



Sunday 13th June 2021

THE 11th 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 B

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sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 13 June 6.15pm (Vigil)	11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR John Baptism Fernandes & Matilda Cardozo
8.30am	Patsy Donoghue RIP
9.45am	Neil Cummins RIP
11.15am	Deceased Family & Friends of Eva Russo
5.30pm	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 14 June 9.30am	feria All departed family of Mary Willis
Tues 15 June 9.30am	feria Shanice de Souza (1st birthday)
Weds 16 June 9.30am	S. Richard of Chichester Leslie Sequeira RIP
Thurs 17 June 9.30am	feria Bernadette Flynn RIP
Fri 18 June 9.30am	feria Sanita Rodrigues (Thanksgiving)
Sat 19 June	Of Our Lady 9.30am Stefka Arabova RIP
Sun 20 June 6.15pm (Vigil)	12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR For all who died in the Pandemic
8.30am	Kathleen Bailey RIP
9.45am	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.15am	Maurice O'Grady RIP
5.30pm	Bernard Welikala RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God.

That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I, the Lord, bring low the high tree and lift high the lowly tree.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

The lives of all are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"Love God, serve God;
everything is in that."**

St. Clare of Assisi

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: 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 Jocalyn Almeida, Frances Sequeira

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Ivy Ikechukwu, Benjamin Fonseca Teixeira, Denis Valdyka

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Felipa Herath

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Patsy Donohue, William Carbery

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JUNE

The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Patsy Donohue RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

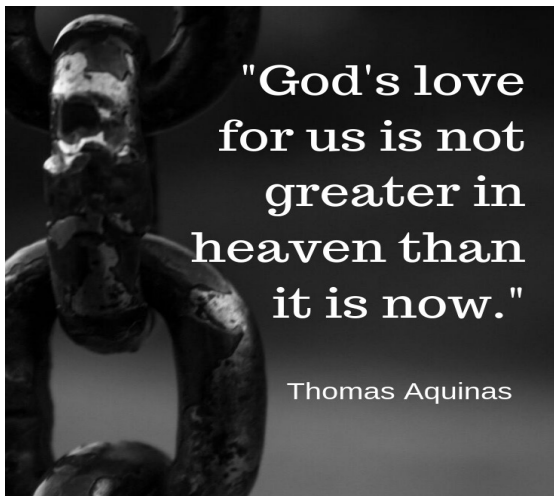
given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

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.



"God's love
for us is not
greater in
heaven than
it is now."

Thomas Aquinas

Jesus teaches the meaning of the reign or kingdom of God by way of two parables. In the first comparison, the reign of God is like seeds that a man plants in the soil. It is not the man, however, but the soil that makes the seeds sprout and grow in a way the man does not understand. In the second comparison, the reign of God is like the smallest of all seeds. Yet, once it has completed its growth, it is so large that birds can build nests in its shade. Mark mentions that Jesus further explained the meaning of parables to his disciples.

In the two parables of today's Gospel, Jesus gives us an insight into the mystery of God's reign. We have already learned that the purpose of Jesus' ministry is to preach the good news of the reign of God (Mark 1: 14). The good news is that God has not abandoned his human family, fallen and wounded, living in bondage under the reign of satanic powers (Mark 3: 20-30). It is the will of God to liberate and to reunite the human family through a divine reign of parental love, which ultimately will prevail over satanic violence and deceit. We see the meaning and the complete realization of the reign of God's love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. And in the Church that Jesus founded, we see the beginning of the complete realization of God's reign in the entire human family.

Because the reign of God is a reign of love, it is not realized unless the divine self-giving to us is accepted and lived in human freedom. The Lord's Prayer beautifully expresses the decision to accept and to live in God's reign. It is the necessary context of all the parables.

Jesus in the two seed-parables addresses the human tendency to believe that human fulfilment comes mostly through our plans and efforts. As a result, when things do not turn out as we have planned and worked to achieve, we become discouraged and lose hope. Jesus reminds us that the coming and growth of God's reign is the work of God's love. Its complete realisation will be evident only when the Son of Man comes in glory. Our response to this truth about the reign of God is to pray for its coming on earth as it is in heaven. Further, it is to do our utmost to prepare for its coming in the particular circumstances of our lives.

