

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 88 (87): 3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.
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: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pigs flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again. The king and his attendants were astounded at the young mans courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on Gods promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16

R/. I shall be filled when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. *R/.*

2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me,
O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. *R/.*

3. Hide me in the shadow of your wings
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake,
with the sight of your glory. *R/.*

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 23 (22): 1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 6th November 2022

THE THIRTY SECOND 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 32
Year 2

Divine Office
Week 4

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

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 7 Nov
9.30am
Of Requiem
Holy Souls

Tues 8 Nov
9.30am
Of Requiem
Josie Redmond RIP

Weds 9 Nov
9.30am
DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
Kathleen Anderson RIP

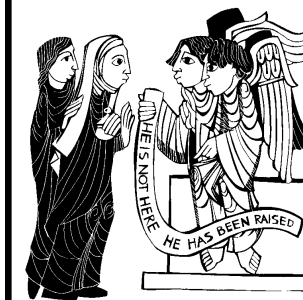
Thurs 10 Nov
9.30am
S. Leo the Great
Dot Brady RIP

Fri 11 Nov
9.30am
S. Martin of Tours
David & Isabel Turnbull RIP

Sat 12 Nov
9.30am
S. Josaphat
Milo Pinto RIP

Sun 13 Nov
6.15pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm
32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Remembrance Sunday
Rajir Dubey Ints.
Jim Quinn RIP (5th anniv.)
Baptiste Fernandes Ints.
Anita Burton RIP
(Requiem for War Dead)
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is

the God of the living, ".for to him all are alive."

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

Jewish martyrs give witness to their faith, even unto death.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15

The just person will live in God's presence.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians and asks for their prayers.

Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38

Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let us consider beloved, how the Lord is continually revealing to us the resurrection that is to be. Of this He has constituted the Lord Jesus Christ the first-fruits, by raising Him from the dead." (Pope St. Clement I)

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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

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Elvin Seth Jayasinghe

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Michael Staunton, Jim Anderson, John Hernon

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Josie Redmond, David & Isabel Turnbull, Mary Walsh, Peg Ryan

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Baptiste Fernandes Intentions.

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
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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 be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



The whole Church observes this practice which was handed down by the Fathers: that it prays for those who have died in the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ...
St Augustine (354-430) Doctor of the Church

The Sadducees had one big problem – they could not conceive of heaven beyond what they could see with their naked eyes! Aren't we often like them? We don't recognize spiritual realities because we try to make heaven into an earthly image. The Sadducees came to Jesus with a test question to make the resurrection look ridiculous. The Sadducees, unlike the Pharisees, did not believe in immortality, nor in angels or evil spirits. Their religion was literally grounded in an earthly image of heaven. Jesus retorts by dealing with the fact of the resurrection. The scriptures give proof of it.

In Exodus 3:6, when God manifests his presence to Moses in the burning bush, the Lord tells him that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He shows that the patriarchs who died hundreds of years previously were still alive in God. Jesus defeats their arguments by showing that God is a living God of a living people. God was the friend of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when they lived. That friendship could not cease with death. As Psalm 73:23-24 states: "*I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.*" The ultimate proof of the resurrection is the Lord Jesus and his victory over death when he rose from the tomb. Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he exclaimed: "*I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?*" (John 11:25). Jesus asks us too the very same question: Do you believe in the resurrection and in the promise of eternal life with God?

The Holy Spirit reveals to us the eternal truths of God's unending love and the life he desires to share with us for all eternity. St. Paul the Apostle, quoting from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 64:4 & 65:17) states: "*What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him,*" God has revealed to us through the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:9-10). The promise of paradise – heavenly bliss and unending life with an all-loving God – is beyond human reckoning. We have only begun to taste the first-fruits!

Today's Gospel calls us who are Christians to live now in the joy and hope of the life of the age to come.



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.

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..

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 John Hemon on Monday 14th November at 11.30am, followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

CATHOLIC EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS - If you're a young adult at the Parish, why not sign-up to the Westminster Youth Ministry Newsletter, with lots of information about Catholic youth events in the Diocese? Visit <https://dowym.com/>.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Next Tuesday 8th November, at Session 5 of the FHC Programme, the children will be reflecting on 'Our need to be reconciled'. During Sessions 5 & 6, the children will also be making a brief tour of the church. Details will be provided by email to those groups affected each week. Thank you for continuing to arrive promptly for the start of the session at 7pm.

SERVING TEAS & COFFEES AFTER 11.15AM MASS - Might you consider joining the hospitality team, providing refreshments to parishioners after the 11.15am Solemn Mass. The commitment is usually once every six weeks. Your help would be hugely appreciated. For further details please contact Julie Kidd at juliekidd21@gmail.com or 07918 130798.

MORE 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/>.

SVP next meeting on Wednesday 9 November at 8pm in the parish centre Bar/Cafe.

KSC next meeting on Wednesday 9 November at 8pm in the parish centre Russell Room

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

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.

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 Re-

pository 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.

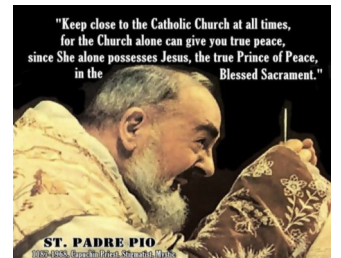
FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges information.

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 this week: Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. Thank you for being generous and remember our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill, in your prayers. Thank you.

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.

SUDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE Sadly we have learnt that as of the end of December they will be ceasing their adult day Care after 25 years. This is due to many causes beyond their control. They hope to be able to continue in some form in the future. Pray that something new and positive will come and with thanks for the past.



"Keep close to the Catholic Church at all times, for the Church alone can give you true peace, since She alone possesses Jesus, the true Prince of Peace, in the Blessed Sacrament."

ST. PADRE PIO