

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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: Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

R/. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

1. You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. *R/.*

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. *R/.*

3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. *R/.*

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. *R/.*

Second reading: Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending

him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15:15

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my
Father. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 4th September 2022

THE TWENTY THIRD 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 23
Year 2**

**Divine Office
Week 3**

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 4 Sept
6.15pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
John Brady RIP (7th Anniv.)
Margaret Whoriskey RIP
James Walsh RIP
Edward Johnston RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon 5 Sept
9.30am

feria
Carolyn Conlon RIP

Tues 6 Sept
9.30am

feria
Jennifer Oyico RIP

Weds 7 Sept
9.30am

feria
Mr & Mrs Daniel Kerins RIP

Thurs 8 Sept
9.30am

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Caroline Flynn RIP

Fri 9 Sept
9.30am

feria
A. Manuelpillai RIP

Sat 10 Sept
9.30am

feria
Conversion of Sinners

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 I-ints.
Victims of 9/11 and
Zdenka Chura RIP

TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second.

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17
God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33
Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault."

St. John Henry Newman

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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, 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: *Thomas Fernandes, Michael McDonagh*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *John Brady (7th), Edward Johnston*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

James Walsh RIP

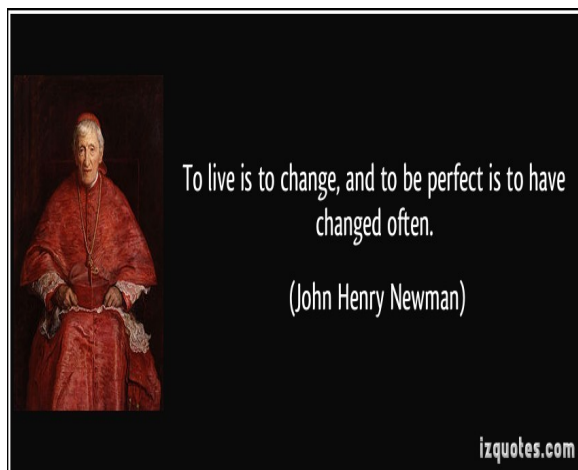
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Irene Pereira 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



To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.

(John Henry Newman)

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We might ask as to why does Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves? The expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. Jesus tells his would-be disciples that they, too, must count the cost if they want to succeed as his disciples. Jesus assures success for those willing to pay the price. All it cost is everything we have - the entirety of our lives and all we possess! What does Jesus have to offer that's worth giving up everything else? More than we can imagine! Jesus offers the gift of an abundant joy-filled life and the promise of everlasting peace and happiness with God for ever.

It's natural to ask what will it require or cost before a commitment to invest in something of great value. Jesus was utterly honest and spared no words to tell his disciples that it would cost them dearly to follow after him and to invest in his heavenly kingdom. There can be no room for compromise or concession with God and his kingdom. We either give our lives over to him entirely or we keep them for ourselves. St Paul writing in his First Letter to the Corinthians reminds us, *"We are not our own. We were bought with a price"*. That price is the cross.

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or any possession above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine what they love first and foremost. Jesus' way to glory and power is opposite the world's way of glory, power, and success. The choice is ours, but the Lord does not leave us alone if we choose to follow him. Does the love of Christ compel you to put God first in all you do?



NEWS UPDATE

THIS SUNDAY – Is Fr Jullo's last Sunday with us before he moves to Hanwell. We thank him for his ministry among us and wish him well in this next part of his work as a priest. There will be cakes and pastries in the café Bar after the 9.45am Mass and the 11.15am and a chance to say "goodbye" in person. There is a card for you to sign and the orange buckets are out so we can have a collection for him to wish him well on his way and above all thank him for his ministry among us. You are also welcome to gibe him anything in person too.

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.

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 - 1st November - Westminster Cathedral: 3rd - 5th September - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hayes: 5th - 6th September - St Mary's University, Twickenham: 6th September - St John Fisher, Shepperton: 6th - 7th 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



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 week to our new assistant priest Fr Mike. He'll be with us later in the week and next weekend. Please do make him very welcome.

MUSIC at all the Masses are now resuming after the holidays. 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 - Please note that at this Parish children prepare for their **First Holy Communion** in **Year 3**. To enrol your child on this year's First Holy Communion Programme please pick up an Enrolment Pack from the back of church, carefully read & complete the Enrolment Form and bring it, together with the necessary documentation & contribution, to the **Enrolment Evening** in the Parish Centre on **13th September 2023**. Please note that the **Enrolment Evening is for Parents/Carers ONLY**. To avoid disappointment on the evening, 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.

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 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 restarts on **THIS Tuesday 6th September** 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.

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.

SUDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE Saturday 10th September 10am-2pm. Why not come and join us at our table top sale? Lots of wonderful items with great prices. Refreshments also available. The SNC is situated next to the Methodist Church opposite Butlers Green in Sudbury Town.

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!