



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

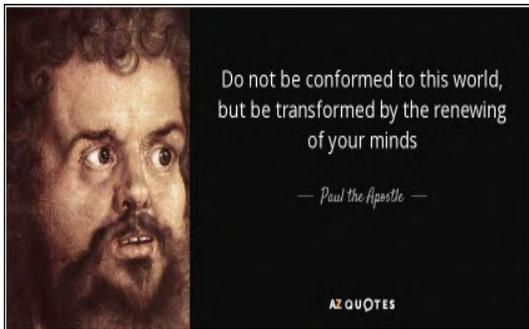
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**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** John Sullivan.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** John Brady, Eric Joseph and Pearly Agnes Hendrick.

### INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR Sept 2019

**The Protection of the Oceans**  
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



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**Father of mercy,  
give your people help and strength  
from heaven.**  
**The birth of the Virgin Mary's Son  
was the dawn of our salvation.**  
**May this celebration of her  
Birthday bring us closer to lasting  
peace. 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. Amen.**

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
has been sponsored this week  
for the intentions of  
**ST. GEORGE'S PARISH**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF  
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**  
has been sponsored this week  
for the intentions of  
**FR JOHN WARNABY**

**ROSARY AT HOME:**  
This week the statue of Our Lady of Fatima  
will be at the home of  
**JUANITA SICAT**



Sunday cycle  
Readings Year C  
Weekday Readings  
Year 1, Week 23  
Divine Office  
Week 3

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



# Sunday 8th September 2019 TWENTY THIRD 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



In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second.

**First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b**  
Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17**  
God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

**Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17**  
Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33**  
Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

**SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK**  
*"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement".*

# SUNDAY REFLECTION

We might ask as to why does Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves? The expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. Jesus tells his would-be disciples that they, too, must count the cost if they want to succeed as his disciples. Jesus assures success for those willing to pay the price. All it costs is everything we have - the entirety of our lives and all we possess! What does Jesus have to offer that's worth giving up everything else? More than we can imagine! Jesus offers the gift of an abundant joy-filled life and the promise of everlasting peace and happiness with God for ever.

It's natural to ask what will it require or cost before a commitment to invest in something of great value. Jesus was utterly honest and spared no words to tell



his disciples that it would cost them dearly to follow after him and to invest in his heavenly kingdom. There can be no room for compromise or concession with God and his kingdom. We either give our lives over to him entirely or we keep them for ourselves. St Paul writing in his First Letter to the Corinthians reminds us, "*We are not our own. We were bought with a price*". That price is the cross.

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or any possession above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine what they love first and foremost. Jesus' way to glory and power is opposite the world's way of glory, power, and success. The choice is ours, but the Lord does not leave us alone if we choose to follow him. Does the love of Christ compel you to put God first in all you do?

or contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING** - Do you serve at Mass? Would you like to serve in the future? There will be a training session for new servers, and those who would like a refresher course, on **Saturday 21st September at 10.30am**. For further information please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team

**FILM NIGHT** : Our next Film Night is on Friday 13th September when the 1964 film of "Francis of Assisi" will be showing. Doors open at 6.45pm for refreshments. All welcome.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:** Friday 27th September from 10am-11.30am with raffle, cake and plant stall, lucky dip etc. at 972 Harrow Road (next to St. George's Church). Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated. Entrance £3 which includes refreshments.

**SUNDAY COUNTERS:** We are looking for new counters to join our teams, to work in groups of three, for approximately 3 hours on Sunday afternoons. This will be on a rota basis. If you are interested and think you are able to help please contact the parish team.

**MASS INTENTIONS** are booked into January 2020 and beyond. Remember to book your anniversary Masses early.

**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 spaces in October. Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** If you are able to volunteer please telephone Julia on 020 89804 5324 for details. If you are already on our cleaning rota and are no longer able to help PLEASE let Julia or one of the parish team know.

**TWO IMPORTANT PIECES OF CATHOLIC NEWS FOR THIS AUTUMN** : The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have designated 2020 as "**The God Who Speaks: A Year of the Word**" to celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini*- Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord', and the 1600th anniversary of death of St Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin. This Year will begin with the Feast day of Saint Jerome on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. There will be groups and activities throughout the parishes. More news as resources and programmes become available. Therefore, 2020 will be a year of **celebrating, living and sharing God's Word**: *We are invited to listen afresh to the word of God as did Our Blessed Lady at the Annunciation, to encounter anew the*

*presence of that word, and to proclaim it afresh in the Church and the World.*

**CARDINAL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN WILL BE MADE A SAINT LATER THIS YEAR.** Pope Francis has announced the date of the canonisation as 13 October. He will be the first English saint since the Forty Martyrs were canonised in 1970, after being executed under Reformation laws. Cardinal Vincent Nichols said it was a "moment of great pride". During his life, Newman was a respected religious scholar, who spent much of his time helping the poor and sick.

**CAFOD** Supporters information afternoon - Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2.30pm-4pm. Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support at CAFOD's Volunteer Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London, N14 4HE. Bookings taken on 0208 449 6970 or e mail westminster@cafod.org.uk

**CARITAS WESTMINSTER** invites anyone interested in volunteering to a free session on 25 September 2019, 6.30-8.30pm, Refreshments from 6 pm, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Please RSVP by calling 020 7931 6077, emailing caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or search the title "Volunteering in the Community: Getting Started" on Eventbrite.

**SUPPORT VICTIMS OF MODERN SLAVERY:** An evening of Classical music at, St Mary's Church (Cadogan Street) - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm in aid of Caritas Bakhita House & Saint John Of God Hospitaller Services. Drinks and food will be provided during the intermission. Tickets are available to purchase by searching for the event title on Eventbrite.

