

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 96 (95): 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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: *Isalah 8:23 - 9:3*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 39*

R/. The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? *R/.*

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. *R/.*

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! *R/.*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I

mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Allelula, allelula!

Jesus proclaimed the Good news of the kingdom and cured all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Allelula!

Gospel: *Matthew 4:12-23*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 34 (33): 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 22nd January 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY 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 A

Weekday Readings
Week 3 year 1

Divine Office
Week 3

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 22 Jan
6.15pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Luciana Fernandes RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Baptiste Fernandes Ints.
Anastasia Johnston RIP
Joan Carroll Ints.

Mon 23 Jan
9.30am
7.00pm

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Mina Fortes RIP
Reception into Church
Eric Perera RIP

Tues 24 Jan
9.30am
11.00am

S. Francis de Sales
Lily McCarrick RIP
FUNERAL MASS
Eric Perera RIP

Weds 25 Jan
9.30am

THE CONVERSION OF S. PAUL
Mary O'Loughlin RIP

Thurs 26 Jan
9.30am

Ss. Timothy & Titus
Anthony & Tina Fernandes RIP

Fri 27 Jan
9.30am

S. Angela Merici
Aloysius Wijayaratnam RIP

Sat 28 Jan
9.30am

S. Thomas Aquinas
Dorothy Smale RIP

Sun 29 Jan
6.15pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Thomas Fernandes RIP
Dorothy Smale RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Kathleen Halpin RIP
Jim Anderson RIP

TODAY'S MASS



When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

First Reading: *Isalah 8:23-9:3*

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 27:1,4,13-14*

The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17*

Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4:12-23*

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."

St. Therese of Lisieux

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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, George Beel, Anne McShine-Jones*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Valbrun Fernandes*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Eric Perera, Leslie Valles, Clara Corta, Cardinal George Pell.*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Errol Mark (2nd anniv), Betty Tracey (2nd anniv.) Anastasia Johnston, Kathleen Halpin, Mina Fortes, Therese Issacs

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes and family

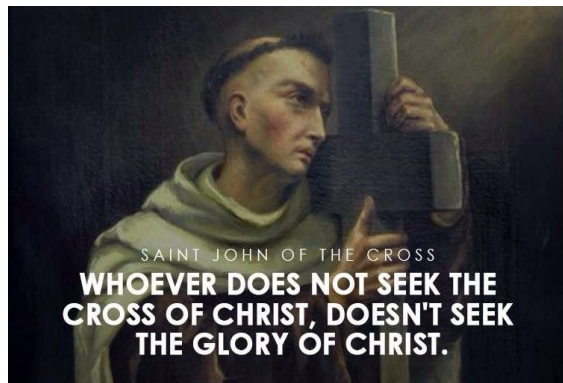
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

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POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2023

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

WHOEVER DOES NOT SEEK THE CROSS OF CHRIST, DOESN'T SEEK THE GLORY OF CHRIST.

Jesus chose as his closest friends and co-workers those who were ready to follow as his disciples and he gave them an unusual mission – "to catch people for the kingdom of God. In the choice of the first we see a characteristic feature of Jesus' work: he chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position of power or fame in society. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special marks of education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these individuals, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to be his disciples and co-workers, we must not think we have nothing to offer him in exchange. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom.

Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. St. Paul says, "*But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing*" (2 Corinthians 2:15).

All of this asks each of us whether we show others around us the joy of the gospel and whether we pray for our neighbours, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love.

PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

MY LORD Jesus Christ,
I believe that Thou art truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I believe that in Holy Communion I shall receive Thy sacred body and Thy precious blood.
My faith in Thy real presence in the Holy Eucharist is firmly founded on Thy word, O eternal Truth. My Saviour and my God, with the angels who surround Thy altar-throne, I bow down in humble adoration before Thy Majesty. Amen.

NEWS UPDATE



Switch mobile phones off or to silent

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome to anyone who is new or a visitor.

FUNERAL MASS of ERIC PERERA on Tuesday 24th January at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear crematorium. Reception of the body on the night before, Monday at 7.00pm. May he rest in peace

THERE IS STILL TIME (until Candlemas on 2nd February) to visit the Christmas Crib, now with the arrival of the three Kings. Do please take the opportunity to look at our beautiful crib, and maybe for a moment before it, offer a prayer. All Crib offerings (donations) made will, as usual, be sent to the Catholic Children's Society, for their important work with children. Thank you for supporting the Society.

MARRIAGE? Wanting to find out more about what God has on offer for you through the Sacrament of Marriage? We have two engaging speakers visiting our Parish on **Saturday 4th February from 10 am to 1 pm, with lunch provided.**

Especially, if you are in a civil marriage or are living together, listening to these entertaining and enthusiastic speakers could change your lives. It is also suitable for others thinking of getting married in the future. There will be ample chance to ask questions about the Church's life-giving teaching on marriage. If you would like to attend, speak to Fr Mike or email him (address on the cover).

