



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

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RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Mr. Warnaby (Fr. John's father).

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:

Paolo Zucconi, Fiacre Tierney.

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOV 2019
Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East
That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world.
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

— Saint Teresa of Avila —

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PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation Pray for us
St Matthew Pray for us
St Jerome Pray for us

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
In Memory of
BARBARA LYONS RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

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
ANNIE TOAL



Switch mobile phones
off or to silent



Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday Readings
Year 1, Week 33
Divine Office
Week 1

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 17th November 2019 THIRTY-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 the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation. Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all

believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9

Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

St. Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave."

Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

SUNDAY REFLECTION

We live in a very secular, non-religious world, a world which often rejects and makes fun of or rejects religion because it is not scientific - yet it is often so surprising how people latch onto, and get enthralled by all kinds of strange and weird ideas.

People read horoscopes, and use tarot cards. They may visit spiritualists or mediums. Or they buy crystals which are said to have particular properties. Or they rearrange their furniture in a particular way. Or they try yoga, or meditation, or the newest or strangest idea. They read, and believe books like the Da Vinci Code, or ideas that God was an astronaut. They believe in ghosts, and spirits, in reincarnation, previous lives, out of body experiences ... it goes on and on.

In this scientific world, so many people - perhaps most people - hold on to unscientific beliefs and strange ideas, which they have collected like magpies, with little thought or consideration whether the ideas fit together, or contradict one another.

Sometimes there may be some substance in some parts of some of these ideas. That's how they work. They have to have some little part that rings true in order to lead people into their fantasies. Science does not have all the

answers. The world is spiritual as well as physical. There are unexplained phenomena.

And there is an explanation and an answer to our deepest human longings and our most troubling questions. There is a life beyond this life. A hope of resurrection. A God who loves us. A heavenly host who surrounds him. A guardian angel who accompanies us.

There is a faith which is beautiful in both its simplicity and its consistency. It makes sense. It fits together. It stands the test of time. It is taught by an authority given to us by Christ himself.

Yet so many overlook this, or reject it. They want novelty. They want pick and mix religion. They want to choose and select, not receive what has been

given. The trouble is that some people will believe almost anything, provided it is different, and strange. The great writer GK Chesterton got it exactly right: "When people cease to believe in something, then they will believe in anything".

Today's gospel is a simple reminder that in our journey of Christian discipleship we should keep focused on the Lord and not be side-tracked which can happen more easily than we realise!



Café Bar on **Wednesday 4th December**. Teas and coffees at **7.00pm** is followed by a video presentation and discussion at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

FRIENDS OF JESUS - The Friends of Jesus Programme at St. George's provides a little teaching on the Catholic faith to children not attending a Catholic Primary School in Years 1 & 2 (before they prepare for their First Confession & First Holy Communion in Year 3). Classes take place on Fridays during term-time from 5.30-6.30pm. If you are interested in enrolling your child on the programme in the Spring Term please contact Peter a.s.a.p. at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk or speak to any of the parish Team.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY - The **Children's Nativity** will once again be taking place at St. George's at the **Family Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm**. If your children would like to take part or you would like to help please contact Bushra on **07843 053 076** or bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk.

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 - Inspired by the vision of St. Vincent de Paul for social action, our B-Attitude group meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursday of the month** in the Parish Café Bar at 7.30pm. Next meeting is 21st November. **Young people in the Parish aged 14-18** are welcome! For further information please contact Christine Cahillane on christinec58@hotmail.com /07881 400328.

SERVING AS A CATECHIST - Might you consider sharing your faith, serving the Parish as a Catechist? Teaching experience is helpful though not essential. If you would like further information please speak to one of the Clergy or contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

THANK YOU to all who helped and supported the Charity Christmas Card event last Sunday. The total amount raised for the cakes, raffle and teddy was £257, charity cards £218. The teddy's name - Ty. Raffle prize winners have been informed, please collect them from the Parish office.

PRIMARY SCHOOL form signing— **Friday 6th December** 6.30pm-7.30pm in the parish centre

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT—Sunday 15th December at 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CEILIDH on Friday 20th December at 8pm in the parish centre. All Welcome.

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.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR: On Friday 6th December at 3pm-5pm. All are welcome. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses on 23/24 November and 30 November/1 December.

CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS: You are invited to the annual CAFOD Memorial Mass, in memory of all our Supporters and Volunteers, at the Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE at **11am on Wednesday 20 November** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. If you would like someone to be included in our Book of Remembrance, please send us their name by calling CAFOD Westminster on 020 8449 6970 or emailing westminster@cafod.org

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

CHRISTMAS MASS Bouquet cards are available from the parish office.

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. Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

CHURCH CLEANING: If you are able to volunteer for Church Cleaning please contact Julia on 020 8904 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.

EAST LANE THEATRE—From **22nd to 29th November** our local amateur theatre group based at Vale Farm will be performing **Eden**, a play inspired by real events about the importance of fighting for what's right. Tickets are £14. For further information and to book tickets please visit www.eastlanetheatre.co.uk.

DO YOU NEED A CARER? Experienced parishioner available. Please ring 07956007719 for details.

FOR ALL PAINTING/DECORATING—Please ring David on 07904913443.

PROBLEM WITH YOUR COMPUTER? Tomasz can fix it. Help also with setting up phones/TV'S/ home security Call: 0208 058 2826. £20 per hour. Longer projects at negotiable prices.

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.

