

## SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

### Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 105 (104): 3-4*

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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: *Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphans supplication, nor the widows as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble mans prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

### Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 120*

*R/. This poor man called; the Lord heard him.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. *R/.*

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears And rescues them in all their distress. *R/.*

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *R/.*

### Second Reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the

faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!*

### Gospel: *Luke 18:9-14*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

### Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon *Cf. Ps 20 (19): 6*

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God. up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

### Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUBBURY

Sunday 23rd October 2022

## THE THIRTIETH 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 30  
Year 2

Divine Office  
Week 2

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

### THIS WEEK

Sun 23 Oct  
6.15pm  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am  
5.30pm

30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
Patsy Kenny RIP (6th)  
Sean Joyce RIP  
Germaine Duffner Ints.  
Kieran Kelly RIP

Mon 24 Oct  
9.30am

S. Anthony Mary Claret  
Josefina Castillo

Tues 25 Oct  
9.30am

feria  
Thomas Dolan  
(Birthday remembrance)

Weds 26 Oct  
9.30am

feria  
Melinda Peter RIP

Thurs 27 Oct  
9.30am

feria  
Patsy Jordan RIP

Fri 28 Oct  
9.30am

Ss.SIMON & JUDE  
Regina Chrosostom RIP

Sat 29 Oct  
9.30am

Blessed Martyrs of Douai Colleg  
MariaMenezes Ints.

Sun 30 Oct  
6.15pm  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am  
5.30pm

31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  
Mary & Barry Grogan RIP  
George Valles RIP  
Baptiste Fernandes Ints.  
Saverimuthu Chryostom RIP  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### TODAY'S MASS



In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. In theory, if anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

First Reading: *Sirach 35:12-14,16-18*  
God hears the prayer of the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 34:2-3,17-18,19,23*  
The Lord hears and answers the cry of the poor.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18*  
Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:9-14*  
Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."*  
St. Clare of Assisi

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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 Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, Gerald Doody, John Hemon*

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** *Èlora Travasso, Hubert Wiczorek*

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** *Michael Staunton, Jim Anderson*

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** *Regina Chrysostom, Patsy Kenny, Kevin Hennessy, Shelia TandAlan Cox*

### BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

*In memory of Thomas Fernandes RIP*

### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*Private intentions*

### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

**A Church Open to Everyone**

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO BE SAINTS. FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS THE SOURCE OF FREEDOM AND LIGHT. BE OPEN TO THE LORD SO THAT HE MAY LIGHTEN ALL YOUR WAYS.

ST. JOHN PAUL II

In our spiritual lives one of the more difficult journeys we have to make is that from pride to humility. We often rebel against the idea of humility: our notion of humility can suggest someone who has too little self-esteem or who allows themselves to be down-trodden. In reality, true humility is a recognition of who we are before God: made in his image and precious in his sight, but also in need of his mercy because of our fallen human nature.

The journey from pride to true humility is one that the Pharisee in today's Gospel needs to make. His point of departure is, "I thank you God that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and especially that I am not like this tax-collector here". His destination, however, needs to be that of the tax-collector, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

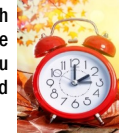
It was easy for the Pharisee to fall into the temptation of thinking he was better because in some ways he really was a good man. He fasted twice a week, whereas Jewish law asked to fast only once a year. He paid tithes, giving away 10% of all his income, whereas Jewish law required one to tithe 10% of grain and firstborn of the flock. However in spite of this goodness the Pharisee needed to cultivate humility because he lacked compassion for others. Sometimes even our goodness – when we achieve it under our own steam rather than relying on the grace of God – can harden us to the suffering and needs of our neighbours. The Pharisee had never experienced a dramatic fall in his life so he was proud.

Pride, however, comes before a fall. And often a fall is what it takes for someone to lose their pride and realize that they are human the same as everybody else. When it comes to sin and grace we are all on the same playing field. None of us, then, deserves or earns heaven; rather, it is a gift from God to us won by Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection.

# 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.

**SLEEP-IN SUNDAY!** is next Sunday, 30th October, British Summer Time ends and the clocks fall back one hour, to GMT, so you get an extra hour under the duvet, refreshed and ready for Sunday morning Mass!



**FUNERAL MASS** of Michael Joseph Staunton on Friday 4th November at 11.00am followed by cremation at west London Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - Thank you to Parents/Carers for their support at the session with the children last week. Please remember there is no session during Half-Term. We look forward to welcoming the children back for Session 4, on **Tuesday 1st November**, when we will be reflecting on how we can 'repair our relationship with God'. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at 7pm. All Parents/Carers should now be aware of the date of their child's FHC Mass.

**EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS** - There is a **Taizé Prayer** at Notre Dame de France on the **last Saturday** of every month at 7.30pm. For further details please see the poster in the porch. To sign-up to the Westminster Youth Ministry Newsletter, with lots more information about youth events in the Diocese, please visit <https://dowym.com/>.