NEWS UPDATE



Confirmation 2021

SPONSORED WALK Sunday 27th June

Please support our Confirmation
Candidates' fundraising efforts
by logging on to

[https://www.kindlink.com/fundraising/
empowering-vulnerable-children--evc--](https://www.kindlink.com/fundraising/empowering-vulnerable-children--evc--uganda-/sponsoredwalk)

[uganda-/sponsoredwalk](https://www.kindlink.com/fundraising/empowering-vulnerable-children--evc--uganda-/sponsoredwalk)

and donating to EVC Uganda



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN DALEY who was ordained deacon in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday. We are proud of him as a very much "home grown" vocation from St George's. He will be here to deacon the 11.15am Mass this Sunday.

ROADMAP FOR CHURCHES: We are hoping that Monday will bring good news about the further lifting of Covid restrictions. As soon as we have the details, for any changes in the Church,

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT BEEN TO MASS FOR A LONG TIME WHY NOT GENTLY ENCOURAGE THEM TO RETURN. YOU MIGHT EVEN ACCOMPANY THEM TO MASS.

DID YOU TAKE COMMUNION TO SOMEONE AT HOME BEFORE THE LOCKDOWN? If so we are now allowed to visit people at home for the giving of Holy Communion, though only ONE visit per day. Please speak to Mgr Jeremy of Fr Julio if you'd like to resume visits. We can then share with you the new guidelines that are set by these visits.

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - Spaces are currently available in Year 2 and Year 4 at our popular successful Parish School. For further information please contact the School Office by email at office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk or by phone on 020 8422 1272.

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 us to know who you are and help you when the occasion arises.

WHEN WILL THE PARISH CENTRE BE OPEN AGAIN? We are awaiting new guidelines after the proposed date of 21st June after which we will need to take risk assessments for each group. We anticipate it will remain largely closed until the beginning of September. Let's hope that by then we will be back to normal!

HAVE YOU HAD THE VACCINE ? Please do think carefully about it as it protects you and also you infecting others. This is important for us as a community and now moving forward.

HOLY BAPTISM: As from 17th May we can recommence celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in Church. We are currently working through the list of families awaiting Holy Baptism for their children. Some now have dates in the diary. If you are still waiting for a date, please contact us. Parents should be trying to attending Mass here, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Fr Julio is co-ordinating all baptism requests so please be in touch with him.

CONFIRMATION 2021 - We look forward to welcoming a representative from EVC Uganda this coming **Monday 14th June** who will be speaking to our Confirmation Candidates about the charity the candidates will be raising money for through a 5km Sponsored Walk taking place on Sunday 27th June. To sponsor our candidates please click on the 'Sponsored Walk' Tab on our Website or visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury/sponsored-walk/>.

CHURCH LAMPS: These can be booked each week in memory of someone. Just contact the parish office.

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.

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.

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.

BORIS & CARRIE'S MARRIAGE.. The Cardinal writes "The first is the marriage that took place in the Cathedral on Saturday. While it came as a total surprise to almost everyone, it had been carefully and fully prepared over a significant period. There has been a wide range of responses to it. I am most aware, and painfully so, of those for whom it has reawakened hurt and resentment about the impact on their own situations of the Church's teaching concerning the validity of marriages. In replying to the many communications that have been received, an outline of this teaching has been included. A synthesis of the reply is now on the Diocesan website at this link: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/wedding-in-westminster-cathedral/>

HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY DEATH: How do hospices care for people living with a life-limiting condition? What can we learn from this care for a loved one at home? What about hospitals? What about good end of life care for people with a learning disability? And for us all? Come & join the discussion. An online event on Thursday 17th June, 7.00pm for the Year of St Joseph, organized by the Agency for Evangelisation, St Joseph's Hospice, and The Art of Dying Well. To register, just visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-have-a-happy-death-tickets-151066374593>

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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 26: 7, 9*

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Collect

O God, strength of those
who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve
and our deeds.
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: *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

The Lord says this:
'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a
very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'
The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 91:2-3,13-16*

R/. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. *R/.*

2. The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. *R/.*

3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *R/.*

Second reading: *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in
the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith
and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want
to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether
we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on

pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law
court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the
things he did in the body, good or bad.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 15:15*

Allelula, allelula!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Allelula!

Gospel: *Mark 4:26-34*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A
man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when
he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not
know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the
ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he
loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'
He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What
parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time
of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet
once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts
out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'
Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as
they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them
except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when
they were alone.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the offerings
presented here
provide for the twofold needs
of human nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Ps 26: 4*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the
faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.