

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt
devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 66:2-3,5-6,8

*R/. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. *R/.*

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. *R/.*

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth reverse him. *R/.*

Second reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the

Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it. The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Jn 14:18

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,
I pray not only for these,
but for those also
who through their words will believe in me.
May they all be one.

Father, may they be one in us,
as you are in me and I am in you,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.

I have given them the glory you gave to me,
that they may be one as we are one.

With me in them and you in me,
may they be so completely one
that the world will realise that it was you who sent me
and that I have loved them as much
as you loved me.

Father, I want those you have given me
to be with me where I am,
so that they may always see the glory you have given me
because you loved me before the
foundation of the world.

Father, Righteous One,
the world has not known you,
but I have known you,
and these have known that you
have sent me.

I have made your name known to them
and will continue to make it known,
so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,
and so that I may be in them.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send
you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in
the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength
of this saving food.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 22nd May 2022

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Easter Week 6

Divine Office Week 2

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 22 May

6.15pm

8.30am

9.45am

11.15am

5.30pm

Mon 23 May

9.30am

Tues 24 May

9.30am

Weds 25 May

9.30am

Thurs 26 May

9.30am

8.00pm

Fri 27 May

9.30am

Sat 28 May

9.30am

Sun 29 May

6.15pm

8.30am

9.45am

11.15am

5.30pm

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas Dolan Ints

John Scullion Ints

Teresa Canavan Ints

Fr Michael Johnston (Ordination

Anniversary)

THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Easter feria

Private intention

Easter feria

Winifred Rooney RIP

S. Bede the Venerable

Sean Dempsey Ints.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

John and Carlene

(5th Wedding anniv)

Deacon Dan Daley

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

Betty Treacy RIP

Paul Anderson's intentions

Easter feria

Fanny Fox RIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Juri & Eva (Thanksgiving)

Seamus Collins RIP

Maria Rosario Pereira RIP (6th)

Thanksgiving

THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries. As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29

The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8

A prayer that all the nations sing praise to God.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

The vision of the splendour of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Those whose hearts are pure are
temples of the Holy Spirit".*

St. Lucy

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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, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Trezel Dias*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Caleb Mascarenhas, Zayne Alexander De Souza*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Helen Golden, Concetta Terezino,*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:

SANCTUARY LAMP

Private Intentions & Thanksgiving

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Private Intentions & Thanksgiving

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR May:

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES WHERE HE IS LOVED, WHERE HE IS INVITED, WHERE HE IS EXPECTED.

ST. BONAVENTURE

Do you know the love that no earthly power nor death itself can destroy? The love of God the Father and his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ is a creative, life-giving love that produces immeasurable joy and lasting friendship for all who accept it. God loves the world so much because he created it to reflect his glory. And he created each one of us in his own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27). He wants us to be united with himself in an inseparable bond of unity, peace, and joy that endures for all eternity. That is why the Father sent his Son, the Lord Jesus, into the world, not to condemn it, but to redeem it from the curse of sin and death (John 3:16-17). St. Paul tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (Romans 5:5). Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, God offers pardon for all of our sins and failings, and he calls us to lay aside everything that might hold us back from loving him above all else. We owe him a debt of gratitude and love in return. We can never outmatch God because he has loved us first and has given himself to us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. In God's love alone can we find the fulness of abundant life, peace, and joy.

The Lord Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment - a new way of love that goes beyond giving only what is required or what we think others might deserve. What is the essence of Jesus' new commandment of love? It is love to the death - a purifying love that overcomes selfishness, fear, and pride. It is a total giving of oneself for the sake of others - a selfless and self-giving love that is oriented towards putting the welfare of others ahead of myself.

There is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love by giving his life for us on the cross of Calvary. Through the shedding of his blood for our sake, our sins are not only washed clean, but new life is poured out for us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the peace and joy of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

Lord Jesus, may I always grow in the joy and hope which your promises give me. In flame my heart with love for you and your ways and with charity and compassion for my neighbour. May there be nothing in my life which keeps me from your love.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Adults receiving the sacrament of confirmation 1st Friday and Saturday. May the Holy Spirit fill them with joy and love.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORKSHEETS Are available again this weekend and are at the back of the church 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.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE leaflets are available as you enter church. Please use them individually and as a family.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND Thanks to all who gave generously the last two weekends.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD: This coming Thursday, 26th May is a Holy Day for Catholics.

The Ascension of the Lord, is not just a feast that "happens to fall in Eastertide": it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." Jesus does not open the way to us just by rising from the dead: he has to return to the Father. Ascension is a feast of hope: it is our hope that the Lord will return to us, as he went. Our hope is that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope is that we will take our place in heaven, where Jesus the Lord sits, at the Father's right hand.

