

# ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 3rd April 2022

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

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### THIS WEEK

**Sun 3 April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
6.15pm (Vigil) Mum & Dad (Davis) RIP, Mum & Dad (Valles) RIP  
8.30am Jean Gabriel RIP  
9.45am Liam Nevin RIP  
11.15am S. Manuepillai RIP  
5.30pm THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Mon 4 April Lent feria**  
9.30am Eion White RIP

**Tues 5 April Lent feria**  
9.30am Garetti Calver Pereira (Birthday Thanksgiving)

**Weds 6 April Lent feria**  
9.30am Thomas Dolan RIP

**Thurs 31 March Lent feria**  
9.30am Baby Elsie-May Newell RIP

**Fri 7 April Lent feria**  
9.30am Dorothy & Family (Ints.) 

**Sat 8 April Lent feria**  
9.30am Private Intention

**Sun 9 April PALM SUNDAY**  
6.15pm (Vigil) George Hillier RIP  
8.30am Leo & Olga Barco RIP  
9.45am Mary Kiernan RIP  
11.15am Gerard Burton RIP  
5.30pm THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### TODAY'S MASS



to those who accuse the woman is more than about making judgment of others. It is a in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, thy to judge the sins of others and we would by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the ut sin and thus our judge, offers us who are by and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' are sent to sin no more and to live in God's

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-6**

A song in praise of the Lord's marvellous deeds.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**

St. Paul says that he counts all things as lot and focuses on one goal, Christ.

**Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11**

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."*

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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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.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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 Catherine Corcoran, Trezel Dias*

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** *Oliwia Wasielewaska*

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** *Gabriella Henry*

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** *Eoin White (5th), George Cronk, Mickey Power*

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes*

### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes*

### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the



The Lord never gets tired of forgiving us.  
it is We, Who get tired of Asking for  
Forgiveness. - Pope Francis

Lent is always a call to all of us to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness. The most important thing is understand is that God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (Lamentations 3:22-23). Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from all that hinders and holds us back. Jesus never lost an opportunity to bring freedom to those

oppressed by sin and guilt. His frequent association with sinners, however, upset the sensibilities of the religious leaders. When a woman caught in adultery was brought to them for trial, they confronted Jesus on the issue of retribution. Jewish law treated adultery as a serious crime since it violated God's ordinance and wreaked havoc on the stability of marriage and family life. It was one of the three gravest sins punishable by death. This incident tells us a great deal about Jesus' attitude to the sinner. The scribes and Pharisees wanted to entrap Jesus with the religious and civil authorities. That is why they brought a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. Jesus turned the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he said: Go ahead and stone her! But let the one who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences. When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice – either go back to your former way of sin and death or to reach out to the new way of life and happiness with him. Jesus gave her pardon and a new start on life. God's



# NEWS UPDATE

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

**WELCOME ALSO** to Fr Pius Collins o.praem who led our morning of recollection yesterday. He will preside at our 11.15am Mass.

**HOLY WEEK LEAFLETS** are now available with all the times of the services. Make sure you take one today.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORKSHEETS** Are available again this weekend and are at the back of the church where you pick up the weekly sheet together with a basket of crayons (Please make sure you put these back neat and tidy. They are in two age groups: 3-6 & 7-12. Please try to

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday in Lent after the 9.30am Mass (and the Café/Bar will then be open afterwards).

**PRAYER FOR UKRAINE** leaflets are available as you enter church. Please use them individually and as a family.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - On **Tuesday 26th April at 7pm** there will be a brief **Practicalities Session in the Hall**, for **Parents/Carers ONLY**, to run through some of the practicalities relating to the children's First Holy Communion. Parents/Carers are reminded of the need to arrange **childcare well in advance of this session**. Parents/Carers are encouraged to continue practice receiving communion at home with their children during the Easter break whilst being reminded of the importance of **attending Mass each week** as the children prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time in May.

**CONFIRMATION** - A huge 'thank you' to our Confirmation Candidates and all those who helped them raise **over £2000 for Mary's Meals** through their Sponsored Walk. Candidates are reminded of their commitment to attend at least one of the **Easter Triduum Liturgies** & the importance of continuing to attend Holy Mass each week. At the next Confirmation Session, on **Monday 25th April at 7.30pm**, the Candidates will be reflecting on **Receiving God's Mercy** as they prepare, anew, to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation. Thank you for continuing to help the candidates to arrive promptly for the start of each session.

**CALLING NEW READERS** - Might you **consider reading at one of the Sunday Masses**? This ministry offers an opportunity both to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the community at Mass. The commitment is just once a month. There are some gaps in our regular rota that we are keen to fill a.s.a.p. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk), for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

**CALLING NEW FHC CATECHISTS** - Might you consider **helping with our First Holy Communion Programme**? This ministry offers an opportunity to help the children joyfully prepare for their First Confession & First Holy Communion whilst reconnecting with our own faith. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm from September & May. If you might consider helping with the new Programme, beginning in September, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk) or speak to one of the Parish Team for further information.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**THE OVER 60's CLUB** Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the café/Bar at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome—and not just Catholics!

**ST LUKE'S COLOUR RUN** at Kenton Recreation Ground on Saturday 23/4/22 at 11am. Book now at [www.stlukes-hospice.org-colourrun](http://www.stlukes-hospice.org-colourrun) or telephone 020 8382 8000.

**PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2022/2023 are available this weekend.** As we have many similar names please make sure you take the correct box. Also, please check the name and address on the box and let us know if it is incorrect. Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order. This save us printing costs. **PLEASE** let us know:

If you are new to the parish and wish to use these envelopes for the first time

If you think you should have a box this year and your box is missing.

If you wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to a Standing Order.

You wish to contribute by Standing Order.

You wish to Gift Aid your contribution.

You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.

You have a Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax. It is the responsibility of anyone who has a Gift Aid and contributes by planned giving envelope or bankers' order to inform the parish office if they are no longer paying tax

**PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS** Fridays at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

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

**SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of April. Please contact the office.

**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.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE:**

for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT BUCHANAN COURT** - Buchanan Court are looking for some new staff - Registered Nurses, Care Assistants, Kitchen Assistant & Housekeeping Staff. Students, who are only available Part-Time, are also welcome to apply. If you are interested, please contact Rohan Mathew at [rohan.mathew@careuk.com](mailto:rohan.mathew@careuk.com).

**MARY'S MEALS COLLECTING BOXES** please hold on to the these for Lent (and, of course, fill them up) and return them for Maundy Thursday (not now!). Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates who raised £2000 for Mary's Meals on their sponsored walk last weekend.

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 42: 1-2*

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

## Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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 43:16-21*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what  
was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light;  
can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the  
Wilderness (rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 125:1-6*

***R/. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.***

1. When the Lord delivered Zion  
from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. ***R/.***
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. ***R/.***
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. ***R/.***
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. ***R/.***

## Second reading: *Philippians 3:8-14*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the things that are behind me and press on to the goal for which I have been called by Christ Jesus our Lord. I do not think I have already won, but I do press on to the goal, forgetting what is behind me and reaching forward to what is ahead. I do this because of my Lord Jesus Christ, who has become my life. I am running with the endurance of a marathon runner, not as if I were beating the air, but as if I were actually touching the goal. I do this because of my Lord Jesus Christ, who has become my life. I am running with the endurance of a marathon runner, not as if I were beating the air, but as if I were actually touching the goal. I do this because of my Lord Jesus Christ, who has become my life.