



Sunday 5th July 2020

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings
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Divine Office
Week 2

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 5 July	14th OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Sat)	John Boyle RIP
8.30am	Philip Mensah RIP
9.45 am	Alice Braken RIP
11.15am	Anthony Meredith SJ RIP
5.30pm	For the People of the parish
Mon 6 July	feria
9.30am	Jim Long RIP
Tues 7 July	feria
	Nagamuthu Selvadurai RIP (10th Ann)
Weds 8 July	feria
9.30am	Stefan Lazarus RIP
Thurs 9 July	feria
9.30am	Olga Baretto RIP
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS Paul Turnbull RIP (Attendance limited to 30 persons)
Fri 10 July	feria
9.30am	Timothy Crowley RIP
Sat 11 July	S. BENEDICT
9.30am	Tommy Quinn RIP
Sun 12 June	15th OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Sat)	Mary Sullivan RIP
8.30am	For the People of the parish
9.45 am	Bertie Hanley RIP
11.15am	Tony Rammelt RIP
5.30pm	Brendan O'Halloran RIP



TODAY'S MASS

Jesus prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. He calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"God's precepts are light to the loving and heavy to the fearful"

St. Thomas Aquinas

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

WATCH & LISTEN TO THE CARDINAL ON <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLsYL5yggVI&feature=youtu.be>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes..

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Fr Anthony Meredith SJ, Paul Turnbull, Maureen Mantle

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Noleen Bell, Emma Jane Kingston, Alice Braken, John Boyle, Baron Ventry, Nagamuthu Selradural, Funnell family

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ALL WHO WORK IN THE NHS AT THIS TIME, DOCTORS NURSES & ALL SUPPORT STAFF
- FOR ALL WHO HAVE LOTS WORK & NOW LOOKING FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT
- FOR RACIAL HARMONY
- FOR OUR CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THOSE TRYING TO LEARN FROM AT HOME
- FOR ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL & IT'S HEADTEACHER, ALL TEACHERS AND ALL CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS AND ALL OTHER ANCILLARY WORKERS
- FOR OUR PARISH AND IT'S RENEWAL AFTER THIS DIFFICULT TIME
- ALL IN GOVERNMENT

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JULY

Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Has been sponsored this week in memory of **Shanmugam Allo Pilai RIP**

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week in Memory of **Sheena Shanmugam RIP**



CAN YOU HELP WITH STEWARDING OR CLEANING? If you are under 70 and have no underlying health condition — we need you! Contact one of the parish team. We can only open up if we have your help —don't leave it to someone

In the Gospel today thanks the Father in heaven for revealing to his disciples the wisdom and knowledge of God. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father and Lord of earth as well as heaven. He is both Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and at the same time, goodness and loving care for all his children. All fatherhood and motherhood is derived from him (Ephesians 3:14-15). Jesus' prayer also contains a warning that pride can keep us from the love and knowledge of God crushing the heart, making it cold and indifferent towards God. It also closes the mind to God's truth and wisdom for our lives. Jesus contrasts pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are like "babes" in the sense that they see purely without pretence and acknowledge their dependence and trust in the one who is greater, wiser, and more trustworthy.

Jesus makes a claim which no one would have dared to make: He is the perfect revelation of God. One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the living God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the knowledge of God as our *Father*. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us completely, unconditionally, and perfectly. Jesus also promises that God the Father will hear our prayers when we pray in his name. That is why Jesus taught his followers to pray with confidence, *Our Father who art in heaven ...give us this day our daily bread.* What a wonderful gift— let's not forget it!!



NEWS UPDATE

COMING TO MASS AT St. GEORGE'S

Should I come to Mass or not?

While we would all love for everyone to come to Mass, we should all think about our own wellbeing and the good of other people. You should not come to Mass if you have symptoms or feel unwell in any way. You should not come to Mass if you are very elderly or have health conditions that may mean you are particularly vulnerable. Think carefully about how you will travel to church and whether you can get there and back safely.

How often can I come to Mass and when?

We are asking people to come to Mass once a week. That can be any Mass on any day. Sunday may be busier so come during the week if you can.

What will I have to do?

Everyone will be asked to wear a face covering (except for Holy Communion). You should bring your own face covering and take it away with you. The mask or covering should cover the nose and mouth and be fitted properly over the face. Everyone will be asked to use the hand gel on the way in and out. You should sit in the seats indicated by the yellow and black tape (not either side of it). Please don't bring anything with you to leave behind other than your offering (which has to be given as you leave in the buckets by the exit door). Do not leave any litter or tissues.

What about a weekly newsletter?

These will be available but it is also possible to download from the Parish website. You must not leave this behind in the pew but take it home. This is very important.

What about social distancing?

We will follow the '1 metre plus' rule. This means you must be prepared to wear the face covering i.e. a mask. If

there is a queue, stand *at least* 1 metre apart. At the end, you will be asked to leave your seats one row at a time. Please do not interact physically with other people.

What things will not be available?

There will be no access to the repository, sacristy, parish centre or the parish office. Use of the toilets can be available – but only in an extreme emergency. We don't want anyone to be in an embarrassing situation and caught short. Please go before you come to church! There will be no tea or coffee after any Mass. Please bear all these factors in mind before deciding whether you should come to church.

Will the car park be open?

Yes, the car park will be available, but you should think about walking if possible. If you get blocked in the car park there could be a problem if you or others cannot get into the church because it is full.

What will the Mass be like?

We will be following the instructions for Mass issued last week by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. These instructions are there to help keep the whole operation as safe as possible. Because we want to reduce the amount of time spent indoors, Mass will be shorter. There will be no singing or other ministries (e.g. no altar servers). On Sundays there will be no second reading.

What will the procedure be for Holy Communion?

At the end of Mass the priest will hold up the host and say: "The body of Christ". You are asked to reply "Amen". Holy Communion will then be distributed at the end of Mass, on the way out of church. You will be asked to leave the church by following the one-way system, beginning with

the back rows. Those seated in the top side aisles will come after the central pews are cleared. You should remove your mask, stretch out your arms and receive the host on the hand in silence. The priest will not say anything and you should not say, 'Amen' or anything else.

What is the capacity inside the church?

The capacity in the church is about 100 places. This is for individuals or couples (counting couples as one place). If you are a family (more than 2 people) you should take one pew for the whole family group. Couples and families mean people who live in the same household – not extended families that live in different households.

What times will Mass be celebrated?

Monday-Saturday: 9.30am
Saturday: 6.15pm (vigil) Sunday: 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm
The church will close after each Mass to receive a thorough cleaning and then open half an hour before the next Mass.

When will this begin?

Public Masses will begin on Saturday 4th/ Sunday 5th July 2020.

What about going to confession?

Confessions will be initially on Saturdays at 5.30 - 6.00pm as from next week. Please use the hand gel on the way in to the church. You should wait in the benches on the side aisle down from the statues. In the confessional room, the confessions will be heard at the screen only (not face to face). You should remain standing - do not kneel. Your confession should be brief and to the point. You should say your penance outside or on the way home – please do not return to the spaces in the church unless you are staying on for Mass.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 48 (47): 10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Collect

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;

he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial psalm: ps. 144

R./ I will bless your name for ever, O God my king.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King.

I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever. **R./**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,

compassionate to all his creatures. **R./**

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory

of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R./**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words

and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall

and raises all who are bowed down. **R./**

Second Reading: Romans 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Ps 34 (33): 9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that, having been replenished by such great gifts,

we may gain the prize of salvation

and never cease to praise you.

Through Christ our Lord.