**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.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.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. Also details of **OPEN EVENING** dates in September and October for 2020 admissions at Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School and Sacred Heart Language College.

# 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 8 September:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Tuck Shop open today

### Monday 9 September:

### Tuesday 10 September:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

First Holy Communion 7.30pm

### Wednesday 11 September:

Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm

### Thursday 12 September:

### Friday 13 September:

### Teas/coffees after morning Mass

Art Class 2.00pm

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Film Night - doors open 6.45pm

**NEW SANCTUARY PROJECT LATEST:** We are coming up to our last week of major work (though there will be smaller bits and snagging afterwards). We still have to wait on associated items: altar cloths, crucifix etc. Hopefully by next week we may be able to use the altar. In time it will need to be properly consecrated by the bishop and have relics of saints deposited in it, but we need to finish the work first! We are on target with our budget, but if anyone still wants to contribute, that would help enormously.

**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 27th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our young people who have done well in GCSE and A Level exams, and to those now moving to new schools, university or to starting work.

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

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will resume normal hours from Tuesday 10th September.

**THE REPOSITORY** continues to be open after all Masses 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.

**KSC PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**—led by Mgr Jeremy—on Saturday 28th September leaving St. George's at 8am sharp. Tickets are still available at £35 each which includes morning coffee and a 2 course carvery meal. Please contact the parish office to book.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** As sanctuary project works are continuing we are still on a reduced number of ministers. Please sign up for 15th September rota which is on the porch noticeboard.

**FRIENDS OF JESUS** - The Friends of Jesus Programme takes place on **Fridays from 5.30-6.30pm** offering a little Religious Education for children of primary-school age not attending a Catholic school. An **Information Leaflet** is available in the **Church Porch** and **Enrolment Forms** are available from the **Parish Office**. Classes begin in the **Russell Room (Parish Centre)** on **Friday 13th September**.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - If you **regularly worship at St. George's** and your child has entered **Year 3** this September they are welcome to join our First Holy Communion Programme. **Enrolment Forms** can be found at the back of church. Please bring your completed form, **together with all the necessary documentation (Passport Photo, Copy of Baptism Certificate & Translation) & Contribution** to the **Enrolment Meeting for PARENTS/CARERS ONLY** in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm**. Thank you for making the necessary child-care arrangements well in advance. Please note that enrolment forms will not be accepted after this date.

**CONFIRMATION** - In this Parish young people in **Year 10** and above are welcome to join our Confirmation Preparation Programme which takes place from **January to June**. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter in December for details of **Enrolment** which will take place in **January 2020**. Just in case you are booking holidays in advance, please note that the **Confirmation Service** at the Parish will be taking place on **Sunday 24th May at 2pm** (late May Bank Holiday weekend).

**SERVING AS A CATECHIST** - Might you consider sharing your faith, serving the Parish as a Catechist? Teaching experience is helpful through not essential. If you would like further information please speak to one of the Clergy

# Welcome to Fr John

I was born and raised in Birmingham, Mum from Co. Cork and Dad from Yorkshire. I have three younger sisters. I attended Catholic schools in Birmingham and after studied Theology at Oriel College, Oxford. After Oxford I had a couple of odd jobs whilst trying to establish a career as an actor. One of those temporary jobs led to a permanent position in the regulatory division of Lloyds of London (insurance). This led to me working in the US for a couple years. I got my Equity card in 1988 and had a long and happy career in theatre, film and television. Having been accepted for training for the priesthood, I was sent to the Beda College in Rome and in 2016 was ordained deacon by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon in St Paul's Basilica, Rome. I was ordained priest in 2017 in Westminster Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Palmers Green has been my first priestly appointment. Coming to St George's (where incidentally I spent a month's placement as a Seminarian—some of you may remember me!) opens a new chapter to which I look forward immensely and getting to know everybody.

# 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:** Monday 10.30am.  
**ROSARY:** Daily after Mass.

<i>Sun 8 September</i>	<b>23rd OF THE YEAR</b>
6.15pm ( <i>Vigil</i> )	John Brady RIP
8.30am	Ann & Anthony Patten RIP
9.45am	Ann & Gerald Hough RIP
11.15am	Eric Joseph & Pearly Agnes Hendrick RIP (4th Ann)
5.30pm	PRO POPULO
Mon 9 September	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Melinda Peter RIP
Tues 10 September	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Sarah Burgess RIP
Weds 11 September	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Dorothy & Edward Gunnell RIP
Thurs 12 September	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Anne Elizabett Coltery RIP
Fri 13 September	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Paul & Yolande Dias RIP 
Sat 14 September	<b>Of Our Lady</b>
9.30am	Pat McCarthy RIP
<i>Sun 15 September</i>	<b>24th OF THE YEAR</b>
6.15pm ( <i>Vigil</i> )	Jim McHugh RIP (3rd Anniversary)
8.30am	Bridie Barber RIP
9.45am	Edward & Annie Horgan RIP
11.15am	Daniel Daley RIP (18th Anniversary)
5.30pm	PRO POPULO

# TODAY'S MASS

## **Entrance Antiphon: Ps 118: 137, 124**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## **Collect**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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: Wisdom 9:13-18**

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth

been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 89:3-6,12-14,17**

**R/. O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.**

1. You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R/.**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R/.**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R/.**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R/.**

## **Second reading: Philemon 1:9-10,12-17**

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should

have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

## **Gospel Acclamation: Jn15:15**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my  
Father. Alleluia!**

## **Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the

work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

## **Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 41: 2-3**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.