

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 66 (65): 4*

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace
on our times.

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 49: 3, 5-6*

The Lord said to me, You are my
servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified;
I was honoured in the
eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb
to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel:
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 39*

R/. *Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. R/.

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. R/.

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. R/.

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. R/.

Second Reading: *1st Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother
Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the
holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place
among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ;
for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Allelula, allelula!
Blessings on the King who comes, I
n the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Allelula!

Gospel: *John 1:29-34*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the
lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I
spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before
me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and
yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.'
John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from
heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself,
but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man
on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is
going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the
witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever
the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our
redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. Ps 23 (22): 5*

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit
of your love, and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUBBURY

Sunday 15th January 2023

THE SECOND 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 2 year 1

Divine Office
Week 2

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 15 Jan
6.15pm
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Evelyn Maloney RIP
Paud Daley RIP
Thomas & Patsy Gacquin Ints.
Michael Griffin RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon 16 Jan
9.30am

feria
Kay Leathers RIP (1st Anniv.)

Tues 17 Jan
9.30am

S. Anthony Abbot
Dot Brady RIP (2nd Anniv.)

Weds 18 Jan
9.30am

feria
Phil Brady RIP

Thurs 19 Jan
9.30am

feria
Spencer Commarewel RIP
(11th Anniv.)

Fri 20 Jan
9.30am

S. Sebastian
Sr. Gertude Tirant RIP (1st Anniv.)

Sat 21 Jan
9.30am

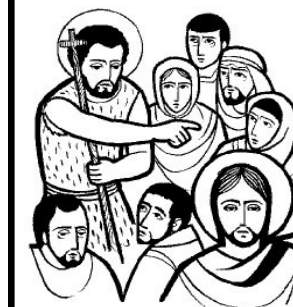
S. Agnes
Isobel Scannel RIP
Janet Scannel Ints.

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. Ints.
Anastasia Johnston RIP
Joan Carroll Ints.

TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him. John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity. John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

First Reading: *Isalah 49:3,5-6*

God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 40:2,4,7-10*

God desires obedience.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

Gospel Reading: *John 1:29-34*

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Be faithful in small things because it is in them
that your strength lies."*

S. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

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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: *Luca Hui*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Gerda Fernando, Ivy Harvey, Joseph Bradley, Anne O'Connor., Eric Perera, Leslie Valles, Clara Corta, Cardinal George Pell.*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Michael Griffin (3rd), Dot Brady (2nd), Kay Leathers (1st), Spencer Coomarewel (11th)

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Eric Emmanuel Perera RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Dempsey & Dalaney Families RIP (anniversaries)

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.



“God is always listening, especially when he is silent. Our sufferings have a purpose.”

— GEORGE CARDINAL PELL
From his book, *Prison Journal*, Vol. 1

John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from slavery and death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

It is significant that John was the son of Zachariah, a priest of Israel who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). John recognized that Jesus was the perfect unblemished lamb offered by the Father in heaven as the one and only sacrifice that could cancel the debt of sin, and free us from death and the destruction of body and soul in hell.

When John says he did not know Jesus (John 1:31,33) he was referring to the hidden reality of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that hour revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us his Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our hearts and minds to receive and comprehend the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Do you want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for your life.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD THIS NEW YEAR, AND SEE THE POSSIBILITIES, THE LORD HAS IN MIND FOR YOUR LIFE

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

MGR. JEREMY, FR. MIKE & PETER would like to express a huge thanks to the parish for all the kind gifts and cards and enclosures. It has been an extremely generous Christmas towards us and we can't thank you enough. Your support gives us huge encouragement and let us pray for another year together in God's service. Thank you all again!

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.

DID YOU WIN A RAFFLE PRIZE at the Advent fair? If so please pick up your prize now.

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 - Thank you to all those Parents/Carers who joined us for last week's meeting, reflecting on how we can best support our children as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion later this year. Please remember that this coming **Tuesday 17th January** is a meeting for **FHC Catechists & Helpers only.**

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. frain.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.

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

RETROUVAILLE: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages: Help Your Marriage - Do

you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

Funeral Mass of John Armstrong, previously of St George's parish (for 26 years) will be held on Monday 16th January 12pm (noon) at Church of the Most Sacred Heart, 73 Pembroke Road, Ruislip, Middx, HA4 8NN. Followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery, Chestnut Avenue, HA6 1HR. May he rest in peace.

VACANCIES at St. Richard Reynolds Catholic College:

- Teacher of Maths (September 2023)
- Teacher of History (September 2023)
- Humanities Teacher / Cover Teacher (September 2023)

Please follow this link or see their website for further details: <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>

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/>

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.



NEWS UPDATE