

## SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

### Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 27 (26): 8-9*

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face,  
O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### Collect

O God, who have commanded us  
to listen to your beloved Son,  
be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word,  
that, with spiritual sight made pure,  
we may rejoice to behold your glory.  
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: *Genesis 12:1-4*

*Theme: The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, Leave your country, your family and  
your fathers house, for the land I will show you. I will make  
you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so  
famous that it will be used as a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### Responsorial Psalm: 32

**R/. May you love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our  
trust in you.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R./**

The Lord looks on those who  
revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R./**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord,  
the Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R./**

### Second Reading: *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News,  
relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us  
to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done  
but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace

had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the  
beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Ap-  
pearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death,  
and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the  
Good News.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!  
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is  
my son, the beloved. Listen to him".  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!*

### Gospel: *Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John  
and led them up a high mountain where they could be  
alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face  
shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the  
light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they  
were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he  
said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will  
make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one  
for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright  
cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there  
came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he  
enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the  
disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus  
came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be  
afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one  
but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this  
order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has  
risen from the dead.'

### Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord,  
we pray, cleanse us of our faults  
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the  
celebration of the paschal festivities.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon *Mt 17:5*

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

### Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,  
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,  
for allowing us while still on earth  
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 5th March 2023

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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  
Lent week 2

Divine Office  
Lent week 2

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

## THIS WEEK

Sun 5 March

6.15pm

8.30am

9.45am

11.15am

5.30pm

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Luciana Fernandes RIP

THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Annamma Manuelpillai RIP

Pauline & Eddie Spencer RIP

Kathleen Egan RIP (7th Anniv.)

Mon 6 March

9.30am

### Lent feria

John Hernon RIP

Gabriella Henry RIP

Tues 7 March

9.30am

### Lent feria

Marie Roche RIP

Weds 8 March

9.30am

### Lent feria

Divine Mercy

Thurs 9 March

9.30am

### Lent feria

Melinda Peter RIP

Fri 10 March

9.30am

11.00am

### Lent feria

Ellen Faiweather RIP

FUNERAL MASS

Frank Rowan RIP

Sat 11 March

9.30am

### Lent feria

Reparation of sins

Sun 12 March

6.15pm

8.30am

9.45am

11.15am

5.30pm

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Felix Gilbert RIP

& Lionel Lyons RIP

Peter Cronin RIP

Zayne Alexander DeSouza

(1st Birthday)

THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mrs Kitty O'Mahoney RIP



## TODAY'S MASS

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice af-  
firms that Jesus is God's Son in words  
reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism.  
Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the  
Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus,  
they represent God's complete Word. The  
Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just  
three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and  
John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples  
are among the first whom Jesus calls. The  
three men are identified as an "inner circle"  
among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to  
the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest. Jesus'  
Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-4a*

God promises Abram a great blessing.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22*

God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 1:8b-10*

Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter,

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"At his Transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendour of  
his beauty, to which he will shape and colour those who are his: 'He  
will reform our lowliness configured to the body of his glory.'"

Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) **V**

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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, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Jean Lurshay, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Maja Liss

**RECENTLY MARRIED** Liam Cunningham & Laura Collins

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Avril Toppin, Francis Rowan, Susan Scannell, Marcelle Williamson., Pasquale Raffa

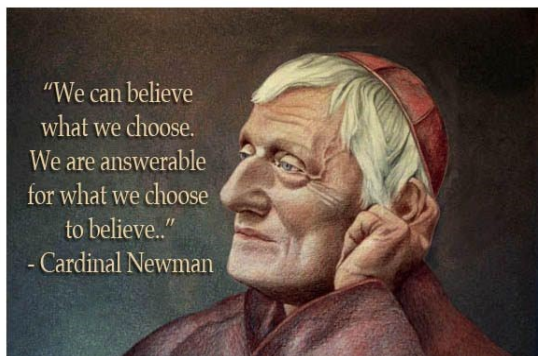
**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Pauline & Eddie Spencer, Colin Mutukisna, Kathleen Egan (7th), Bertram Jacob

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**  
Martha Conway Ints.

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**  
Kathleen Egan RIP (7th anniv.)

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR March 2023**  
For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



In today's Gospel Jesus knew that the only way to glory in God's kingdom was by yielding his will to the will of the Father. We catch a glimpse of this glory when Jesus takes three of his disciples to a lonely place on a high mountain. Jesus often went to a lonely place to pray – to seek solitude and sanctuary away from the crowds. But on this occasion, the Gospel of Luke tells us that as Jesus "was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white." (Luke 9:29). Matthew (today' Gospel) states simply that Jesus was "transfigured before them".

When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai *the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God* (St. Paul says that *the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness* -2 Cor 3:7). In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles.

