

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

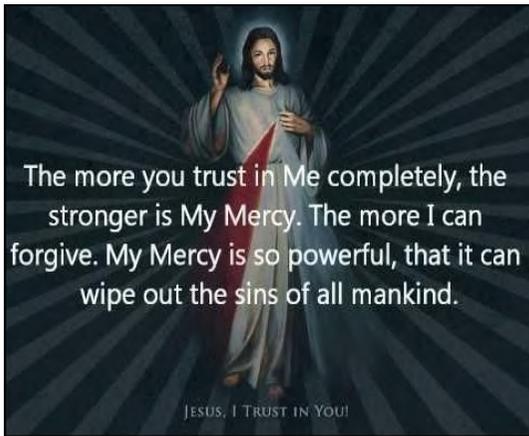
SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Michael Griffin, Anne Hull, Gillian Gibbs, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Lionel Stonehouse, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Christopher Browne, Jennifer.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Baby Charlie Hurley-Church

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: James Tierney.

PLEASE PRAY for all who are taking part in an Engaged Encounter meeting this weekend at St. Joseph's Centre in Hendon.

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.



TRADITIONAL EASTER PRAYER

**Christ is Risen:
The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen:
The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen:
The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen:
The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and
ever. Amen.**

St. Hippolytus (AD 190-236)

SANCTUARY LAMP

HAS BEEN SPONSORED THIS WEEK
For Special Intentions of
ANNA & JASON

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

ROSARY AT HOME: This week the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home of CARMEL O'DWYER



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off or to silent**

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



Sunday 28th April 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



St. Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this

evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

St. Peter and the apostles perform many signs and wonders.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19

St. John describes the instruction he received to write down his vision.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

St. Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears."

Pope saint John Paul II

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist.

When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw

the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly

God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection.

Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?



tion in May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you for keeping the children in prayer as they prepare for this important moment in their journey of faith. Please remember that **Rehearsals for the First Holy Communion Masses** take place in the Church at **6.30pm** on Tuesday 30th April (for Saturday 4th May) and Wednesday 1st May (for Sunday 5th May).

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**.

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.

FILM NIGHT: Our next film night will be on Friday 3rd May, when we will be showing the Oscar-winning film 'The King's Speech'. Doors open at 6.45pm for refreshments, and the film will begin at 7.15pm. Review from the *Rotten Tomatoes* website: 'Colin Firth gives a masterful performance in *The King's Speech*, a stylishly produced and rousing period drama'. All welcome!

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 weeks 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

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.

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 infor-

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 28 April:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am/11.15am Masses.

Monday 29 April:

Confirmation 7.30pm

Tuesday 30 April:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

First Holy Communion (Church) 6.30pm

Wednesday 1 May:

Ladies Social Guild 2.00pm

First Holy Communion (Church) 6.30pm

Thursday 2 May:

Church Cleaning Group B 10.30am

Friday 3 May:

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Film Night - doors open 6.45pm

THE PARISH TEAM wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter and thank everyone for all their gifts and cards. It means a lot and is much appreciated.

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.

MASS FOR SRI LANKA: Following the terrorist atrocities directed at churches and hotels in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday, a special Mass will be held at St George's at 8.00pm on Thursday 2nd May. This will be an opportunity to pray for those killed and wounded in the attacks, for peace in Sri Lanka, and for all our parishioners of Sri Lankan descent. All are welcome to attend.

ROSARY IN MAY- During the Month of May the Rosary is recited on weekdays in the Church at 7.30pm. If you might be open to help lead there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. All are welcome

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 Saturday 25th May 2019 at 10.30am in the parish centre.

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.

FAITH CAFÉ: 'Faith Café' is a new, monthly opportunity to explore our Catholic faith through a video presentation and discussion. The first session will take place on Wednesday 1st May at 7.00pm in the café/bar, and will be about the gift of the Holy Spirit. Subsequent sessions will be on the first Wednesday of each month.

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.

FR TONY is leading a group of 21 parishioners on a walking Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella from 20th to 27th May. Collectively the group will be walking 1,484 km (927 miles) along St James' Way. While each participant has his or her personal reasons for taking part, as a group we are offering the opportunity for people to sponsor us for the benefit of St Luke's Hospice. To donate, please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stgeorgesantiago>

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!

CONFIRMATION—The next session, in the Parish Centre on **Monday 29th April** at 7.30pm., is entitled '**Sent forth in the Spirit**'. This session gives candidates the opportunity to learn about opportunities for ministry and fundraising as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirma-

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?



In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with

regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699: *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine flood-gates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy. In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.*

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 28 April	EASTER II 8.00pm (Easter Vigil) George Hillier RIP 8.30am Sean Joyce RIP 9.45am James & Alice Tierney RIP and Patrick Fiacre Tierney RIP 11.15am Mary Fitzgerald RIP 5.30pm PRO POPULO
Mon 29 April 9.30am	S. CATHERINE OF SIENA Joe Lurshay RIP
Tues 30 April 9.30am	SOLEMNITY OF S. GEORGE, Patron of the Parish Anne O'Shea RIP
Weds 1 May 9.30am	S. Joseph the Worker Mary Moloney RIP
Thurs 2 May 9.30am	S. Athanasius Ellen Cronk RIP
Fri 3 May 9.30am	Ss. PHILIP & JAMES Richard O'Dwyer RIP
Sat 4 May 9.30am	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Mickey McMahon RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: 1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Collect

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 117:2-4,22-27

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

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **R/.**

2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R/.**

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. **R/.**

Second reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they

made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people, that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. John 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.