

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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: Amos 8:4-7

"Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and Sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, Never will I forget a single thing you have done.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:1-2,4-8

R/. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! *R/.*

2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? *R/.*

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dung-heap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. *R/.*

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanks giving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I

have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation: Acts 16:14

Allelula, allelula!
Open our heart O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.
Allelula!

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 119 (118): 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 18th September 2022

THE TWENTY FIFTH 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 25
Year 2

Divine Office
Week 1

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

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 19 Sept
9.30am
S. Januarus
Anthony Moran RIP

Tues 20 Sept
9.30am
Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Comps.
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Weds 21 Sept
9.30am
S. MATTHEW, apostle
Patricio Lim Snr.

Thurs 22 Sept
9.30am
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Jane Thompson RIP

Fri 23 Sept
9.30am
S. Plus of Pletrelcina (Padre Pio)
Fr Daniel Daley Ints.

Sat 24 Sept
9.30am
Our Lady of Walsingham
Helen Golden RIP RIP

Sun 25 Sept
6.15pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm
26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Denzil Isaaks (80th Birthday Thanksgiving)
Mary McCarthy RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Norah O'Toole RIP
Baltazar Andrade RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life. The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7
Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 113: 1-2,4-6,7-8
Praise be to God, who raises up the poor..

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
St. Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13
Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*If we don't teach our children the faith,
Then the world will teach them something else.*

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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, Jocelyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Shaun Scoon and Patrick Fernando*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Daisy Mel Abuka, Lilybelle Lucja O'Donnell*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Minnetth Johns, Vincent Daly*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Norah O'Toole, Andrew Rozario (26th), James McHugh (6th), Michael Fahey (2nd)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

Mrs Stephanie Mathurin (80th Birthday)

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of James McHugh RIP

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



If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.

~ Saint John Chrysostom

AZ QUOTES

What does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? The steward was responsible for managing his wealthy landowner's property. The steward very likely overcharged his master's tenants for their use of the land and kept more than his fair share of the profit. When the landowner discovered the steward's dishonest practice he immediately removed him from his job, leaving him penniless and ashamed to beg or do manual work.

Before news of his dismissal became public knowledge, the shrewd steward struck a deal with his master's debtors. In discounting their debts he probably was giving up his generous commission. Such a deal won him great favour with the debtors. Since the steward acted as the landowner's agent, such a deal made his master look very generous and forgiving towards those who owned him money. Surely everyone would praise such a generous landowner as the town hero! Since the master could not undo the steward's cancellation of the debts without losing face and making his debtors resent him, he praised the steward for outwitting him and making him appear as a generous and merciful landowner.

What's the point of Jesus' parable? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behaviour but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness, and generosity in his time of need and great want. Jesus immediately followed this parable with an exhortation to his followers to make use of the world's material goods, including "tainted money" (which in Hebrew means "unrighteous mammon"), to relieve those who are indebted to us for the material and physical help we give them in their time of need and want. In the Scriptures generous giving is connected with alms giving - the sharing of our financial and material resources with those in need. Those who receive alms become your friends because you are merciful to them in their time of need. And God who sees all, rewards those who are generous in helping others.

Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need - and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. Let's ask the Lord to fill our hearts with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what we have with others.

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.

THANK YOU to all who have made Fr Mike welcome. It's good to have him with us in the parish. One change from the past is that Fr Mike will also working as part time youth chaplain to the diocese so one or two days will be taken up outside the parish.

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!"

FUNERAL MASS of MINNETH MARGARET JOHNS on Monday 26th September at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium at 1.15pm. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of VINCENT DALY on Thursday 29th September at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium at 1.00pm. May he rest in peace.

NEXT SUNDAY, The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG, A mission from Bethlehem, The Holy Land will us on the weekend 24th - 25th September to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated" **THE REPOSITORY** is open after Masses. Why not take a look?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you to all those **Parents/Carers** who came to enrol their children on Tuesday with all the correct documentation & contribution and to those **Catechists** who came to provide their invaluable support, processing the applications. Please note that **enrolment on this year's First Holy Communion Programme for Year 3 children is now closed.** At this coming **Tuesday's Session, for Parents/Carers Only**, we will be reflecting on how we are called to **Hand on the Faith** to our children. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHILDREN READING AT 9.45 FAMILY MASS - If your child has made their First Holy Communion, they are welcome to read at the 9.45 Family Mass. If your child might be interested in reading, or your family might like to take responsibility for the readings once a month, please contact our 9.45am Family Mass Readers Coordinator, Stephanie Brennan, at sbrennan@ntlworld.com.

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 Coor-

dinator, 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. **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/>

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.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING we will publish next week the dates we will be signing forms for transfers to secondary schools and for entrance to primary schools. Keep an eye on this newsletter for these important times.

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. If you are a full-time student (undergraduate or graduate student) heading to a university outside London, then why not take a look at [Catholic Chaplaincies at Universities in England, Scotland and Wales, UK \(catholicuniversity.org.uk\)](http://CatholicChaplainciesatUniversitiesinEnglandScotlandandWalesUK.catholicuniversity.org.uk)

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES have provided very nice prayer cards for praying for the late Queen, The royal family and for the new King. They are in the basket before the photograph of the Queen at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

YOU ALL COUNT: THE NATIONAL ANNUAL COUNT takes place at all Masses in every Catholic Church this weekend and for the next 4 weeks. The count measures attendance for each parish across the diocese. The figures are then sent to our Diocesan Offices, to the Bishops' Conference and to the Vatican in Rome, to count attendance world wide. We also collate information regarding the life of our church, including figures relating to the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. Additionally we include the number of funerals which have taken place here. If you spot someone clicking away with a counter - you'll know why.

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING So far a good few have offered their help for this event but **ABOVE ALL WE NEED AN OVERALL CO-ORDINATOR.** Can you do this? Please let one of the parish team know ASAP, otherwise this can't go ahead successfully.



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