



Sunday 25th July 2021

THE 17th 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.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday Readings
Year I Week 17

Divine Office
Week 1

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 25 July 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Darren O'Sullivan RIP Mary & Michael Hughes RIP Neil Cummins RIP John Sweeney RIP
Mon 26 July 9.30am	Ss. Joachim & Anne Catherine Kevill RIP
Tues 27 July 9.30am	feria Liam Maher RIP
Weds 28 July 9.30am	feria Tom Flannery RIP
Thurs 29 July 9.30am 11.00am	S. Mary, Martha & Lazarus Maura Hendricks RIP FUNERAL MASS Teresa Isaacs RIP
Fri 30 July 9.30am	feria Neil Cummins RIP
Sat 31 July 9.30am	S. Ignatus Loyola Darren O'Sullivan RIP
Sun 1 August 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Cheryl & Eddie Rozario Ints (wedding anniversary) Elizabeth Hannon RIP (5th Anniv) Studita de Souza RIP RIP Lourdes Rieafort RIP (1st Anniv) THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



TODAY'S MASS



The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labours, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love;
It signifies Love, it produces Love".*

St Thomas Aquinas

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

USUAL MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

HOLIDAYS 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: 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, Emma Fernandes, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocalyn Almeida, Frances Sequeira

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Sebastian Haylock, Lance Dacomus

RECENTLY MARRIED: Sriluxman Srikanthalingam & Christina Polouse

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Teresa Isaacs

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Darren O'Sullivan

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JULY

Social Friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Darren O'Sullivan RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Private 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.

In today's gospel, a great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a crowd –at least six month's wages! Jesus, the *Bread of Life*, took the little they had – five loaves and two fish – and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger. The signs which Jesus did, including the miraculous feeding of the five thousand signified that God has indeed sent him as anointed Prophet and King. Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels. What is the significance of this miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership. This food foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make: He is the *true bread of heaven* that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks, and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. St. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. When you approach the altar, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is an intimate union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Let us always trust in God's provision for us and let us share freely with others, especially those who are in need.

NEWS UPDATE



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2021-22



We are seeking 'Helpers' to join our experienced team of Catechists preparing the children for their First Holy Communion. Might you consider helping?

Please contact...

Peter Kingsley (Catechetical Coordinator)
peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk / 020 8904 2552 (option 5)



ALL CHANGE on 19th JULY? The Bishops Conference of England and Wales have produced additional guidelines for us to follow. These clearly are erring on the side of caution. So for the time being we are asked to:

- Sanitise on entering and leaving church
- Wear a face mask
- Continue to sign in.

There will be no formal social distancing but we are asked to be sensible. The one way system is now not necessary but we are asked to be generous in giving space as we move around the church.

But we are asked not to:

- Receive from the chalice
- Receive the sign of peace

However we will be restoring:

- The Collection
- The second reading on Sundays.
- Singing, where practicable.

We will still not be reintroducing:

- The Prayer of the Faithful
- The Offertory Procession.

Holy Water will not be available on entry and exit but will be available from the large Holy water container at the back of the church.

Cleaning does not need to be so vigorous but will still need to be done regularly.

The Church will go back to being Open EVERY DAY from 8.00am-6.00pm

And a note regarding our brilliant door stewards: we are indebted to them. They have voluntarily stepped up to assist us in providing a Covid Secure place of worship. Simply put, without their assistance, at every Mass, Baptism, wedding and funeral, we would not have been permitted to open. They have now been stewarding on a daily rota for well over a year. As restrictions relax, we will be gradually moving from a ministry of stewarding, to a ministry of welcoming. Some of our current stewards, understandably are ready to

step down from this role. So now is the time for others step up. We will need people of all ages, to join the Welcoming Team. Just two people for each Mass can make a real difference to the welcome we offer, especially to those who are new to St George's. Can you join a once a month rota for the Mass you usually attend? Please contact one of the Parish Team or chat to Lucille if you can help. Thank you again to all our stewards - you have enabled us, following the first lockdown, to open our doors from the earliest time possible, and have made all the difference.

FUNERAL MASS of Teresa Isaacs on Thursday 29th July at 11.00am followed by Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

THANK YOU to all who came to clean and make good last Monday after the morning Mass.

PHOTOS FROM CONFIRMATION GROUP MASSES - Individual Photos and the Group Photo from this year's Confirmation Masses with Bishop John will be available for **viewing & ordering** at the Parish Centre on **Thursday 5th August (7-8pm for 9th/11th July & 8-9pm for 16th/18th July)**. If you are unable to attend for any reason please contact **Papillon Photography** on 07939722198 or 07712 183 744 who will be happy to help.

WORK GOING ON. You may have noticed scaffolding around our east end of the church. This is for two urgent works: repointing the weather beaten brickwork and sealing up against the pigeons who have found a number of accesses into the roof loft and are happily nesting and breeding there and in addition causing much damage.

GOOD NEWS - NEW LOOK. We now have a new look to our web site, with easier access. Over time we'll be adding more features and information, to keep you fully up to date with what's happening at SJF church. You can see the new look by clicking here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury/>

CATHEDRAL LOURDES MASS: As you may be aware, the Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage will not be taking place this year. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will however, be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday 28th July at 2.00pm. This Mass will give those, who otherwise would have travelled with the pilgrimage the opportunity to come together in prayer. All are welcome.

HELPING WITH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22 - Each year we are grateful to those parishioners who generously offer their time & talents to help prepare the children in **Year 3** for their First Confession and First Holy Communion at St. George's. These sessions take place on Tuesday evenings during term-time. If you might consider helping next year please contact Peter Kingsley, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk / 020 8904 2552 (option 5) for further information. All help is **g r e a t l y a p p r e c i a t e d .**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT 2021-22 - All being well enrolment for next year's First Holy Communion Programme will go ahead in September 2021. Enrolment Forms will be made available at the back of church from 19th July.

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.

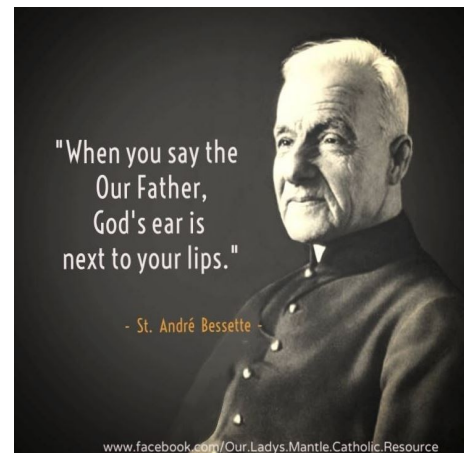
CHURCH LAMPS: These have now been rehung and the ship lamp at Our Lady of Walsingham has been restored. These can be booked each week in memory of someone. Just contact the parish office. We have several empty gaps!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Tony Thomas who has been appointed Parish Priest of the Five Precious Wounds, Stonebridge. He takes up his new appointment in September.



SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36*

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself
gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who
hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm
foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you
as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in
such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.
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: *2 Kings 4:42-44*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God,
bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in
the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant
replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the
people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and
have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left
over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 144:10-11,15-18*

R/. You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. *R/.*

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. *R/.*

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. *R/.*

Second reading: *Ephesians 4:1-6*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your
vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selfless-
ness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity
of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one
Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same
hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one bap-
tism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and

within all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: *cf. Jn 6:63,68*

Allelula, allelula!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.
Allelula!

Gospel: *John 6:1-15*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the
powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may
sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Ps 102: 2*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual
memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.