Please do your very best to attend Mass on this Holy Day. Our Mass times are 9.30am & 8.00pm. If these are not convenient, try a Catholic church near to your work or college or a church in our Deanery.

RETURNING TO ST GEORGE'S: The Catholic Bishops' Conference have last week released a statement about returning to Mass for Pentecost. If you are feeling anxious about returning to worship again, try coming to Mass on a weekday morning. Our weekday attendance numbers at Mass have not recovered as yet, since before the pandemic, so there is plenty of space and this is a good route back, to being with the Lord at Mass. If you feel you need more space, the Saturday evening Vigil for Sunday at 6.15pm and the 8.30am Sunday Mass are also still at pre pandemic numbers and therefore less busy. Face coverings are no longer mandatory in church but you are welcome to continue to wear a covering if you wish. Our new supply of face coverings is nearly exhausted—we have used up more in the past month than for the past 3 months combined. If you wish to wear a covering please bring one to Mass with you. We will not be reordering coverings once our current stock has been used up. The hand sanitisers will remain for the time being.

ROSARY AT HOME - If you would be interested in becoming part of the 'Rosary at Home' initiative, where a statue of Our Lady of Fatima is brought to your home for a period as you say the Rosary each day, please fill-in your details on the clipboard in the church porch.

DEACON DAN DALEY WRITES: "Thanks to your support and God's grace over the years, I am delighted to be able to invite you all to my priestly ordination on Saturday 25th of June at 10.30am in Westminster Cathedral. Please do keep me in your prayers over the next few months".

FR DAN DALEY'S (as he will be) FIRST MASS will take place here at 11.15am on Sunday 26th June at 11.15am. Everyone welcome—no tickets required. This will be followed by a lunch in the hall.

THE LUNCH following Fr Dan's First Mass will need some coordinating and we'll be forming a committee for this occasion to make sure it all goes according to plan. If you feel you can help, please speak to Fr Jeremy.

AND FINALLY, well be having a collection to give a fitting present to the new Fr Dan to mark the occasion. More news soon.

CONFIRMATION - We keep the newly-confirmed in prayer as they continue their journey of faith, having received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to Catechists & Parents/Carers for all their help & support throughout the Programme. We look forward to seeing the **Candidates** at the **Feedback & Celebration Session on Monday 13th June at 7.30pm.**

CALLING NEW READERS - Might you consider reading at one of the **Sunday Masses**? This ministry offers an opportunity both to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the community at Mass. The commitment is just once a month. There are some gaps in our regular rota that we are keen to fill a.s.a.p. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk, for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

CALLING NEW FHC CATECHISTS - Might you consider helping with our **First Holy Communion Programme**? This ministry offers an opportunity to help the children joyfully prepare for their First Confession & First Holy Communion whilst reconnecting with our own faith. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm from September & May. If you might consider helping with the new Programme, beginning in September, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk or speak to one of the Parish Team for further information.

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!

PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2022/2023 have been available for well over a month after the Sunday Masses. If you have not yet received yours they will now be sent out in the post (at great expense!!).

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of April. Please contact the office.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - Regular meetings have now resumed and will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August). The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 8pm in the parish centre.

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.

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.

EVENT FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING OR HOSTING A UKRAINIAN FAMILY OR OTHERS SEEKING SANCTUARY. **Ukraine Hosting Scheme - Supporting people seeking sanctuary** 18th May, 6.30 - 8pm via Zoom. Join Caritas Westminster and the Jesuit Refugee Service for an information session on hosting refugee guests. This session is open to those who are hosting, would like to learn

more, or would like to join a group to discern what a wider welcome could look like. This session is a part of the wider Diocesan Community of Support. It has been set up in response to the government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, the Afghan Refugee Response, and the wider situation of asylum seekers and refugees in the Diocese of Westminster. Sign up by visiting <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/ukraine-hosting-scheme-supporting-people-seeking-sanctuary-1340.php> or Caritas Westminster's Eventbrite Page.

OVER 50'S SOCIAL CLUB being held at the Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre every Wednesday from 10.15am to 1.30pm. Why not come along for a cup of tea and an informal get together with friends and neighbours within the local community. Free entry, free food and a warm welcome. Any queries please contact Mel on 07982683664. **A SPECIAL TEA TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PALATINUM JUBILEE ON TUESDAY 7th JUNE.** A date for your diary.

CAFOD: The paradox of abundance Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

THE UNIVERSE: Parishioners wishing to view the online version of The Universe can do so by subscribing to <http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk>

ST. LUKE'S MIDNIGHT WALK - Saturday 25th June, 10pm-3am. Book now to secure early bird rate at www.stlukeshospiice.org/midnightwalk or telephone 020 8383 8000 or see their website.

FILM CLUB with resume on Friday 27th May at 7.30pm in the Café/Bar.

