

Sunday 11th September 2022

THE TWENTY FOURTH 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 24
Year 2**

**Divine Office
Week 4**

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 11 Sept
6.15pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm
24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Susan Walsh RIP
Baptiste Fernandes Ints.
Jessica Bhardwaj Ints.
Victims of 9/11 and
Zdenka Chura RIP

Mon 12 Sept
9.30am
The Most Holy Name of Mary
Mary O'Connor RIP

Tues 13 Sept
9.30am
S. John Chrysostom
Rajiv Dubey & Steffi Ints.

Weds 14 Sept
9.30am
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Helen Golden RIP

Thurs 15 Sept
9.30am
Our Lady of Sorrows
Daniel Daley Snr. RIP

Fri 16 Sept
9.30am
Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
Dorothy Coomarewel Ints.



Sat 17 Sept
9.30am
S. Robert Bellarmine
Stephen O'Connor RIP

Sun 18 Sept
6.15pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm
25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
James McHugh RIP (6th)
Hannah O'Gorman RIP
Andrew Rozario RIP (26th)
Maurice O'Grady RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. Today we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this

point the rejoicing begins. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

First Reading: *Exodus 32:7-11,13-14*
Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19*
Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading: *1 Timothy 1:12-17*
St. Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-32*
Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.
St. Faustina

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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.

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: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Shaun Scoon and Patrick Fernando*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Linda Child*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Joe Diggins, Minnetti Johns*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Daniel Daley Snr.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Baptiste Fernandes intentions.

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Baptiste Fernandes intentions.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER
Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country



REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD.

The generous attitude of Jesus to 'tax collectors and sinners' scandalised those who saw themselves as the guardians of Israel's true traditions. Luke gives us three parables with which Jesus responded directly to this criticism – he was, he said, giving expression to the merciful ways of his Father. The best know of the three, of course, is the story of the son who, after foolishly squandering his inheritance, is received back by his rejoicing father.

When we recognise how this elaborate story fits into the message that was central to Jesus teaching, we understand that it conveys far more than the brief parables before it. The story hinges on the relationship between the lost son and his father. The real shortcoming of the son, as the story shows, was not his prodigality, but the fact that, though he has lived with his father all his years, he had not had the generosity of spirit that would bring him to understand the love his father had for him. Even when he comes to his senses, his attitude is that of a mercenary – though he has lost the rights of a son, his father is a good man, he will give him a place among his slaves. Jesus saw his immediate mission as calling the nation to identify with the ways of the God of the covenant. Their situation is like that of the prodigal; they have lived for centuries in covenant with God; and they have found themselves in exile for their infidelities; but even after their return they are far from appreciating the ways of the God of the covenant, and the loving designs God has for them. The elder brother in the story - whose relationship to his father, and his claim on his father, is established by his 'obeying the orders' he has received – also has the outlook of a mercenary. It is clear that he stands for the leaders who should have led God's people to an understanding of God's loving and generous ways, but have persuaded themselves that they show their faithfulness to the covenant by an exact observance of the requirements of the Law. Jesus is calling God's people to learn at last the clear message of the covenant experience, the loving, merciful and inclusive ways in the heart of his Father.

The words of the father in the story, to the sulking elder brother, are filled with the sorrow of Jesus' appeal: 'My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours'. The 'best robe', the 'ring', the 'sandals' and the 'feast', all marks of special regard, point to a mercy and generosity that have no limits. We are left to imagine the aftermath. Surely, the son's life is transformed, as he comes, at last, to share in the love in the heart of his father. The future the Saviour promises to the world, in fact, will be a sharing in the love of his Father.

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.

WELCOME this weekend to our new assistant priest Fr Mike. Please say hello make him very welcome.

THANK YOU to all who gave to a leaving gift for Fr Julio. As always from St George's we can send him on his way with a fitting gift.

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that the country and indeed the world has received the News of the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Cardinal has permitted one Requiem Mass to be said this Sunday when we can properly pray for her soul and offer her now to almighty God. Please also pray for our new King and Queen Consort.

MUSIC at all the Masses resumes this weekend after the summer recess. Thank you to our choirs and musicians for enhancing our worship and for your commitment. **We are looking hard for people to help with our singing and music.** Don't be shy. Even if can sing that well—why not give it a try? Please don't always leave this to someone else. We can be reminded of the words of Saint Augustine: "The one who sings prays twice!".

THE REPOSITORY is open after Masses. Why not take a look?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Enrolment on this year's **First Holy Communion Programme** is taking place in the Parish Centre this coming **Tuesday 13th September 2023**. Thank you for carefully completing the Enrolment Form and bringing it, together with a copy of your child's **Baptism Certificate & £30 contribution**. Please note that the Enrolment Evening is for **Parents/Carers ONLY**. **Children are not to attend.** To avoid any disappointment on the night, please ensure you make **childcare arrangements well in advance**.

CONFIRMATION 2023 - Please note that the Confirmation Programme at St. George's Sudbury caters for those in **Year 10** and above. Information regarding registration on our Confirmation Preparation Programme for 2023 will be made available in the coming months. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter for further information.

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 peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk, for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING - Children who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to serve, along with those wishing to refresh or refine their skills, are welcome to join us for this year's introduction to Altar Serving taking place at the Parish on **Saturday 1st October at 11am**.

EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS - There is a **Talzé Prayer at Notre Dame de France** on the First Saturday of every month at 7.30pm. **The Big Summit at Westminster Cathedral** is taking place on **21st October 2022**. Details can be found on posters in the porch. Please sign-up to the **Westminster Youth Ministry Newsletter** for lots more information about youth events in the Diocese by visiting <https://dowym.com/>.

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 (Society of St Vincent de Paul): Here is a date for your diary! St George's SVP Group are organising a Quiz Night on **THIS 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 frain.home@gmail.com 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 pilgrimage** for those joining their **Youth Leadership Training** scheme. For full details please visit <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/>.

THE OVER 60's CLUB has restarted after the summer every Tuesday in the café/Bar. in the café/Bar in the parish centre. **LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

THE PARISH OFFICE will reopen Wednesday 7th September, Tuesdays-Fridays and from 10.30am.

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 coming months. 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 subscribing to <http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk>

SIGNING FORMS ETC. Please always 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.

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.

WELL DONE to all our young people in their achievements in A Level, GCSE and other grades. We wish you well in your next stages, especially those going to university and those maybe leaving home for the first time. Don't forget to find a Catholic Church or the catholic Chaplaincy.!



Friday 30th September 2022
In the Café/Bar, Parish Centre
Coffee/Tea -Cake-Bric a Brac- Plants

(contributions and offers to help with the event ahead of time most welcome)

Entrance £3.00

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Sir 38: 18*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Collect

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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: *Exodus 32:7-11,13-14*

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."'

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps.50:3-4,12-13,17,19*

R/. I will leave this place and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *R/.*

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *R/.*

3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. *R/.*

Second reading: *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: *cf. Ep.1:17,18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: *Luke 15:1-32*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.'

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.'

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.'

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.'

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these,
your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the
honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communlon Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 35: 8*

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift,
O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
Through Christ our Lord.