

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Introit

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

## Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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.

## First reading: *Genesis 15:5-12,17-18*

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants.' Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 26:1,7-9,13-14*

*R/. The Lord is my light and my help.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? *R/.*

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' *R/.*

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. *R/.*

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! *R/.*

## Second reading: *Philippians 3:20-4:1*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these

wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

## Gospel Acclamation: *Mt17:5*

*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!*

## Gospel: *Luke 9:28-36*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

## Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *Mt 17: 5*

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 13th March 2022

# THE SECOND 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.

Sunday Cycle  
Readings Year C

Weekday Readings  
Lent 2

Divine Office  
Psalms week 2 for Lent

For children,  
download a weekly sheet:  
<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

## THIS WEEK

Sun 13 March  
6.15pm (Vigil)  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am  
5.30pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
Matthew Gonzales RIP  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
Liam Bradley RIP  
Joseph Wright RIP  
Loretto Barker RIP

Mon 14 March  
9.30am

Lent feria  
Eddie Egan RIP

Tues 15 March  
9.30am  
  
11.00am

Lent feria  
Gervasio, Alice Gareth Pereira  
(Thanksgiving)  
FUNERAL MASS  
Bridget Dunne RIP

Weds 16 March  
9.30am  
11.00am

Lent feria  
Eltham Family RIP  
FUNERAL MASS  
Natalina D'Ortenzio RIP

Thurs 17 March  
9.30am

S.Patrick  
Annette Tully RIP

Fri 18 March  
9.30am

Lent feria  
Mary O'Brien RIP

Sat 19 March  
9.30am

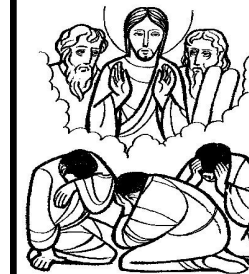
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Bridget Dunne RIP

Sun 20 March  
6.15pm (Vigil)  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
Brian Foley RIP  
Daniella Rozario (Birthday Ints)  
Roger Morton RIP  
Cissie Lennon RIP  
& Margaret Rinn RIP  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



## TODAY'S MASS



In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we

have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

**First Reading: *Genesis 15:5-12,17-18***

God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him many descendants.

**Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 27:1,7-8,8-9,13-14***

A prayer to God who is our salvation

**Second Reading: *Philippians 3:20-4:1***

Saint Paul encourages the Philippians to remain firm in their faith that Christ will subject all things to himself.

**Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:28b-36***

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, take pity on him. If you see a friend being honoured, do not envy him. Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies.*

St. John Chrysostom

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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, Jocelyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Trezel Dias*

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** *Ronnie Card-Crowley.*

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** *Christine Knottenbelt, Alfonso Ledo Toucedo, Alan Woods, Bridget Dunne, Patrick Hows, Natalina D'Ortenzio, Sr Una Trant, Mary Bunker*

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Bruno Castagnetti

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Maria & Dominic (Intentions)*

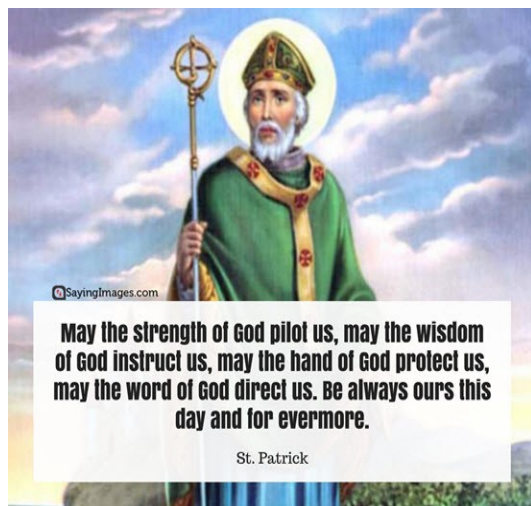
### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*Tyler Joel Caiado (Thanksgiving on his 2nd Birthday)*

### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:

#### A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



I wonder if any of us are really prepared to meet the Lord face-to-face and to see him in his glory. However we may feel, God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. St Paul writing in his Second letter to the Corinthians says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 3:7). In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles, Peter, John, and James. So what is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him). The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again.

