

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon 1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Collect

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial psalm: 117

R./ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

"His love has no end."

Let the sons of Aaron say:

"His love has no end."

Let those who fear the Lord say:

"His love has no end." R./

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord is my strength and my song; he is my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. R./

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. R./

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see

him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me: happy are those who have not seen me and yet believe." Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUBBURY

Sunday 16th April 2023 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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
Easter Week 2

Divine Office
Easter Week 2

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 16 April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday
6.15pm (vigil) Sadie Logan RIP & Willie Logan RIP
8.30am John Walsh RIP
9.45am Watts & Ledo Family Ints.
11.15am Mary Kiernan RIP
5.30pm THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon 17 April Easter feria
9.30am Misbon & Polita Fernandes (Anniv. Thanksgiving)

Tues 18 April Easter feria
9.30am Mary Conroy Ints.

Weds 19 April ANNNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF ST.GEORGE'S
9.30am Christine Sweeny Ints.

Thurs 20 April Easter feria
9.30am Conversion of sinners.

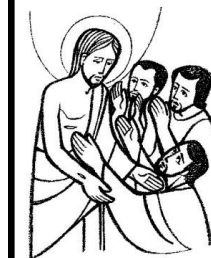
Fri 21 April S. Anselm
9.30am Lourthanaki Kaithampillai RIP

Sat 22 April Easter feria
9.30am Jose Antonio RIP

Sun 23 April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE, PARISH PATRON
6.15pm (vigil) George Hillier RIP
8.30am John & Catherine Calnan RIP
9.45am Neil Cummins RIP (2nd anniv.)
11.15am Thomas Maguire RIP

TODAY'S MASS

"We do not see yet we believe"



God has created a new human family through his raising of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is our belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ which becomes the source of Christ's life within us. We do not see yet we believe. Our faith overcomes our doubts and we acknowledge the power of the risen Christ.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31
Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."
St. Augustine

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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: Olivia Grace Brooker

RECENTLY MARRIED: Sarah Evans & Joe Anderson

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Anton Isaacs, Teresa Anne O'Sullivan, Owen Corcoran, Anthony Burgess, Margaret Cournane

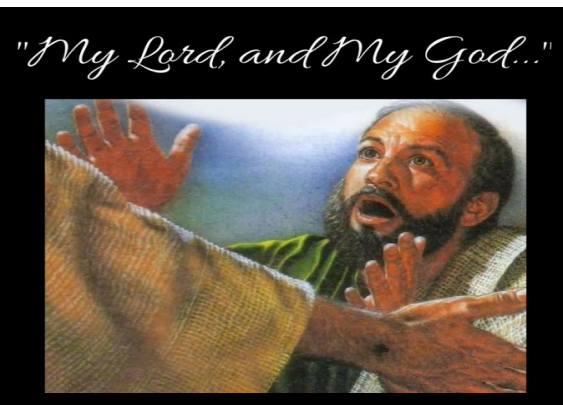
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Mary Kiernan

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
 Jerzy Szalalankiewicz RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM
 Joiada Birthday Intentions

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR April 2023
 For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



"My Lord, and My God..."

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

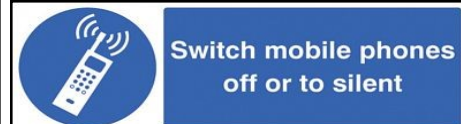
From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

NEWS UPDATE



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

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped make our Holy Week so special and prayerful. Our servers, Readers, welcomers, stewards, cleaners, flower arrangers - just to mention a few.

THANK YOU to all who gave so generously last weekend to our **Easter Flowers** (You'll agree the church looks beautiful this weekend) and who gave to the **Holy Places** on Good Friday.

THANK YOU FROM ALL THE PARISH TEAM, Mgr Jeremy, Fr Mike & Peter for all the kind cards, gifts and enclosures. We are all very grateful.

FUNERAL MASS of Anthony Burgess on Wednesday 26th April at 11.45am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Bridget Ruane on Friday 5th May at 10.45am followed by Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE STILL available from the back of the church contribute, in special way at this time.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all throughout the church who are preparing for baptism and the Sacraments of initiation this Easter and beyond especially from our Parish.

COLLECTION OF LENT APPEAL BOXES - Thank you to all who have using their white collection boxes during Lent to collect for the **Passage**. Thanks also to those who have returned theirs already. Please bring your filled collection boxes to Mass and we can count up what we have collected so far.

CHILDREN 4-9 YEARS OLD please take one of our new sheets called "LOOK" to help you understand the Gospel message of the day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - On **Tuesday 18th April**, we will be having a **Practicalities Session** for the **Parents/Carers** of the children making their First Holy Communion after Easter. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at **7pm**. If you are away for

Mass during the Easter holiday, please remember to let us know by email.

CONFIRMATION 2023 - At **Session 7**, on **Monday 17th April**, Westminster Youth Ministry will be helping us reflect on 'Receiving God's Mercy' as the Candidates prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), once again, before their Confirmation in May. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at **7.30pm**. Thank you, Parents/Carers, for letting us know by email if your son/daughter is going to be away for Mass during the Easter holiday.

OVER 60'S GROUP will re-open on This Tuesday 18th April at 1pm in the parish centre.

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...

CORONATION OF KING CHARLES—A PARISH CELEBRATION. Afternoon of Sunday 7th May. More details soon.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The Knights of St. Columba are pleased to announce that their Magical Mystery Tour will be resuming this year on Saturday June 17th. Cost per person is £23.00. More details to follow.

ROSARY AT HOME If you'd like to be part of our prayer network, or know more please simply contact Cheryl on 07941002161.

ST GEORGE'S SVP is running a Bingo Night on Saturday 22nd April in the Parish Centre. The fun will kick off at 7.30pm and all are welcome - whether you are an experienced player or you have never played before! It is £10 per person to play and there will be cash prizes for the winners. There will also be a raffle and some light refreshments. Tickets will be available on the door. Any money we raise will go towards the good work that the St Vincent De Paul Group do supporting people in need in our Parish.

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 ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND. 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: sudbury@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8904 2552 (option 2).

IF YOU HAVE ASKED FOR A SET OF GIVING ENVELOPES THESE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO YOU THIS WEEKEND.

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

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/>

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