

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit

Rejoice, you Saints, in the presence of the Lamb; a kingdom has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world, Alleluia.

Collect

God of hosts,
who so kindled the fire of charity
in the heart of Saint George your martyr,
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
both by his life and by his death;
grant us through his intercession, we pray,
the same faith and power of love,
that we who rejoice in his triumph
may be led to share with him
in the fullness of the resurrection.
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 2:14, 22-28

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.

Responsorial psalm: 15

R/. Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1. Preserve me, Lord, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: "You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize." R./
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R./
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. R./
4. You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. R./

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. 2 Tim 2:11-12

If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him;
if we persevere, we shall also reign with him, Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Rejoicing on this festival day, O Lord,
we have received your heavenly gifts;
grant, we pray,
that we who in this divine banquet
proclaim the death of your Son
may merit with Saint George to be partakers
in his resurrection and glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 16th April 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE, OUR PATRON

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 3

Divine Office
Easter Week 3

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 23 April

6.15pm (vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF
ST. GEORGE, PARISH PATRON
George Hillier RIP
John & Catherine Calnan RIP
Neil Cummins RIP (2nd anniv.)
Thomas Maguire RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon 24 April

9.30am
12noon

SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE
Anton George Patrick RIP
REQUIEM MASS
Margaret Courmane RIP

Tues 25 April

9.30am

St. MARK
Agnelo Rocha RIP

Weds 26 April

9.30am
11.45am

Easter feria
Patrocínio Agbisit RIP
FUNERAL MASS
Anthony Burgess RIP

Thurs 27 April

9.30am

Easter feria
Ann Stevin RIP

Fri 28 April

9.30am

Easter feria
Dorothy & Family Ints.

Sat 29 April

9.30am

St. CATHERINE OF SIENA
Lola Silverman & Josephine RIP

Sun 30 April

6.15pm (vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Good Shepherd Sunday for
Vocations to the Priesthood
Mr Devendran
Ellen Gallagher RIP
Max & Anton Isaacs RIP
Norah O'Toole RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS

Christ feeds us"



"Christ is our Eucharist – a day's food for a day's journey. We meet him as pilgrims and strangers and recognize him in the breaking of bread. He is our ransom and our gift.. It is this that gave St George his strength to fight for Christ and endure Martyrdom"

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33

St. Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let us sing alleluia here on earth, while we still live in anxiety, so that we may sing it one day in heaven in full security."
St Augustine Of Hippo

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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, SMR, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, 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 DEPARTED: Anton Isaacs, Owen Corcoran, Teresa Anne O'Sullivan, Anthony Burgess, Bridget Ruane, Margaret Courmane.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Thomas Maguire, John Calnan, Neil Cummins (2nd anniv.)

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

Joe (Birthday Ints)

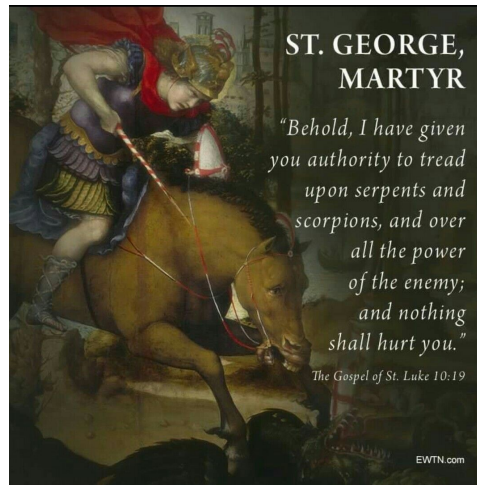
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In Memory of Thomas Maguire RIP

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.



ST. GEORGE,
MARTYR

"Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you."

The Gospel of St. Luke 10:19

EWTN.com

The Emmaus story has profound implications on individual Christians in their experience of the Risen Jesus. The disciples of Jesus were going back to their own village after his death and burial, as they had found no meaning in staying on in Jerusalem. Their master, whom they had followed with great hope, for three years, was no more alive. Although they thought he was the promised Saviour and that he would rise again after his death, he was still not seen anywhere. Now, the best option for the disciples would be to leave the town, that shattered all their hopes and resume their former life, forgetting about Jesus.

But the Lord, who had chosen them to be his disciples, would not leave them. As they walk away from him, he walks along with them. As their minds were downcast, and their hopes and dreams shattered, he causes their hearts to burn within and their eyes to open to the reality of the resurrection. Once they recognized the Lord in the breaking of bread, their joy was limitless. They returned to tell others that the Lord was alive indeed.

The Emmaus story reminds us of the two most important elements of our Christian faith: the 'Word of God' and the 'Breaking of the Bread'. For the disillusioned disciples, listening to the Sacred Scripture was the first step to their experience of the Risen Lord. "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?". The Word of God continues to be active and alive in the ongoing life of individual Christians, with its powerful and life-giving force. When our dreams and hopes are shattered, when we are discouraged by the apparent absence of the Lord, it is the Word of God that refreshes, renews and comforts us. The scriptures has answers and solutions to our every problem.

The second important element of Christian faith, where we encounter the Risen Jesus is the Breaking of the Bread. "When he was at table with them, he took the bread said the blessing; then he broke it, and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him...". Jesus gives himself to us in the Mass! It is in the Mass, which makes present for us the sacrifice of Calvary, that we are able to know, love and participate in the life of Jesus in the fullest manner. The divine power in the Blessed sacrament is the source that enables us to give ourselves entirely to God, until our last breath, as our self sacrifice for him. This is exactly while this time when the churches are closed, it is so 'spiritually painful'. This "exile" can help us, in a strange way, to understand the power and meaning of this sacrament so that when we eventually are able once more to participate in it, we cannot remain the same, but be changed, and become more and more like Jesus.

NEWS UPDATE



Switch mobile phones
off or to silent



St George's
CORONATION BRUNCH
on
Sunday 7th May from
12.30pm onwards in the
Parish Centre Tickets £5.00 on
sale after Mass, from the
repository, The Office
& Presbytery

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

THIS SUNDAY (and In Particular on Monday) we remember and ask the prayers of our Parish Patron, St George.

FUNERAL MASS of Margaret Courmane on Monday 24th April at 12 noon. Burial will take place in Ireland. May she rest in peace.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all throughout the church who are preparing for baptism and the Sacraments of initiation at this time especially in our parish.

COLLECTION OF LENT APPEAL BOXES - If you still have, please bring it back ASAP so we can tally up our amount and let the Passage have our giving.

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 - We keep the FHC children in prayer as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time in the coming weeks. A huge thank you to our Catechists & Helpers for all their support during the year preparing the children for this important moment. Those making their First Holy Communion this week are reminded that their **FHC Rehearsal** starts in church at 7pm. Thank you for arriving in good time for Tuesday's rehearsal.

CONFIRMATION 2023 - We are delighted that, at **Session 8** on **Monday 15th May**, a representative from **St. Luke's Hospice** is joining us, along with those who help with ministries at the Parish, to help us reflect on some of the ways we can make use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit we receive at Confirmation. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at **7.30pm**.

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.

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

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 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).

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/>

RPRIEST TRAINING FUND - Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year **8** men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

"And their eyes were
opened and they
recognised him."
Luke 24:31