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 17 November:

Teas/Coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Tuck Shop open today

Monday 18 November:

Bethany Mass 7.30pm

Tuesday 19 November:

Small Group 10.15am

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

First Holy Communion 7.00pm

Set Dancing 8.30pm

Wednesday 20 November:

SVP Group Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 21 November:

Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am

Friday 22 November:

Teas/coffees after morning Mass

Sunday 24 November:

Mary's Meals clothes collection morning only up to 11.15am.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

BETHANY MASS Monday 18th November at 7.30pm

BETHANY LUNCH Monday 25th November from 12.30pm

Every is welcome to both of these events.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION Saturday 30th November 9.30am-12.30pm finishing with a bread and soup lunch. If you are engaged in ministries of any type (i.e. Eucharistic Minister, readers, Catechists) This morning is for you but also anyone who wants to attend. No need to book—just turn up!

MARY'S MEALS will be collecting at St George's in the morning of Sunday 24th November at all morning Masses ONLY. Please put all clothing/bedding (NO duvets/pillows) into tied black sacks and bring them on Sunday morning ONLY (and not before as we have nowhere to store them) and please note that their van will be leaving at 11.15am. Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity and provides one good meal every day at school for children in 18 countries.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING: Saturday 14th December from 7.00-11.30pm in the Parish Centre. With Dinner, Live Band, Dancing, Bar, Raffle etc. Adults £17, Children (5-12 yrs) £7, under 5yrs free. Tickets available after Sunday Masses, from the Presbytery and Parish Office.

TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY AFTER MASS.

GOOD NEWS—CONSECRATION OF THE NEW ALTAR AND THE DEPOSITING OF THE RELICS OF THE SAINTS. The Cardinal has

agreed to come and celebrate this important liturgy on Sunday 19th January at 11.15am. An important date for your diary!

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION: Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend which raised £1691.31. The collection remains open so please do contribute if you still can.

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 course is Friday 29th November 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 especially for Christmas and advent calendars too!

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The Catechists are continuing to help the children grow in confidence as they prepare to make their First Reconciliation (First Confession). If Parents/Carers are able to practice a little at home (using the leaflet provided at last week's session as a guide) we would be v. grateful.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is our parish preparation for those who want to become Catholics. If you know someone who would like to join this group or you yourself, please speak to one of the parish team.

'BAPTISED & SENT' SMALL GROUP - Our Small Group is meeting again in the Café Bar this **Tuesday, 19th November, at 10.15am.** Reflecting on the lives of the Saints the group is exploring how, as Baptised Christians, we are called to share in Christ's mission for his Church in the world. All are welcome!

NEW ADULT SVP GROUP - Would you like to be part of a new SVP Group at the Parish? Inspired by Christ's message to love our neighbour as ourselves, the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** aims to **turn concern into action** providing individuals and families in any form of need with a sense of dignity, worth, well-being & peace of mind. If you are interested please join our local SVP Rep in the Parish Café Bar on **Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 9.45AM FAMILY MASS—We are hugely grateful to our team of Catechists who generously provide a **Children's Liturgy at the 9.45am Family Mass.** Please, however, note that the **Children's Liturgy is ONLY for children from Reception to Year 2.** Older children are asked to remain in Church with their Parents/Carers.

FAITH CAFÉ - 'Faith Café' is a monthly opportunity to explore the Catholic faith. The next session on will be taking place in the

St. George's Catholic Church, Sudbury

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING

Saturday 14th December 2019
from 7.00pm-11.30pm
in the Parish Centre

Live Band - Dancing - Bar- Raffle - Dinner

Lamb, biryani, Pilau rice, Chicken curry, Dhal, Beans, Aubergine moju, Tomato and Onion salad, Pappadams, Katha, Fruit trifle
[Raffle: Many, many great prizes]

Tickets:
Adult £17.00
5-16 yrs £7.00
Children under 5 yrs: Free

Tickets available after Sunday Masses, from the Presbytery and the Parish Office

Jesus answers that life belongs to God, Who loves us and cares so much about us, to the point of linking His name to ours: He is “the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him”. (vv. 37-38). Life exists where there is bond, communion and brotherhood; and it is a stronger life than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity. On the contrary, there is no life where one has the pretension of belonging only to oneself and of living as an island: in these attitudes death prevails. It is selfishness. If I live for myself, I am sowing death in my heart.

May the Virgin Mary help us to live every day from the perspective of what we say in the final part of the Creed: “ We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come”. Awaiting the hereafter.

POPE FRANCIS—ANGELUS 10 .11.19

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: Monday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

Sun 17 November 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm
33rd OF THE YEAR
Mary Carbery RIP
Catherine Calnan RIP
Margaret & Thomas Ryan RIP
Eric Joseph and Pearly Agnes Hendrick RIP
PRO POPULO

Mon 18 November 9.30am
Dedication of the Basilicas Ss. Peter & Paul
Paolo Zucconi RIP

Tues 19 November 9.30am
Of Requiem
Martin Bailey RIP

Weds 20 November 9.30am
Of Requiem
Hector Fabron RIP

Thurs 21 November 9.30am
The Presentation of Our Lady
Get Well Intentions

Fri 22 November 9.30am
S. Cecilia
Martin Moran RIP

Sat 23 November 9.30am
S. Clement I
Margaret Bond RIP

Sun 18 November 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe
Tom & Mary Higgins RIP
Patsy Donohue RIP
Martin McAnulty RIP
Walter, Bridge and Julian Vanderhoven RIP
PRO POPULO

TODAY'S MASS



Entrance Antiphon Jer 29: 11, 12, 14
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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: Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 97

R/. *The Lord comes to rule his people with fairness.*

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R/.**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R/.**

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **R/.**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who

are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake praying at all times for the strength to stand with the confidence before the Son of man.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great

signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Ps 73 (72): 28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity.