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GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 6th February 2022

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

Sunday Cycle Readings Year C

Weekday Readings Week 5

Divine Office Psalms week 1

For children, download a weekly sheet: http://www.sdc.me.uk/ <u>sundayliturgy/</u>

THIS WFFK

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Sun 6 Feb	5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Vigil)	Helen Brady RIP & Alice Cullen RIP
8.30am	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.45am	Thanksgiving
11.15am	Peter Jones RIP
5.30pm	Paul Sivakumaran RIP
Mon 7 Feb	S. John Bosco
9.30am	Maureen Isaacs RIP & Avril Isaacs RIP
Tues 8 Feb	feria
9.30am	Theresae Isaacs RIP &
	Florence Ferdinands RIP
11.30am	FUNERAL MASS
	Kay Leathers RIP
Weds 9 Feb	feria
9.30am	Annan Wijesuriya Rip &
	Brian Rulach RIP
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS
	Bridie Cunningham RIP
Thurs 10 Feb	S. Scholastica
9.30am	Denjoe & Kathleen Omahoney RIP
Fri 11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes
	World Day of Prayer of the Sick
9.30am	Maura Crowley RIP
Sat 12 Feb	Of Our Lady
9.30am	Elizabeth Watson RIP
Sun13 Feb	6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Vigil)	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Breda Murphy RIP
9.45am	Thomas Patrick Leo RIP
11.15am	Montano Ty RIP
5.30pm	Diane De Almeda RIP

TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to

tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8 Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-5.7-8 A song of thanks to God who saves us.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8,11 Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he announced to them.

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11 The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God." St. Faustina

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

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. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm. CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. and any time by appointment. DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan *Noronha*, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan , Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Quinn Thompson

RECENTLY DEPARTED: , Joy Cumberbatch , Kevin Dowd, Bridie Cunningham, Kay Leathers, Mary Willis, Christine Knottenbelt , Alfonso ledo, Alan Woods

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Fr James O'Reilly SMA, Helen Brady (13th), Alice Cullen (13th), Peter Jones

SANCTUARY LAMP *Michael Trinette (ints)*

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM Private intention

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless pressed upon Jesus for his word of command: *At your word I will let down the nets*. When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command?

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in his works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. St. Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun who died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, wrote to a friend: "Jesus has so incomprehensible a love for us that he wills that we have a share with him in the salvation of souls. He wills to do nothing without us. The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of all his Blood. " When God's word is spoken his kingdom is revealed and his power is released. When people respond to God's word with faith and obedience they are changed and made "a new creation" in Christ God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom.

Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. St Paul says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:15).

Let us in this coming week witness to those around us the joy of the gospel and to pray for our neighbours, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love.

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NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

Our new guidelines issued by the bishop's Conference this week have suggested we can relax on several of the recent norms.

Masks are no longer mandatory but are advised; Holy water is now available in the stoups at the entrance;

Sanitising of hands is still recommended;

Signing in will no longer be required;

The rite of Peace can be suspended for a little longer;

The Offertory Procession also as above;

If you still wish to social distance the area to the left of the altar is reserved for you.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD DO WITH ENCOURAGING BACK TO MASS? Its really good to see so many old faces back again—and some new ones too. Many of our young people have really grown taller too! If you know someone who could really do with encouragement or accompanying to Mass, why not help them. Also some people have got stuck on live-streaming too. If that's you please know we and the Lord would love to see you in person. Nothing can replace the personal reception of Holy Communion. Please know that we realise that some of our parish, especially the elderly and those with underlying health conditions still feel cautious about venturing out to Mass. We look forward to seeing you when you feel ready.

FUNERAL MASS of Bridie Cunningham on Wednesday 9th February at 11.00am followed by burial in st Mary's Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Kay Leathers at 11.30am on 8th February followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Kevin Dowd will now take place in Ireland. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Christine Knottenbelt on

CONFIRMATION 2022 - Thank you to all Candidates & Parents/Carers who registered on our Confirmation Programme last week. Registration on this year's Programme is now closed. There is a Catechist meeting this coming week followed by the 'Meet the Team' Session, on Monday 7th February, for Parents/ Carers only.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At the next session, on Tuesday 8th February at 7pm, the children will be reflecting in their Small Catechist Groups on how 'Jesus gives us what we need'. Parents/Carers are reminded of the importance, COVID permitting, of ensuring they attend Mass with their children every Sunday. Thank you.

THE OVER 60's CLUB had a great start. Lors of people Why not join them? All over 60's welcome-just turn up on Tuesday in the café/Bar at 1.00pm. . Remember even Fr Jeremy is eligible!!

COLLECTORS - Thank you to all those who generously

help with the collection at Mass each week. We are searching for some more **generous volunteers** who would be happy to help with the collection at Masses. If you might consider helping, please contact our Welcomers Coordinator, Lucille Thomas, on 07886 575743 or <u>lucille.thomas@gmail.com</u>.

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS—I think you will agree that the Church continues to look splendid. Thank you to all those who behind the scenes have decorated the church and produced wonderful flower arrangements and decorations. You can sponsor flower arrangements –big and small by using one of the envelopes from the back of the Church.. The names of all those whose memory flowers are put into a basket on Our Lay's altar.

COFFEE & TEA AFTER MASS has now recommenced for those who wish and all the following Fridays. The café/Bar is looking very underused and we have a new updated coffee machine too. See you there! If you might consider helping please contact **Angela Traynor** at **angelatraynor@btintemet.com**

PALM CROSSES - it's time to recycle! It's that time of the year, when we ask parishioners to return any old palm crosses, so that they can be burnt, to make the ash for Ash Wednesday, which falls on 2nd March this year. Do you have any palm crosses for burning? Look out for the returns basket at the back of the church.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am– 3.00pm.

BARGAINS & BRUNCH at Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre on Saturday 12th February from 10am-2pm. Why not come and join us at our table top sale. Lots of wonderful items from toys, home goods, clothes and bric-a-brac to beautiful real silver jewellery, all at unbelievable prices! You can also stay longer to relax and join us for brunch. The SNC is situated at the rear of the Methodist Church opposite Butlers Green. All proceeds raised go to this very worthy local charity.

THANK YOU for all you gibe in the weekly collection and thank you to those who count it but plese, NO FOREIGN COINS! It really messes up the counting machine.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA ARE meeting on Wednesday 9th February at 8pm in the parish centre are resuming their regular meetings of every second Wednesday of the month.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS: - The Children's Liturgy has started up again in the Parish on last Sundayat the 9.45am Family Mass. We are looking for new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider helping once every six weeks, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact Una Moran <u>una@bfmconsult.co.uk</u> or <u>peterkingslev@rcdow.org.uk</u>.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on Mondays after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

ALTAR SERVING: - If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

PERIVALE CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP - There is a sale on at Perivale Christian Bookshop (including books, Bibles & CDs). The bookshop is located at 90 Bilton Road, Perivale, UB6 7BN. Further details at <u>https://</u> perivalechristianbookshop.co.uk/.

RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Ash Wednesday - 2nd March 1st Sunday of Lent - 6th March St Patrick -17th March St Joseph - 19th March The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March Palm Sunday - Holy Week commences 10th April Maundy Thursday - 14th April Good Friday - 15th April Holy Saturday - 16th April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 17th April

LOURDES MASS IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: This annual Mass, for the World Day of the Sick, will take place on Saturday 12th February, 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Anointing of the sick will not take place this year, but all are most welcome to attend.

CRISIS PREGNANCY: The Good Counsel Network is a Catholic Pro-life group providing creative solutions, help and support to women in crisis pregnancies and afterwards. They can also help women suffering after a n a b o r t i o n. Please g o t o : www.goodcounselnetwork.com

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: for details go to: https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

HOLY WATER FOR USE AT HOME is now again available from the Holy Water Dispenser, located close to the baptistry at the back of the church.

THANK YOU to all who made donations at the Christmas Crib over Christmastide. All this will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society



SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Ps. 94: 6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me. holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 137:1-5,7-8

R/.Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord. available

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R**/.

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R**/.

3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R**⁄.

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R**/.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8,11

Brothers, in the first place I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed. The word of the Lord.

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 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 106: 8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.