



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

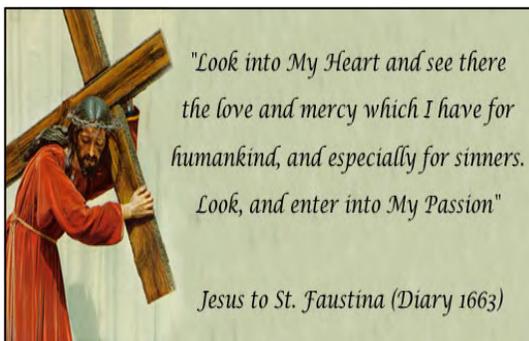
SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Michael Griffin, Anne Hull, Gillian Gibbs, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Lionel Stonehouse, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Christopher Browne, Eileen Kidd, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Jim Cunniff, Sue Cutts.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Daniel Daley, Jim McHugh, Susan Suriyage, Mary & Jack Broderick, Jason Gill.

PRAYERS are also asked for all those taking part in an Engaged Encounter marriage preparation-weekend at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Hendon.

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.



*"Look into My Heart and see there
the love and mercy which I have for
humankind, and especially for sinners.
Look, and enter into My Passion"*

Jesus to St. Faustina (Diary 1663)

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Prayer - The Power of Forgiveness

*Father, bless me with the
wonderful power of forgiveness,
give me the grace to
unconditionally forgive those
who have done me wrong.*

*Give me the strength to let go of
all ill-will, the strength to forgive
myself of my own failings and
sins, knowing that you have
already forgiven me.*

*Free me of all anger, bitterness,
hate, unforgiveness.*

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
IN MEMORY OF JIM MCHUGH RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week for
Birthday Thanksgiving—RUBY

ROSARY AT HOME:

This week the statue of Our Lady of Fatima
will be at the home of
NORENA FERNANDES



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Sunday cycle
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Weekday Readings
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Divine Office
Week 4

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 15th September 2019 TWENTY FOURTH 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



Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. Today we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this

point the rejoicing begins. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

First Reading: *Exodus 32:7-11,13-14*

Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19*

Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading: *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

St. Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-32*

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God.
As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.*

St. Faustina

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The generous attitude of Jesus to 'tax collectors and sinners' scandalised those who saw themselves as the guardians of Israel's true traditions. Luke gives us three parables with which Jesus responded directly to this criticism – he was, he said, giving expression to the merciful ways of his Father. The best know of the three, of course, is the story of the son who, after foolishly squandering his inheritance, is received back by his rejoicing father.

When we recognise how this elaborate story fits into the message that was central to Jesus teaching, we understand that it conveys far more than the brief parables before it. The story hinges on the relationship between the lost son and his father. The real shortcoming of the son, as the story shows, was not his prodigality, but the fact that, though he has lived with his father all his years, he had not had the generosity of spirit that would bring him to understand the love his father had for him. Even when he comes to his senses, his attitude is that of a mercenary – though he has lost the rights of a son, his father is a good man, he will give him a place among his slaves. Jesus saw his immediate mission as calling the nation to identify with the ways of the God of the covenant. Their situation is like that of the prodigal; they have lived for centuries in covenant with God; and they have found themselves in exile for their infidelities; but even after



their return they are far from appreciating the ways of the God of the covenant, and the loving designs God has for them. The elder brother in the story - whose relationship to his father, and his claim on his father, is established by his 'obeying the orders' he has received – also has the outlook of a mercenary. It is clear that he stands for the leaders who should have led God's people to an understanding of God's loving and generous ways, but have persuaded themselves that they show their faithfulness to the covenant by an exact observance of the requirements of the Law. Jesus is calling God's people to learn at last the clear message of the covenant experience, the loving, merciful and inclusive ways in the heart of his Father.

The words of the father in the story, to the sulking elder brother, are filled with the sorrow of Jesus' appeal: 'My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours'. The 'best robe', the 'ring', the 'sandals' and the 'feast', all marks of special regard, point to a mercy and generosity that have no limits. We are left to imagine the aftermath. Surely, the son's life is transformed, as he comes, at last, to share in the love in the heart of his father. The future the Saviour promises to the world, in fact, will be a sharing in the love of his Father.

like further information please speak to one of the Clergy 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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: Friday 27th September from 10am-11.30am .See the poster on page 3.

