



Sunday 4th July 2021

THE 14th 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.

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 4 July **14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm (Vigil) Catherine Kevill RIP
8.30am Valerian Gonsalves RIP
9.45am Studita de Souza
11.15am Noeleen Bell RIP
5.30pm **THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

Mon 5 July **feria**
9.30am Michael Howe RIP

Tues 6 July **S. Maria Goretti**
9.30am Tom Flannery RIP
6.00pm **RECEPTION INTO CHURCH**
Francis Waddington RIP

Weds 7 July **feria**
9.30am Peter Whatmaugh RIP
11.00am **FUNERAL MASS**
Francis Waddington RIP

Thurs 8 July **feria**
9.30am Thomas Daley Ints. 

Fri 9 July **feria**
9.30am Neil Cummins RIP

Sat 10 July **Of Our Lady**
9.30am Paula Leddy RIP

Sun 11 July **15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm (Vigil) Teresa Hukowski Ints.
8.30am Avril Grace Isaacs RIP
9.45am Margaret Tighe RIP
11.15am Tony Rammelt RIP
5.30pm **THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully. This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

First Reading: *Ezekiel 2:2-5*

The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

St. Paul bears insults and weakness for the sake of Christ.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 6:1-6*

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Joy is very infectious; therefore,
be always full of joy."*

St Teresa of Calcutta

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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 Isaacs, Emma Fernandes, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocalyn Almeida, Frances Sequeira

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Iris Ann Grantham, Eoin Thomas Connors, Maria Alicja Szepielak, Pawel Oscar Szepielak, Pawel Caspar Szepielak, Pawel Vincent Szepielak

RECENTLY MARRIED: Kevin Srithevan & Christina Sagayarajah

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Francis Waddington

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Noeleen Bell, Valerian Gonsalves, Paul Turnbull, Baron Ventry, Funnel family.

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

Valerian Gonsalves RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Valerian Gonsalves RIP

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.

*Love the Madonna and
pray the rosary, for her
rosary is the weapon
against the evils of the
world today.*

- ST. PADRE PIO -

It would have been customary for Jesus to go to a local synagogue each week on the Sabbath day (Saturday) to pray with his fellow Jews, and when his turn came, to read from the scriptures during the Sabbath service. His friends and neighbours began to listen with extraordinary attention on this occasion because they had heard about the miracles he had performed in other towns. They marvelled at Jesus' explanation of the scriptures and wondered what sign or miracle he might do for them. But as soon as Jesus began to prophesy and give a warning that no prophet or servant of God would receive honour among his own people, they took offence.

Why were they so offended by Jesus' word to them? Did they find his message and warning too much to bear? They despised Jesus and his warning for them because he was a carpenter by trade, a layman who did not hold a public office or ruling position in Israel like the scribes and the Pharisees who sat on the "seat of Moses". Where did Jesus get his wisdom and authority to speak in the name of God? Jesus' authority did not come from man but from his Father in heaven. When Jesus was baptized by John in the River Jordan, the Spirit of God anointed him with divine power and authority to carry out the mission entrusted to him by his Father, who spoke audibly, "Behold, my Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him". Familiarity with one's acquaintances can easily lead to contempt and jealousy when we feel diminished by their advancement in position or authority.

Mark tells us that Jesus marvelled because of the unbelief of the townspeople he grew up with! They didn't simply question Jesus' authority to teach and speak in God's name, they rejected it outright! Luke tells us in his Gospel account that the people were so upset and angry with Jesus that they wanted to kill him (Luke 4:29-30). Jesus' message of repentance and belief in the good news of the coming reign of God's kingdom fell on deaf ears because the people were too set in their own ways of thinking. They had failed to heed the words of the prophets in the Old Testament (the Jewish Bible) who not only spoke in God's name, but also prophesied the coming of God's anointed Messiah and Saviour for Israel. Now they reject Jesus, whom the Father sent in his name, to redeem them from their sinful ways. They disbelieved in Jesus' claim to act and speak on God's behalf, and they drove Jesus out of their lives and town altogether. That is why Jesus did no mighty works in Nazareth. Mark tells us that Jesus only healed a few of his townspeople who put their faith in him.

Today, as we hear this Gospel we are called once more to recognize and believe that Jesus is the anointed One sent by the Father to bring us new life. Jesus heals and transforms us to be a people who share in God's own glory, mercy, and loving kindness. Therefore gospel of Jesus Christ is really "good news" for all who hunger for this abundant life and peace with God.

NEWS UPDATE



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.

ROADMAP FOR CHURCHES: At the moment we do not know what will happen to places of worship after July 19th. Please be patient. Maybe more information next week?

FUNERAL MASS of Francis Waddington on Wednesday 7th July at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. Reception into Church, Tuesday 6th July at 6.00pm. May he rest in peace.

WE ARE HAPPY THAT PUBLIC MASSES ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE. We still need to follow the government's social distancing rules in the current easing of the lockdown rules, however, For Sunday and weekday Mass, you can just turn up. We will follow a 'first-come-first-served' policy for these Masses.

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.

CONFIRMATION SPONSORED WALK - A huge 'thank you' to Candidates, Parents/Carers & Parishioners who have helped this year's confirmation candidates raise over **£3000**

for EVC Uganda through a 5km sponsored walk. It still isn't too late to give. To donate please click on the 'Sponsored Walk' Tab on our Website or visit

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury/sponsored-walk/>

CONFIRMATION MASSES 2021

The Parents/Carers of those being confirmed this coming week should have received an email reminder with details of their son/daughter's Confirmation Mass/Rehearsal last Thursday. Please note both the Rehearsal & Mass begin at 7pm. Due to current social-distancing measures in place at the church only the household/support bubble, Sponsors, Catechists, Stewards & Cleaners will be welcome to attend the Confirmation Masses. To book family photos, before or after the Confirmation Mass, please contact Papillon Photography on 07939722198 or 07712 183 744.

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!

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.

SCHOOL VACANCY St George's Primary School is wishing to employ a number of permanent Cleaners. The hours will be Monday to Friday 3pm-5:30pm. Please refer to the school website for further details www.stgeorgesprimary.org/vacancies-1/

CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE: Youth Ministry Outreach Worker/ Retreat Leader/ PA to Auxiliary Bishop/ Parish Cleaner. For more information go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can find out further details. New vacancies are added to the website as and when they arise, so please check the website for updates.

Additionally: The London Jesuit Centre in central London is looking to appoint a Housekeeper (permanent, 35-hrs/week, £525/week and responsible for leading a team of cleaners/housekeeping staff) Also the post of Receptionist (permanent, 6-hrs/day, 2.00-8.00pm, £390/week). Go to: londonjesuitcentre.org/jobs

VERY URGENT: The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. It is likely that this radical proposal will be voted on by MP's this Monday. Please contact your MP today asking them to vote against this extreme amendment. It only takes 30 seconds. Simply add your postcode and the letter for your MP is generated automatically: www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

Every baby deserves the chance of life.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 47: 10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Collect

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 122:1-5

R/. Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. *R/.*

2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy. *R/.*

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. *R/.*

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord

three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn1:14,12

Allelula, allelula!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Allelula!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 33: 9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.