANK YOU to all who gave generously towards the social outreach of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. So far the total is £1579.41. The collection will remain open for the whole of Lent if you still wish to contribute.

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

CONFIRMATION PARISH BREAKFAST -On **Sunday 24th March**, after the 8.30am, 9.45am & 11.15am Masses the Confirmation Candidates & Catechists will be serving breakfast for Parishioners to raise as much money as possible for our Lenten Charity. Whether it's a Full English, a Full Irish or just a Sausage or Bacon Roll, please join us to help us raise as much money as possible for this good cause. If you have anything suitable to donate as a **Raffle Prize** we would also be grateful.

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).

Friday 22nd
March 2019
Refreshments at 6.45pm
film begins at 7.15 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent after
the 9.30am Mass

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.

Sun 17 March

6.15pm (*Sat. Vigil*)

8.30am

9.45am

11.15am

5.30pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jim Quinn RIP

PRO POPULO

David Sullivan RIP (7th Ann)

Susan Suriyavan RIP

Bridie Murphy RIP (3rd Ann)

Mon 18 March

9.30am

Lent *feria*

Bridget Sydes

Tues 19 March

9.30am

S. JOSEPH

Thomas O'Connor RIP

Weds 20 March

9.30am

11.00am

Lent *feria*

Imelda McCarthy RIP

FUNERAL MASS

MARY HADDAD RIP

Thurs 21 March

9.30am

Lent *feria*

Mary Maloney RIP

Fri 22 March

9.30am

Lent *feria*

Paddy Costelloe RIP

Sat 23 March

9.30am

Lent *feria*

Vincent de Lima RIP & Holy Souls

TODAY'S MASS

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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: *Genesis 15:5-12,17-18*

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants.' Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went

between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 26:1,7-9,13-14*

R/. The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? *R/.*

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' *R/.*

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. *R/.*

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness

in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! *R/.*

Second reading: *Philippians 3:20-4:1*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He

will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation: *Mt17:5*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel: *Luke 9:28-36*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the

cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Mt 17: 5*

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.