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 February 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 November. 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 30th 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 18th Sept 2.30pm-4pm. Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support at CAFOD's Volunteer Centre, 1st 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 25th 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.

HAVING TROUBLE WITH TECHNOLOGY? Computer running slow? I can help setting up phones/tvs/home security—please call Tom on 020 8058 2826, £20 ph, longer projects price negotiable.

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.

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, St. Gregory's Catholic Science 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 15 September:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Tuck Shop open today

Monday 16 September:

Tuesday 17 September:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

First Holy Communion 7.00pm

Set Dancing back today 8.30pm

Friday 20 September:

Teas/coffees after morning Mass

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

NEW SANCTUARY PROJECT LATEST: We slowed down a bit this week but we are assured that are coming up to our last week of major work (though there will be smaller bits and snagging afterwards –sound & electrical work too). We still have to wait on associated items: altar cloths, crucifix etc. Hopefully by next week we may be able to use the altar and the new sanctuary. 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. Please let the parish office know if you are attending

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.

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: As sanctuary project works are continuing we are still on a reduced number of ministers. **Please sign up** for 22nd 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**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—Enrolment for this year's **FHC Programme** is now **closed**. If you attended last week's Enrolment Evening, spoke to Peter but were unable to complete enrolment due to missing documentation please ensure you bring them, along with your contribution, at the time requested this coming week. Please also note that this week's FHC Session is at new time of **7pm** and is for **PARENTS & CARERS ONLY**. Please ensure you make the necessary **child-care arrangements** well in advance so you are able to **attend without any children**.

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).

B-ATTITUDE SVP GROUP — In association with the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, the Parish is launching a **new social action initiative** for **young people aged 14-18** run by young people for young people. In the spirit of the Beatitudes the B-Attitude group will be a Christian apostolate formed of young people who volunteer to put their faith into action. Those who made their Confirmation last year, and any others aged 14-18 who are interested, are welcome to the **B-Attitude Launch Event with SVP in the Cafe Bar on Monday 30th September at 7.30pm**. For further information please contact Christine Cahillane on **christinec58@hotmail.com** or **07881 400328**.

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

ST GEORGE'S SUDBURY
PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM
SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2019



Cost: 35.00
Includes -

- Coach
- Morning Coffee
- Evening Carvery Dinner

Tickets available from the Parish Office or the Presbytery

Coach leaves 8.00am SHARP!

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Friday 27th September
10.00am until 11.30am

RAFFLE—CAKE & PLANT STALL—LUCKY DIP
972 Harrow Road (Next door to St George's Church)
Donations of Cakes etc ahead of time would be much appreciated
ENTRANCE £3.00—includes refreshments

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.

Sun 15 September	24th OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Vigil)	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

Mon 16 September 9.30am	S. Cornelius & Cyprian Ellen Aitcheson RIP
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Tues 17 September 9.30am	S. Robert Bellarmine Anne McGauran RIP
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Weds 18 September 9.30am	feria Special Intentions
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Thurs 19 September 9.30am	S. Januarius Anthony Pillai Manuelpillai RIP
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Fri 20 September 9.30am	S. Andrew Kim Taegon & Comps  Frank Hunt RIP
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Sat 21 September 9.30am	S. MATTHEW Susan Suriyage RIP (1st Anniversary)
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Sun 22 September	25th OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Vigil)	Dee Kelly Loader RIP
8.30am	PRO POPULO
9.45am	Andrew Rozario RIP
11.15am	Mauro Cirillo RIP
5.30pm	Brendan Byrne RIP

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Collect

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps.50:3-4,12-13,17,19

R/. I will leave this place and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *R/.*

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *R/.*

3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. *R/.*

Second reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he

found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come

back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these,
your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the
honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 35: 8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift,
O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
Through Christ our Lord.