**MIGHT YOU HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S CHILDREN'S NATIVITY?** - A huge 'thank you' to Bushra Khosla who is, once again, generously offering to take care of the Children's Nativity at the Christmas Vigil Mass at the Parish this year. We would be grateful for one or two volunteers to help support Bushra. Perhaps you are a Young Adult who might like to help? If you might consider helping with the Children's Nativity this year, please contact Bushra at 07843 053 076 / [bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk)

**NEW PARISH SAFEGUARDING LEAD** - A massive thank you to Mary Kugasarn who has served the Parish generously as our Safeguarding Representative over the last few years. We are very grateful to Hanna Gorgis who, having completed her training, is beginning as our New Parish Safeguarding Representative this weekend. The new PSR phone number is included on the new poster in the church porch & in the Parish Centre.

**CAFOD ANNUAL COLLECTION** was last weekend (thank you to all who gave generously) and also an opportunity this weekend. Envelopes for gift aid etc. are available at the end of the pews.

**GIFT AID:** Have you signed a Gift Aid form? We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking HM Revenue & Customs to give us the tax that you have paid on your donations 21/22. If you have stopped paying tax, please contact the parish office as soon as possible, so that we don't ask for the tax if you have not paid it.

**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.

**CALLING NEW CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** - Might you consider a new ministry at the Parish helping our young people prepare for their Confirmation in 2023? You would be serving alongside a fantastic group of experienced Catechists. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk)

for further information.

**CAR PARK PROBLEMS:** Unfortunately we do not have a large car park and would recommend that we give primary space to the elderly and disabled. Unfortunately many people set off too late for Mass and this results in double parking thus clogging up the whole space. Also in the past some cars have faced damage too. This is wholly unacceptable, especially when nothing is said. Parking in some of the side streets and walking for the last few minutes seems to be the answer—but you do need to set off on time. Be also aware that if you bash into a car and drive off we have CCTV!

**FRIENDS OF JESUS** - If your child is in Year 5 or above, and has therefore missed the opportunity to be on our regular First Holy Communion Programme, they can still join our Friends of Jesus Programme offering older children the opportunity to still prepare for Confession (Reconciliation) & Holy Communion. We are also considering restarting sessions on Fridays, from 5.30-6.30pm, for children not attending Catholic Schools to offer a little additional faith formation to those attending Mass each week. For further details please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk).

**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](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk), for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

**THIS COMING NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS.** In life we pray for those we love, in death we pray for the repose (the resting) of their souls. During the whole of November, we will remember the faithful departed in our families and amongst our friends especially at Mass. All Souls sheets together with envelopes to list the names of your departed loved ones, are available at the back of the church..

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES** at Alperon Cemetery on Saturday 5th November at 12.00 noon. Please pass on this date and time to anyone who needs to know.

**FILM NIGHT** The next event will be on Friday 11th November with Peter Sellars Film "Heaven's Above!" Doors open at 7.00pm.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**—we are planning to restart this popular event in November. Keep your eyes peeled for the date once we have sorted everything out.

**DO YOU HAVE OLD READING GLASSES/SPECTACLES?** We never know quite what to do with the them but they can be reused and redistributed to people who can't afford them or who have no access to them. We'll have a box at the back of church to collect any of these. Thanks in advance!

**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.

**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/>...or speak to Fr. Mike

**THE OVER 60's CLUB** 1.00pm every Tuesday in the café/Bar. **LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**  
**THE PARISH OFFICE** is open Thursdays & Fridays and from 10.30am until 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 coming months. Please contact the office.

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

**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.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING (In Parish Centre)**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL Friday 9 December 6.30-8.30pm  
Please do not ask for forms to be signed outside these 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.

**FLOWERS IN CHURCH**—if you'd like to make a contribution, especially in memory of a loved one there are envelopes at the back of church.N

**THE ANDERSOM FAMILY SEND THIS MESSAGE TO THE PARISH:** To celebrate the life of Jim Anderson (Pebworth Road) we will be holding a Catholic Service at Green Acres Centennial Park, Potkiln Lane, Jordans, Buckinghamshire HP9 2XB on Tuesday November 8th at 11am.

A tree will be planted in the woodland at a later date in memory of Jim who was taken too early. If you wish to make any donations to [braintumourresearch.org](http://braintumourresearch.org) it will be gratefully received. There will be a memorial Mass for Jim, time and date to be notified.  
Claire Anderson ([anderclaire@gmail.com](mailto:anderclaire@gmail.com))



Jesus, I Trust in You All welcome

## DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Led by Marian Fathers

**Saturday**  
**29th October 2022**

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

St George's RC Church,  
970 Harrow Road,  
Sudbury, Wembley,  
Middlesex,  
HA0 2QE

Devotional Programme:

2:00 pm Worship, Enthronement of the image of Merciful Jesus and Talk  
2:30 pm Holy Mass  
3:15 pm Hour of Mercy / Benediction  
4:00 pm Veneration of the image of Merciful Jesus and Relic of St Faustina  
4:30 pm Departure