



Sunday 18th April 2021

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF ST. GEORGE'S

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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THIS WEEK

Sun 18 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER DEDICATION OF St. GEORGE'S Constatina Pereira Ints John & Catherine Calnan RIP Manuel Cabral RIP Thomas Maguire RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 19 April 9.30am	S. Alphege Anne McCool RIP
Tues 20 April 9.30am	Easter feria Christine Cannon
Weds 21 April 9.30am	S. Anselm John Calnan RIP
Thurs 22 April 9.30am	Easter feria Maurice Willis RIP
Fri 23 April 9.30am	SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE PATRON OF THE PARISH Natalie Bardwarj & Family Ints.
Sat 24 April 9.30am	Ss. Erknwald & Mellitus Roger & Adam Ints.
Sun 25 April 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Greoglina Pereira Max Perera RIP Indra Petturpillai RIP Baptiste Fernandes Ints. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his

suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered."

(Pope Benedict XVI, *Benedictus*, 128)

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Theresa Isaccs, Emma Fernandes, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Terry Smart, Irena Sobon

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Thomas Maguire (37th), Manuel Cabral, John Calnan, Maurice Willis

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL

Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

SANCTUARY LAMP *For the Parish on the Feast of St George*

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In thanksgiving

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

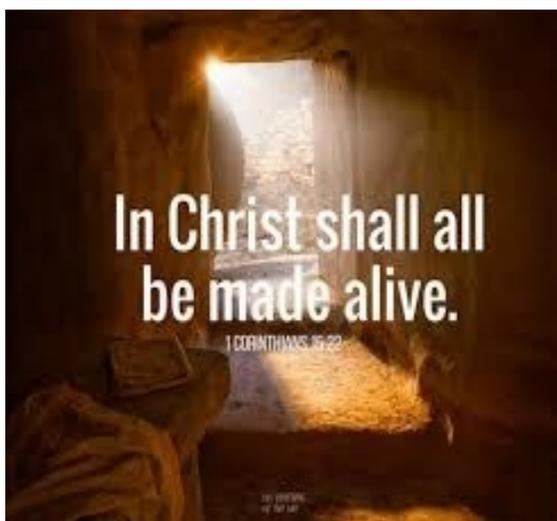
given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



In the weeks following Easter the Church always reviews the story of its early growth, which is recorded implicitly in any number of New Testament books but most purposefully and clearly in the Acts of the Apostles. Starting with the first days after the resurrection and ascension of Christ the Acts recount how Christianity first rooted itself among the Jewish followers of our Lord who continued to worship near the Temple, praying and praising the risen Jesus as their Saviour (Acts 2:42-47).

Two trends then emerge in Acts, reflecting the course of early Christianity, in which the faith attracted both further Jewish converts and many new gentile (pagan) adherents; today's first reading shows Saint Peter speaking to a crowd of his fellow Jews asking them to see that Jesus was the long-awaited messiah who fulfilled the promises made to the great patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Peter next urges them to turn to Jesus even if they had rejected him before—as Peter himself had—and find newness of life in him: “Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away” (Acts 3:19).

This reminds us all that every person has the possibility for a new beginning in Christ, something we especially understand and rejoice in during the Easter season, filled as it is with rich imagery of resurrection and new life. Once we begin our life with Christ in a conscious and committed manner we are sustained by the grace of God which comes to us in a particular way through the sacraments of the Church, seen in special focus during the Easter season Strengthened through all these beautiful moments of grace, we resolve not to part from the one who has brought redemption and meaning to us.

And beyond all, I want the sanctuary, especially at sung Mass and at vespers and benediction, to speak to people of the glories of Heaven, and that, as far as is humanly possible, there shall be gathered there a splendour of colour and light, beauty of vesture, and ordered movement that compels the most wandering and distracted of undisciplined minds to realise that something far, far more than the satisfaction of human devotion is being accomplished - that the eternal and invisible GOD is being worshipped, and that all that is being done, is performed to render the easier, a response to the invitation “Sursum Corda!” (Lift up your hearts) . There, at all events, is and has been my great endeavour.

FR CLEMENT RUSSELL—FIRST PARISH PRIEST & BUILDER OF THE CHURCH

NEWS UPDATE



THIS SUNDAY , 18th April is the 93rd Anniversary of the Consecration of St George's In 1928. Today is a special day for us as we remember the Church building being formally set aside for the worship and glory of God. At some of the Masses some of the prayers will be changed to reflect this anniversary. Also you will see candles burning around the walls. These mark the places where the bishop signed the walls with the sacred oil of Chrism as part of the ceremony.

THIS FRIDAY is the Solemnity of St. George, the Patron of the Parish— and of England. Mass as usual on Friday at 9.30pm.



If you look over the front door of the presbytery you'll see some Latin words "*Sante Georghi adsls pro Angla*" which means: "*St George be present for England*". May that be our prayer at this time that he may guide and intercede for us, our parish and our country.