St. Luke tells us that Peter, James, and John were heavy with sleep while Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah. Upon awakening they discovered that Jesus was transfigured in glory along with Moses and Elijah. It reminds us that we so often miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually. There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God. Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of comfort can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. This Lent we ay just ask ourselves: Are we spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Jesus Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). This Lent, Jesus wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. So let us seek his presence with faith and reverence.

# 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.

**A SPECIAL WELCOME THIS SUNDAY** to Fr Jonathan Goodall who will be celebrating the 11.15am Mass.

**HELPUKRAINE COLLECTION** Thank you to all who gave last week. We raised an amazing: £1991.13—brilliant! This has been now been sent out by the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the UK. If you want to give more/again/for the first time or through the GoFundMe fundraising when you can scan the QR code on the poster in the Church porch. We'll be collecting again this week!

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORKSHEETS** Recommence this weekend and are at the back 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 make sure your children don't draw on the pews or the walls!!!

**FUNERAL MASS of Bridget Dunne** on Tuesday 15th March at 11.00am followed by burial in Harrow weald Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS of Natalina D'Ortenzio** on Wednesday 16th March at 11.00am followed by burial in Northwood Cemetery May she rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS of Mary Bunker** on Monday 28th March at 11.00am followed by burial in Acton Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS of Shella Trinidad** on Wednesday 28th March at 11.00am followed by burial in Alperton Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**LENT LEAFLET** if you didn't get one in last couple of weeks—or on Ash Wednesday, please take one today together with a collecting box for Mary's Meals. Thanks!

**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.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** falls traditionally on the Fourth Sunday of Lent—this year on the 27th March. There will be flowers blessed for children to give to their mothers at the 9.45am Mass and 11.15am Mass.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm the children will be reflecting on why & how 'We receive Holy Communion'. The children will also be starting to practice receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Parents/Carers can use small pieces of ice-cream wafers to practice with their children at home. Parents/Carers are reminded of the importance of ensuring they attend Mass with their children every Sunday as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time later this year.

**CONFIRMATION** - Parents/Carers are reminded that the deadline for the Candidate's letter requesting Confirmation to the Bishop is this coming Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. we are delighted a representative from Mary's Meals is coming to speak to us on Monday about the work & mission of this year's Lenten Charity. At the session Candidates will also be provided with details of the Sponsored Walk. To sponsor the candidates please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sponsoredwalkformarysmeals>. Thank you for continuing to help the candidates to arrive in good time for the start of each session.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 3pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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!

**WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR YOUR OFFERINGS:** We will very shortly be distributing boxes of envelopes to those who regularly us them to make their weekly offering to God. Thank you to parishioners who have switched over to a standing order. This saves us printing costs.

**STANDING ORDERS:** April is the beginning of the new financial year, if you are a gift aider and giving your offer-tory donation via the weekly envelopes why not consider giving by standing order? If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**STOP NEW ABORTION THREAT.** Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. It is vital that as many Peers as possible oppose this amendment. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat) to contact your MP now.

**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).

**WANTED:** Large Room - for middle-aged working lady. "I have lived in the same house locally for over twenty years

but need to move as my landlord's circumstances have changed". Tel. no. 07985531525.

**MARY'S MEALS COLLECTING BOXES** please hold on to these for Lent (and, of course, fill them up) and return them for Maundy Thursday (not now!).

**THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL** IS seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seeking-an-organising-secretary/>.

**THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY** is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7 6 5 0 or email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

**THE PASSAGE**, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March and 12.00 noon on Monday 28 March makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

**CAR KEYS**—Did anyone leave some VW keys behind last weekend? Speak to Fr Jeremy.



Earn while you learn with our new Police Constable entry pathways



**MET RECRUITMENT EVENT AT ST. GEORGE'S** - We are delighted that the Metropolitan Police will be hosting a Recruitment Event at the Parish Centre on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Opportunities are available for young people on their Degree Apprenticeship Scheme (offering a fully-paid degree in Policing) & for all other age groups. All are welcome! There police will also be manning an Information Helpdesk outside the church after the Vigil Mass on 19<sup>th</sup> March for those who would like further information beforehand