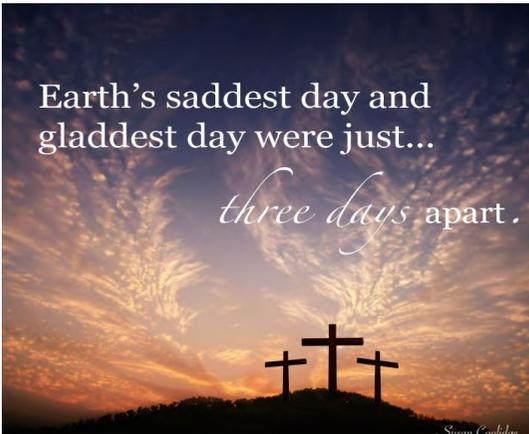


PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Maurice Willis (30th Ann), Alfred Louisy, Tim Davies, Olga D'Cunha, Timothy Sullivan, Damian O'Halloran

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR April 2019 Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones. For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



PRAYER FOR EASTER
God of Promise and God of Hope,
who through your great mercy
have granted us new birth
through the death and resurrection
of Jesus Christ,
we praise your wonderful name!
God of Glory and God of Might
who through your great power
have granted us new strength
to endure all things through faith in
Christ our risen King,
we praise your wonderful name!

SANCTUARY LAMP
HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK
In Memory of
ALFRED LOUISY RIP

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
has been sponsored this week
For a PRIVATE INTENTION

ROSARY AT HOME: This week the statue
of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home
of Mrs Jaya David

 **Switch mobile phones
off or to silent**

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Week !

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



Sunday 21st April 2019 EASTER SUNDAY

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



Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen

(it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). Our Easter faith is based on the disciples witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

- First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43**
Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23**
Rejoice in this day of the Lord.
- Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**
Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.
- Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9**
Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE
"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and alleluia is our song."
Pope Saint John Paul II

SUNDAY REFLECTION

If Christ is not risen, then our faith has no meaning. Easter, not Good Friday, is the climax of Holy Week. The resurrection is not just an appendix to Jesus' death it is a "proof" of his divinity.

Jesus leads the way by going through death to a life that can never be taken away from him again. "We know that Christ, being raised from death, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." And that life is shared with us. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance", says Jesus. The message of Easter is first communicated by the empty tomb. The death of Jesus was an observable and observed fact by both friends and enemies. No one saw the resurrection. It did not involve resuscitation of a corpse.



The first witnesses that something had happened were women. And what they saw was not Jesus but his empty tomb. They were puzzled and alarmed. Then Peter and the Beloved Disciple go to investigate. They find the empty tomb as the women reported. Peter just sees a loss, the absence of a body. But the other disciple sees with the eyes of one who loves and he sees a void filled with the presence of the Risen One. The Beloved Disciple sees the empty tomb and believes. He sees what cannot be literally seen. He suddenly understands the teaching of Scripture and the words of Jesus that he must "rise from the dead". Every disciples who loves Jesus is one who sees — and believes with all his or her heart in a Risen Lord. Let us this Easter join them in faith and praise of our Risen Lord.

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!

FIREWARDENS. Thanks to those who have volunteered . We have arranged a deanery training for all volunteer fire-wardens on Saturday 15th June 10.30am-12.30pm. A date for your diary!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—The next session, taking place on **Tuesday 23rd April for PARENTS & CARERS ONLY**, will be providing all with details of the practicalities relating to the FHC Masses. Thank you for making the necessary child-care arrangements so you are able to attend.

CONFIRMATION— The next session in the Parish Centre is on Monday 29th April.

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.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 8 June 2019 at 3pm. The deadline for this has now been extended to April 29th. 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, telephone number and email address.

NEW SANCTUARY REORDERING UPDATE No 2: All the designs have now been approved and we can move forward. A final 'pricing up' of the whole project will be done in a few days time. We will be asking if anyone would like to buy or give items in memory of someone or even in thanksgiving for something. Hopefully the project will just take 6 week throughout the summer. We need some idea/help etc for some fundraising too.

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 September 2019. Remember to book your anniversary Masses early .

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

THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL will be running a four-week Physics and Mathematics Internship Programme over the summer term 2019. Offering undergraduate university students the opportunity to be placed in a number of schools in West, East and North London. Participants will receive a £300 per week bursary for the 4-week programme, a total of £1200. For further information and an application form please go to: BIT.LY/CVMSINTERNSHIP2019 .

CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL require an Assessment Administrator (c/date 29/4).

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL— new premium pupil information for year 7 entry in September 2020. Please information in porch.