What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: *This is my beloved Son; listen to him*. The Father glorified his son because he obeyed. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again, The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory – he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory – follow me – obey my words – take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessings of my Father's kingdom – your name will be written in heaven. Jesus succeeded in his mission because he went to Calvary so that Paradise would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each of us, if we will follow in his footsteps.

Let's continue to do that this Lent. If we've already faltered or given up – let's start again. It is never too late!

# NEWS UPDATE



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

**LENT LEAFLET & COLLECTING BOX**—Have you taken yours? If not take one as you leave Mass today. There are just a few left.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our adult candidates for baptism and Confirmation who went last week to the rite of Election in the cathedral. Please pray for them as they continue on their journey of faith.

**FUNERAL MASS of Francis (Frank) Patrick Rowan** on Friday 10th March at 11.00am followed by burial in Northwood Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS of Avril Nicole Toppin** on Monday 13th March at 11.00am followed by burial at Carpenders Park Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS of Pasquale Raffa** on Wednesday 15th March at 11.00am followed by burial in Greenford Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

**LENT DISCUSSION GROUP ON WEDNESDAY DURING LENT:** a Reflection series on "*Knowing God and the salvation he offers in Jesus Christ. Our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love*" a get together & discussion, for all who would like to renew their faith. Each Wednesday at around 10.30am in the Café/Bar. All welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Session 6**, on Tuesday 7th March, is for the children accompanied by a Parent/Carer. Thank you for making any necessary child-care arrangements well in advance so you are able to attend this session with your son/daughter. At **Session 6** we will be reflecting on how 'We remember Jesus at Mass'. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session with your son/daughter at 7pm.

**CONFIRMATION 2023** - We are delighted that Bishop John Sherrington will be joining us at **Session 3**, on **Monday 6th March**, to speak about the **Role of a Bishop at Confirmation**. During the session the young people will be given an opportunity to speak to the Bishop about their chosen Confirmation Name. Thank you for continuing to arrive promptly for the start of the session at **7.30pm**.

**CORONATION OF KING CHARLES—A PARISH CELEBRATION.** We are beginning to plan a grand lunch and tea on the Sunday 6th March (the day after the coronation). In the next few weeks we'll need to get a team together of helps and so forth, so please think if you can help or have a good idea. Watch this space for more news!

**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

**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.

**PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2023/2024 will soon be available.** Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order and those who are using our card machine. This saves us printing costs. **PLEASE** let us know:

- If you are new to the parish and wish to use planned giving envelopes for the first time
- If you wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to a Standing Order (ie direct through your bank).
- You wish to contribute by Standing Order.
- You are a standard tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your contribution - this can increase your donations by 25p in the £ at no extra cost to yourself..
- You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.

**You have a Gift Aid in place and your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax. It is the responsibility of anyone who has a Gift Aid and contributes by planned giving envelope or bankers' order to inform the parish office if they are no longer paying tax.** Please address all queries to [sud-bury@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sud-bury@rcdow.org.uk) 020 8904 2552 (option 2).

**SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**  
St Patrick -17th March  
St Joseph - 20th March  
The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March  
Palm Sunday – Holy Week commences 2nd April  
Maundy Thursday - 6th April  
Good Friday - 7th April  
Holy Saturday - 8th April  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 9th April  
St George - 24th April

**A VERY RESPONSIBLE** Catholic adult male is looking for accommodation. Any chance you could help? Contact Fr Jeremy for more information.

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA** were pleased to hear that 2 of their entries of the Nativity Painting Competition from pupils at St George's School have been chosen by the KSC Province 30 (Westminster West) for submission for natural judging. Entries were received from Councils including Harrow, Hanwell, Maidenhead and High Wycombe. The entries we submitted will each receive a framed certificate. National judging takes place in early March. Good luck to our children!

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21-28 JULY:** Bookings are not open yet, but 'Expressions of Interest' are sought from all who intend to participate in the Pilgrimage, whether as Praying Pilgrims, Clergy etc. An expression of interest can be made at the website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

**LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYERS** in Notre Dame de France (French Church, 5 Leicester Place WC2H 7BX) at 19:30 on **25th February and 25th March 2023**. A time of prayer with Taizé chants, scripture and silence in the heart of London. All are welcome!

**ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY** The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries - 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th 50th, 60th and 60+. As usual couples are asked to register their wish to attend with their parish, which then sends on the details by Saturday, 1st April 2023.

**THE RISE THEATRE COMPANY** is coming to St Gabriel's Church in South Harrow with a production called "Faithful Companions".... On Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm. See the poster in the porch.

**CAN YOU SING?** We really need you to help with our music at the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses on Sunday. Please do think about this carefully. St Augustine reminds us that *the one who sings prays twice!* Please don't leave this important ministry to others...



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
every **FRIDAY** in Lent  
after the **9.30am Mass**