MASS TIMES: We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Saturday 6.15pm (Vigil) Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5.30pm

The church will open on:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) Open 5.45pm close at around 7.00pm

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Open at 5.30pm close at 6.15pm

Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

Mass at the usual time of 9.30pm.

FLOWER COLLECTION today after all Masses. The flower fund is running dangerously low after no collections for Easter and Christmas. If you like fresh flowers in church—and they do look splendid—please try to be generous as flowers are not cheap these days!

COVID ROADMAP FOR CHURCHES: If the four national tests have been satisfied for easing lockdown: **From 8th March** weddings with up to 6 people may resume. Funerals continue with a maximum of 30 attending. **From 12th April:** weddings with up to 15 people allowed. Funerals con-

tinue with a maximum of 30 attending. **From 17th May:** Holy Baptisms, weddings and funerals with up to 30 people attending are allowed. **From 21 June:** no restrictions on numbers providing restrictions are not re-imposed.

EVENING MASSES on SUNDAY The Sunday evening Mass of 5.30pm have now recommenced. If you wish to come to a mass that isn't crowded on a Sunday, this is the one for you. We thank all those who will do extra stewarding and cleaning to make this happen. **However we do need extra volunteers to make it possible. Could you help? Please let us know.**

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. This is important for use to know who you are and help you when the occasion arises.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS YEAR'S PASCHAL CANDLE? It very fine and was done by a friend of Fr Julio. Take a look at it—front and back.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 - The FHC Practicallites Session, due to take place this coming Tuesday 20th April, is cancelled. Instead, on that evening we will be meeting with FHC Catechists & Stewards to run through the essentials of our COVID-secure First Holy Communion Rehearsals & Masses. This week Parents/Carers should have received a link to the FHC Refresher Session via email. Further information will be provided to Parents/Carers via email before their child's rehearsal takes place.

CONFIRMATION 2021 - Thank you to all prospective Candidates who came to the Confirmation Information Evening with one Parent/Carer to collect their Confirmation Information Pack. Thank you for making the time to watch the Zoom Presentations about this year's Programme & carefully completing the documents relating to registration. The **Registration Evening** is going ahead for prospective Candidates & one Parent/Carer only this coming **Monday 19th April (Surnames A-K at 7pm, Surnames L-Z at 8pm).**

WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR YOUR OFFERINGS These should have either been delivered or posted to you. If you have not received them please let us know. By the way, we only send them out to those who request them or have received them previously. In order to be part of the envelope giving scheme all you need to do is simply to send us an email making that request.

STANDING ORDERS: April is the beginning of the new financial year, if you are a gift aider and giving your offertory donation via the weekly envelopes why not consider giving by standing order? If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email.

GIFT AID DETAILS: In order to gift aid your donations you need to be a UK tax payer, if you are one you can gift aid your donations at no extra cost to yourself, we would be able to claim 25% of your donations from HMRC. It is also important that we

keep our donor records up to date as we do not want to cause anyone any trouble, if your circumstances have changed or you are no longer a tax payer please inform the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. If we claim on behalf of someone who is not paying taxes HMRC may ask that person to refund the amount claimed.

SVP - During the current Pandemic, the **Parish SVP Group** is there to help the vulnerable of the Parish with tasks such as shopping, posting letters, urgent supplies and can provide telephone support if you are feeling isolated or lonely. If you need their help please call **0208 9000250, 0775 3654154 (Theresa)** or email StGeorgeSVP@pm.me

CHURCH LAMPS: Both the Sanctuary Lamp and the lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham have been sent away for some minor restoration. Whilst the lamps are not in their holders they are burning in the relevant places and for the intentions given. Under the present circumstances there are plenty of spaces during April and beyond.

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

TABLE TOP SALE : Great bargains to be had . From Real Silver Jewellery , to Scones and Preserves . The sale will be held in the car park ,at the Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre, (just behind the Methodist Church at Sudbury Town) on the following Saturdays : 17/4/21 / 15/5/21 / 12/6/21 Please come along , grab a bargain , whilst supporting a well loved local Charity .

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, and world day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic Priesthood of this Diocese. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, the others at Allen Hall come from other Diocese or Religious Orders. We also have two men studying for the Priesthood in Rome, who also belong to our Diocese. Last year three men were ordained to the Priesthood, two of them studied at Allen Hall and the other studied at the English College in Rome. We thank God for the gift of their vocations. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations



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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 65: 1-2*

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored
glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the
rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 3:13-15,17-19*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 4:2,4,7,9*

R/. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

1. When I call, answer me,
O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! *R/.*

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. *R/.*

3. 'What can bring us happiness?'
many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. *R/.*

4. I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety. *R/.*

Second reading: *1 John 2:1-5*

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes
our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.
The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation: *cf. Lk 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us
as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 24:35-48*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when he himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Lk 24: 35*

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory
of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.