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

NEWS & VIEWS

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE! May this time be blessed for you, your family and your loved ones.

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 21 April:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am/11.15am Masses.

Monday 22 April: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 23 April:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

First Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wednesday 24 April:

Thursday 25 April:

Church Cleaning Group A 7.00pm

St. George's Neighbourhood

Watch Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 26 April:

Art Class 2.00pm

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Baptism Preparation 7.30pm

EASTER ENVELOPES are out this week in the benches or at the back of the church. This is an opportunity for you to make a special offering at this time of Easter. In anticipation, thank you for your generosity.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed this week. Open as usual on Tuesday 30th April.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY falls this year officially on Tuesday 30th April as this is the first free day after the Easter celebrations. Mass at the usual time of 9.30am.

BELLS during Easter the ringing of our bells change from the Angelus (3x3 & 9 peals) to 2 x 9 peals representing the Easter Anthem to Our Lady "Regina Caeli".

OVER 60'S CREAM TEA and RAFFLE— a belated St. George's Day celebration— on Tuesday 7th May from 1-3pm, in aid of St. George's Sanctuary Fund. £5 each. All Welcome. Tickets available from Joyce on 020 8904 6430.

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

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 26th April 2019 at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.

FAITH CAFÉ— a monthly opportunity to explore our Catholic faith, will be held on the first Wednesday of the month from 1st May, in the Café/Bar at 7.30pm. Further details next week..

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS—We are delighted that, once again, **Papillon Photography** are taking care of the official photographs at the Confirmation & First Holy Communion Masses this year. If, in addition to the official photographs being taken during these services, you would like to **book a slot to have some photos taken with your family** either before or after Mass, please email info@papillonphotography.co.uk or telephone **Patricia on 07939 722 198 or Suzanne on 07712 183 744.**

REPOSITORY Open after Mass today with a selection of gifts and cards. If you think you could help with staffing the repository can you let one of the parish Team know.

EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION

1st, Christ predicted His resurrection. The Bible records, "From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things ... and be killed, and be raised up on the third day" (Matthew 16:21, New American Standard Bible). Even though His followers did not understand what He was telling them at the time, they remembered His words and recorded them.

2nd, Jesus made numerous appearances to His followers. He comforted the mourners outside His tomb on Sunday morning. On the road to Emmaus, He explained things about Himself from the Old Testament. Later, He ate in their presence and invited them to touch Him. Scripture records that Jesus was seen by more than 500 at one time. Some may argue that a few people could have agreed to a deception, but how can one explain the collaboration of 500 people?

3rd, the unrelenting faith of the disciples is a proof of the Resurrection. Those disciples who were once so afraid that they deserted their Lord now courageously proclaimed this news, risking their lives to preach. Their bold and courageous behaviour does not make sense unless they knew with absolute certainty that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

4th, the growth of the Christian church confirms the Resurrection. Peter's first sermon, which dealt with Christ's resurrection, stirred people to receive Him as their living Saviour. Luke records the thrilling results: "That day there were added about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). And that group of believers has multiplied until now it reaches around the world. Today, there are hundreds of millions of believers.

Finally, the testimony of hundreds of millions of transformed lives through the centuries shows the power of the Resurrection. Many have been delivered from addictions. The destitute and despairing have found hope. Broken marriages have been restored. The most conclusive proof for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is that He is living within believers today in all of His resurrected life and transforming power.

The Resurrection sets Christianity apart. No other religious leader has broken the power of death and conquered sin.

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.

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.

Sun 21 April

EASTER SUNDAY

8.00pm (*Easter Vigil*) 1. Rita McDonald RIP
2. Maurice Willis RIP (30th Ann)
8.30am Timothy Sullivan RIP
9.45am Spencer Coomarewel RILP
11.15am Frank Hunt RIP
5.30pm PRO POPULO

Mon 22 April

EASTER MONDAY

9.30am Riley Family Intentions

Tues 23 April

EASTER TUESDAY

9.30am Ann Dooley RIP

Weds 24 April

EASTER WEDNESDAY

9.30am Tommy Mullin RIP

Thurs 25 April

EASTER THURSDAY

9.30am Finbarr Clonan RIP

Fri 26 April

EASTER FRIDAY

9.30am Ellen Cronk RIP

Sat 27 April

EASTER SATURDAY

9.30am Francis Walsh

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your
Spirit, rise up in the light of life.
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: Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead –

and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

R/. This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R/.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R/.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R/.**

Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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

Paschal Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but

the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness,
O Lord, we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,
alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the
paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory
of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.