CAN YOU SING OR PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

If so we need you. As we have begun a new year it would be good to see more of our community involved with the Music at both the 9.45am Family Mass and the 11.15am Solemn Mass. Too many of us leave it to a few. The great Saint Augustine reminds us that the one who sings prays twice! Our music and singing is one of the great ways we give glory to God especially when we are celebrating Mass. If you feel you could help, please let us know as you'd be very welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We look forward to **Session 1** of Part 2 of the FHC Programme this week where the children will be reflecting on being **Catholic Christians**. Please note that this week the **entry point** for all the children is the front of the **Parish Centre**. Thank you for ensuring the children arrive promptly for the start of the session at 7pm. Children are to be picked up from their usual Catechist Group pick-up points at the end of the session.

CONFIRMATION 2023 - Thank you to all the prospective Confirmation Candidates, in Year 10, and Parents/Carers who joined us for the Confirmation Information Evening last week. At the **Confirmation Registration Evening, on Monday 23rd January at 7.30pm** registration will only be possible for those

who bring the **correct documentation** (including photocopy of baptism certificate & passport photo). Please note **Monday 23th January** is also the **deadline** for applications on this year's Programme.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP). : If you are feeling isolated and would like a home visit or a chat with a friendly person over the phone please get in touch. If you are struggling financially or would like other practical assistance please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are over 18 and are interested in becoming a member of the SVP you would be very welcome, just call the number below or drop in to our next meeting. Tel. 0775 3654154 (Theresa). Email. fraim.home@gmail.com

CALLING NEW CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS - Might you consider a new ministry at the Parish helping our young people prepare for their Confirmation in 2023? If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk for further information.

CHURCH LAMPS: If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

LOOKING AHEAD: CANDLEMAS (The Presentation of the Lord) falls on Thursday 2nd February. Mass with Blessing of candles at 9.30am.

ST. BLAISE—BLESSING OF THROATS on Friday 3rd February at the end of the 9.30am Mass.

FILM NIGHT on 27th January showing "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" Doors open a little later for 7.30pm.

MENS BREAKFAST Saturday 25th February from 9.00am.

OFFICE OPENING TIMES IN JANUARY: Thursday & Friday, 10.30am –3.00pm

THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED? - THEN THINK ABOUT PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE!

An Engaged Encounter Marriage Preparation course will be taking place in the Parish Centre on the 11 and 12 February 2023. For more information on the weekend and to book on-line go to <https://engaged-encounter.org.uk/> - Stephen and Barbara Dunn

LOST? Did anyone loose a gold coloured ring a couple of weeks ago. It was found in the church toilets. Just speak to Fr Jeremy who has it.

GRANTS TO HELP PAY OFF ENERGY DEBTS

As this is the month when bills might be highest, people who are in debt to their energy supplier may be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details are on this link, plus links to several advice providers:

<https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

SHARING THE CHURCH'S STORY' Day Conference. Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a one-day conference called 'Sharing the Church's Story'. Come and join 1300 Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK and a host of dynamic speakers including the internationally renowned speaker and author, **BISHOP ROBERT BARRON**. So whether you are a volunteer, parent, or catechist, clergy, or just want a boost for your faith life, then this conference is for you. Sat 11th Feb 10am-5pm at the QEII Centre, Westminster, SW1P 3EE You can find out more here: <https://www.sharingthechurchstory.com>

ARE YOU IN LONDON NEXT TUESDAY 24TH JAN? At 5.00pm there will a service of Vespers (Evening Prayer) in Westminster Cathedral to honour the life of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict, and to pray for the repose of his soul. Many of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will be attending, as well as ecumenical guests. Lord Williams of Oystermouth, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, will give an address. Tickets are not required.

31ST WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, the Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be a Mass for the Sick at Westminster Cathedral at 2.30pm, Saturday 11th February 2023 The Cardinal will celebrate the Mass during which the Anointing of the Sick will be offered. To help with planning for the Mass and the anointing, please let one of the parish team know if you would like to attend and they will then book tickets. Please let them know which category for which you would like a ticket (best way to do this via email):

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
2. Walking sick who require anointing
3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

PARENTING FOR FAITH - a new online course starting for those with Babies and Toddlers over 5 weeks from 23rd March 23 via Zoom starting at 8:00pm . There is a £5 registration fee.

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith>

SCHOOL SITE MANAGER required at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Dobbin Close, Harrow HA 3 7LP for immediate start. Full details and an application form are available on the school website www.stjosephs.harrow.sch.uk Closing date for receipt of applications is Midday on Friday 10th February 2023".

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 28 January 2023 from 2 pm - 4:30 pm at St Georges Cathedral Cathedral House Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information

