

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 38 (37): 22-23*

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised.
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 11:22 - 12:2*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *psalm 144*

R/. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

1. I will give you glory, O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. *R/.*

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *R/.*

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. *R/.*

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raise up all who are bowed down. *R/.*

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call,
and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete

all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, In the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 19:1-10*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house,' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. Ps 16 (15): 11*

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of your power,
O Lord, increase in us, we pray,
so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,
we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise.
Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 30th October 2022

THE THIRTY FIRST 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 31
Year 2

Divine Office
Week 3

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

THIS WEEK

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 Chrysostom RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon 31 Oct
9.30am

feria
Clinton Dias (Birthday ints.)

Tues 1 Nov
9.30am
8.00pm

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
Conceicao Fernandes RIP (2nd)
Helen Golden RIP

Weds 2 Nov
9.30am
7.30pm

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS
Faithful Departed
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Thurs 3 Nov
9.30am

S. Martin de Porres
Ray Lorenzato RIP

Fri 4 Nov
9.30am
11.00am

S. Charles Borromeo
Leo & Olga Barco RIP
FUNERAL MASS
Michael Staunton RIP

Sat 5 Nov
9.30am

Of Requiem
Parnell Fernandes RIP

Sun 6 Nov
6.15pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Patricia Horvath RIP
Liam Walsh RIP
Alfonso Ledo RIP
Mary Walsh RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



TODAY'S MASS

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree. Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

First Reading: *Wisdom 11:22-12:2*

God is merciful because all things were created by God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13,14*
Sing praise to God, who is faithful.

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2*

St Paul tells the Thessalonians to remain faithful to Christ until Christ comes again.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 19:1-10*

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to heaven."

St. John Climacus

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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 Hermon*

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Ray Lorenzato, Conceicao Fernandes (2nd), Savermiuthu Chrysostom, Mary & Barry Grogan, Mrs. Wilfreda Joseph (3rd)*

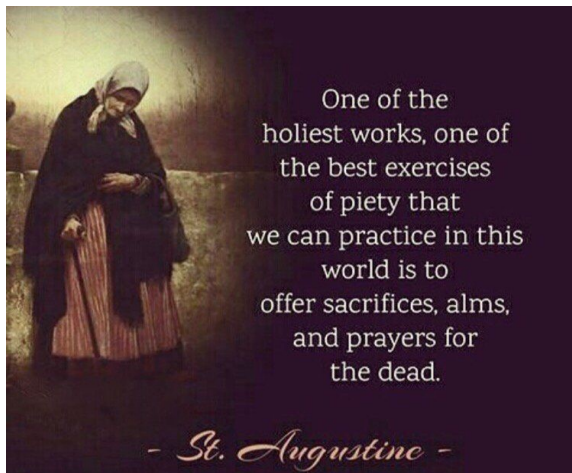
BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

In memory of Mina Fortes RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Balthazar & O Delia (42nd wedding Anniversary)

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER
Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they



One of the holiest works, one of the best exercises of piety that we can practice in this world is to offer sacrifices, alms, and prayers for the dead.

- St. Augustine -

be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to

What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others.

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honour of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) urges us to climb the sycamore tree like Zacchaeus that we might see Jesus and embrace his cross for our lives: *"Zacchaeus climbed away from the crowd and saw Jesus without the crowd getting in his way. The crowd laughs at the lowly, to people walking the way of humility, who leave the wrongs they suffer in God's hands and do not insist on getting back at their enemies. The crowd laughs at the lowly and says, 'You helpless, miserable clod, you cannot even stick up for yourself and get back what is your own.' The crowd gets in the way and prevents Jesus from being seen. The crowd boasts and crows when it is able to get back what it owns. It blocks the sight of the one who said as he hung on the cross, 'Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing... He ignored the crowd that was getting in his way. He instead climbed a sycamore tree, a tree of 'silly fruit.' As St. Paul says, 'We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block indeed to the Jews, [now notice the sycamore] but folly to the Gentiles.' Say what you like, but for our part, let us climb the sycamore tree and see Jesus. The reason you cannot see Jesus is that you are ashamed to climb the sycamore tree".*

Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in every area of your life?



NEWS UPDATE

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Tuesday 1st November *Holy Day of Obligation*

Masses at 9.30am & 8.00pm

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.

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..

ALL SOULS DAY 2nd November Masses at 9.30am & 7.30pm. The evening Mass on All souls Day will be offered for all those who have had funerals from the parish in the past couple of years.

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY falls this year on **Sunday 13th November.** There will be a Solemn Requiem for all the war dead at 11.15am.

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.

FUNERAL MASS of John Hermon on Monday 14th November at 11.30am, followed by cremation at Mortlake 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 **Talzé 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

NEW PARISH SAFEGUARDING LEAD - A massive thank you to Mary Kugaswari 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 raised £1540. Many thanks!

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 for further information.

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.

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.

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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— is now restarting and scheduled for 9.00am on Saturday 26th November. All men (and sons welcome). Roger Nicklen will speak about his trip to Uganda to visit one of the charities we support at St George's (EVC Uganda).

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

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION is next week! The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

CAR PARK Please be careful and sensible in parking your car. There are not many spaces and these should go to the disabled and elderly first. Recently we've had a car damaged by careless driving.. Please take care of each other and their vehicles.