ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 24th July 2022 SEVENTEENTH 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 and know that we pray for you all each day.

Sunday Cycle *Readings Year C*

Weekday Readings *Ordinary Time week 17* Year 2

Divine Office *Week 1* For children, download a weekly sheet: <u>http://www.sdc.me.uk</u> <u>sundayliturgy/</u>

THIS WEEK

Sun 24 July	17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
6.15pm	Fernandes Family ints.
8.30am	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.45am	Mary & Michael Hughes
11.15am	Dorothy Coomarewel Ints.
5.30pm	Jose Dary Salmorrin Ints.
Mon 25 July	S. JAMES, apostle
9.30am	Private intention
Tues 26 July 9.30am	Ss. Joachim & Anne Milton , Venesia, baby Mesquita, Rebello (health & Thanksgiving)
Weds 27 July 9.30am 11.00am	feria Gabriella Henry RIP FUNERAL MASS Sean Hallam RIP
Thurs 28 July	feria
9.30am	Ronnie Noble RIP
Fri 29 July	S. Martha
9.30am	Majorie & Germain Hoareau Ints.
Sat 30 July	Of Our Lady
9.30am	Maureen Mantle RIP
Sun 31 July	18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
6.15pm	John & angela McCarthy RIP
8.30am	Darren o'Sullivan RIP
9.45am	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.15am	Gabby Henry RIP
5.30pm	Thanksgiving for health

TODAY'S MASS



Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

First Reading: *Genesis 18:20-32* Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 138:1-3,6-8* Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: *Colossians 2:12-14* You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 11:1-13* Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK "One must see God in everyone" *St. Catherine Laboure*

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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. EUCHARISTIC 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, Shaun Scoon and Patrick Fernando

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Flik Kacik, Gabriel Srithevan

RECENTLY MARRIED: Joel Fernandes & Andrea Vas

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Joseph Kerr, Sean Hallam,, Thomas Fernandes, Laurence McGowan

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Mary Hughes*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP Thanksgiving

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM The Byrne Family in thanksgiving

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR July: Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



The Jews at the time of Jesus were noted for their devotion to prayer. Formal prayer was prescribed for three set times a day. And the rabbis had a prayer for every occasion. It was also a custom for rabbis to teach their disciples a simple prayer they might use on a regular basis. Jesus' disciples ask him for such a prayer. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray he gave them the disciple's prayer, what we call the *Our Father* or *Lord's* Prayer. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father in being the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only begotten Son who, reciprocally is Son only in relation to his Father. All fatherhood and motherhood is derived from him. In the Lord Jesus Christ we are spiritually reborn and made new, and we become the adopted children of God.

Jesus teaches us to address God as "our Father" and to confidently ask him for the things we need to live as his sons and daughters. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbour the same. We can pray with expectant faith because our heavenly Father loves us and treats us as his children. He delights to give us what is good. His love and grace transforms us and makes us like himself. Through his grace and power we can love and serve one another as Jesus taught - with grace, mercy, and loving-kindness. The Lord's Prayer serves to ask us questions about our lives of discipleship. Do we treat others as they deserve, or do we treat them as the Lord would with grace and mercy? Jesus' prayer includes an injunction that we must ask God to forgive us in proportion as we forgive those who have wronged us. Are we ready to forgive as Jesus forgives?



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.

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.

CHANGES: We'll be saying goodbye to Fr Julio in a few weeks. His last weekend will be September 4th. There will be cakes and pastries in the bar after the 9.45am & 11.15am Mass to help us say goodbye and thank you. We'll be welcoming Fr Mike on the next weekend, Sunday 11th September.

REQUIEM MASS of Sean Hallam on Wednesday 27th July at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

REQUIEM MASS for Joseph Kerr on Monday 1st August at 10.30am followed by cremation at Hendon. May he rest in peace.

REQUIEM MASS for Laurence McGowan on Thursday 4th August at 11.30am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

REQUIEM MASS for Thomas Fernandes on Friday 5th August at 11.30am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Many thanks to those who have come forward offering to help with the FHC Programme next year. Those wishing to enrol on next year's Preparation Programme, beginning in September, should note that Enrolment Forms are now available at the back of church. Please note that to enrol you will need to be seen to regularly attend Mass at our Parish in the months preceding the start of our Parish Programme & also obtain a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.

CONFIRMATION - We are considering starting a **Post-Confirmation 'Prayer & Pizza'** group in the Autumn. This would offer the young people, who have recently received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, the opportunity to continue to meet together once a month on a Thursday evening to share a little in the light of faith. To register your interest please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at <u>peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk</u>. Details of Registration on 2023's Confirmation Programme will be published in the Newsletter later this year.

READING AT 5.30PM MASS - Might you **consider reading at the Sunday Evening Mass**? This ministry offers the opportunity 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 remain keen to fill. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at <u>peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk</u>, for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA have recently presented some certificates and prizes to pupils from St George's School who took part in the KSC Easter painting and "Pray for our earth" prayer competitions. Two of the entries were then chosen by the provincial judges (Westminster West) for submission to the KSC Head Office for the national judging. Special congratulations to Lena Kostuj (Easter Painting) and Meabh Elton (Prayer) for this achievement. Thank you to all who entered and to Ms. Tuohy, from St George's School.

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.

SVP (Soclety of St Vincent de Paul): Here is a date for your diary! St George's SVP Group are organising a Quiz Night on Saturday 17th September 2022 at 7.15pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are £5 a head or £20 for a table of 4 people. All money raised will go towards the work that the SVP do to support those in need in the Parish. To book a table, email <u>frain.home@gmail.com</u> or call Theresa on 07753654154. Over 16s only.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - Westminster Youth Ministry is offering a 50% discount on the cost of those attending the World Youth Day pligrimage for those joining their Youth Leadership Training scheme. For full details please visit <u>https://dowym.com/ programmes/world-youth-day-leadershiptraining/.</u>

THE OVER 60's CLUB is now closed down for the summer. We look forward to seeing you on 6th September.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA: JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE:

for details go to: https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/ THE UNIVERSE:: Parishioners wishing to view the online version of The Universe can do so by subs c r i b i n g t o <u>h t t p : / /</u> www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk

SIGNING FORMS ETC. Please <u>always</u> make an appointment if you want school forms, passport forms, pension forms countersigned/witnessed by the clergy. The same if you want one of the clergy to act as a referee. Please don't just turn up at the door expecting it to be done immediately. Please also know if you want an English passport witnessed or naturalisation form we must have known you for a minimum of 3 years.

AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THE HOLIDAY SEASON: If you are a Reader, Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Counter, Musician, Cleaner or help out in any way and are going away, please arrange cover for your duties. This will help us enormously with the smooth running of the Masses and for all that we do together. Thank you in advance.

DIOCESAN AND SCHOOL VACANCIES please see folder in porch or School/diocesan website.

FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges information.

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE, Wealdstone, is currently advertising for a Pastoral Support Officer to work within the Student Services Department from September 2022. Please see website for details.



ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster for the following dates: - St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham: 3rd September, 30th October - 1 st November - Westminster Cathedral: 3rd - 5 th September - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hayes: 5th - 6 th September - St Mary's University, Twickenham: 6th September - St John Fisher, Shepperton: 6th - 7 th September - St Joseph's, Stevenage: 17th - 18th October - Our Lady of Willesden, Willesden: 28th - 30th October For full details of the tour, visit www.stbernadette.org.uk



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, God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 137:1-3,6-8

R/. On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth.
 In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
 I will adore before your holy temple. R/.

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. R/.

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. R/. 4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R**/.

Second reading: Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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. Allelulal

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,

your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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.