

Welcome to St George's! This booklet contains all the material you will need for today's celebration of Mass. We hope you will find this service easy to follow, but please also do not be afraid to ask if you are unsure what to do at any point. The building is fitted with an Induction Loop - sit away from the pillars for best results!

Families with small children are very welcome to make use of the carpeted area at the back of church, where you will find books, crayons and soft toys. There are two further play stations in the side aisles.

A toilet is at the back of church behind the screen. After Mass, please join us in the hall for refreshments. Before Mass, please try to maintain an atmosphere of quiet prayer.

Mass setting: A New People's Mass.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing the opening hymn:

**1 Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.**

**2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**3 Cast care aside, upon thy Guide
Lean, and his mercy will provide;
Lean, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.**

Then the priest sings,

Priest In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

The Priest introduces the Mass and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:

People **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

People **Amen.**

Remain standing to sing the Kyrie, Eleison

Cantor Lord have mercy.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Cantor Christ have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Cantor Lord have mercy.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Remain standing to sing the Gloria

People **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of**

the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then the Priest prays the Collect,

Priest Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Now sit to listen to the First Reading. Wisdom 18. 6-9

Reader That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm follows the reading. Remain seated to sing,

Cantor Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

People **Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

People **Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**
The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

People **Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**
Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

People **Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

Remain seated for the Second Reading. Hebrews 11. 1-2, 8-12

Reader Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We pause for reflection. Then stand for the Gospel Acclamation,

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Luke 12. 35-40

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Deacon Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please sit for the Homily.

Then stand to recite the Nicene Creed,

People **I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing for the Prayers of Intercession.

The Priest introduces and concludes the prayers.

Reader Lord, in your mercy or *Reader* Lord, hear us

People **hear our prayer** or *People* **Lord, graciously hear us**

At the prayer for the departed,

Reader Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,

People **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

When the prayers of the saints are asked for,

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

In conclusion to the prayers,

Priest Merciful Father,

People **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please sit. Bread and wine are brought to the altar during which the
choir sing the anthem,*

Then stand to sing the hymn,

**1 O WORSHIP the King
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour,
And girded with praise.**

**2 O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.**

**3 This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.**

**4 Thy bountiful care
What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light;**

It streams from the hills,
It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
In the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust,
Nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender!
How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

6 O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.

Then the Priest says

Priest Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for
the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and
the good of all his holy Church.**

Priest Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your
Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be
offered and by your power you transform them into the
mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The priest prays the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, and then all sing the Sanctus and Benedictus,

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel. The eucharistic prayer continues, until the Memorial Acclamation,

Deacon Great is the mystery of Faith.
People **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.**

The eucharistic prayer concludes, and all sing,
People **Amen!**

Please stand for the Lord's Prayer,

Priest At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine
teaching, we dare to say,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our day,
that by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

now and for ever.

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance
with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Now sing the Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (repeated)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Then kneel.

Priest Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away
the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the
supper of the Lamb.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under
my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be
healed.**

Priest The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the
life of the world.

*The people come forward to receive communion. If you have **not**
been baptised and confirmed, please come forward for a blessing
instead of communion, carrying this Order of Service.*

*After communion the following hymn is sung, for which all remain
seated or kneeling,*

**1 Lord Jesus Christ
You have come to us**

**You are one with us,
Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin.
Pouring Your love and goodness in.
Jesus our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance Lord of you
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.**

**3 Lord Jesus Christ
You have come to us
Born as one with us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus help us see
You are Lord.**

**4 Lord Jesus Christ
I would come to you
Live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.**

Please then stand to sing the post-communion hymn,

**1 STAND up!-- stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high his royal banner,**

**It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army he shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**2 Stand up!-- stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey,
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.**

**3 Stand up!-- stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there!**

**4 Stand up!-- stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him who overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.**

Priest **May the communion in your Sacrament that we have
consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of
your truth. Through Christ our Lord.**

People **Amen.**

Please sit for the Notices.

Then stand for the Blessing & Dismissal,

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠
and the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Go forth, the Mass is ended.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The clergy go to the shrine of Our Lady for the Angelus:

Priest The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,

People **and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for
us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Priest Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

People **be it unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...**

Priest And the Word was made flesh,

People **and dwelt among us. Hail Mary...**

Priest Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

People **that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Priest Let us pray. We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into
our hearts, so that as we have known the incarnation of
your Son Jesus Christ through the message of an angel,
so, by his cross and passion, we may be brought to the
glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ
our Lord.

People **Amen.**

**Collection – there is a plate at the back of church for your offering
towards the cost of providing services and the upkeep of this
church. If you are a UK taxpayer please place your offering in one of
the envelopes in the pews (completed with your name and**

address) and place in the collection plate. A card reader to give by contactless payment is also available.

NOTICES

Confession

Father Henry will hear confessions by appointment.

Holy Communion at home.

If you know of anyone who would like Holy Communion at home, please contact Father Henry.

Lamps - If you would like to sponsor a lamp in memory of a loved one to burn for a week before the Image of Our Lady, the Sacred Heart or beside the Tabernacle on a date of your choice, please sign the list in church for the week you would like and give your donation to Father Henry or one of the churchwardens. The suggested donation is £5.

The **Food Bank** requires: tinned cold meat/corned beef, sponge pudding, jelly, custard, Angel Delight, fruit juice (long life), ladies and men's deodorant, men's shampoo and unisex razors. Donations can be left (bagged) in the box at the foot of the font.

Father Richard Norman – is returning to active ministry in the Anglican Church and has been appointed as Vicar of **of St Mary, Kenton** in the Diocese of London. His Collation and Induction will take place on **Friday 23 September at 7.00pm** which members of the congregation of St George's are invited to attend.

DIARY

Richborough Family Festival at St Albans Cathedral - Saturday 13 August. Mass at 12 noon followed by drinks in Bishop Norman's garden. Please bring your own picnic.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Sunday 14 August.

Visit to the **Shrine of St Augustine, Ramsgate, Saturday 20 August. Mass at 10.30am in St Augustine's Church.** This will be followed by a

talk about the shrine and a walk around. See poster in church for full details or speak to Monica/Len.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023 - this has been booked for the weekend of **23 to 25 June**.

For your prayers

In need: John Bamford, Neil Boorman, Sue Boorman & Daniel, June Callow, Linda Courquin, Alan Cowell, Beatrice Dadson, Gordon Good, Elaine Greasley, Frances Hollingsworth, Catherine Jones, Marie Kerrigan, Nadeen Majid, Elsie Neill, Tom, Megan & Ellie Oakeshott, Vasant & Vasanti Paranjape, Lyn, Lee and Scott Ramsey, Janet Turner, Michael Turner, Joan Turpin, Elaine Warner & Family, Lyn Wheeler, Ann-Louise Whittaker, Peter Whitwell and Tara.

Recently departed: David Ramsey, Eddie Foley, Tracey Muggleton, Lucy Vernon, Paul Michaud.

Mass times this week

Wednesday – Mass 9.30am (St Lawrence)

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9. 6-10, John 12. 24-26

Friday – Mass 9.30am (Parish Requiem)

Readings: Wisdom 3. 1-9, Matthew 11. 25-30

Saturday – Mass & Rosary 9.30am (Our Lady, Queen of Peace)

Readings: Isaiah 9. 1-3, 5-6, Luke 1. 26-38

Next Sunday (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8.00 am - Low Mass

10.30am - Sung Mass

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