

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 26: 7-9**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

**Collect**

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**First reading: Acts 1:12-14**

of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26(27):1,4,7-8**

*R/. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

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. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' *R/.*

**Second reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16**

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

**Gospel Acclamation: cf. Jn 14:18**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel John 17:1-11**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Father, the hour has come:  
glorify your Son  
so that your Son may glorify you;  
and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,  
let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.  
And eternal life is this:

to know you,  
the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I have glorified you on earth  
and finished the work that you gave me to do.  
Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me  
with that glory I had with you  
before ever the world was.

I have made your name known  
to the men you took from the world to give me.

They were yours and you gave them to me,  
and they have kept your word.

Now at last they know  
that all you have given me comes indeed from you;  
for I have given them the teaching you gave to me,  
and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you,  
and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them;  
I am not praying for the world  
but for those you have given me,  
because they belong to you:

all I have is yours  
and all you have is mine,  
and in them I am glorified.

I am not in the world any longer,  
but they are in the world,  
and I am coming to you.'

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that through these acts of devotedness  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon: Jn 17: 22**

Father, I pray that they may be one  
as we also are one, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion**

Hear us, O God our Saviour,  
and grant us confidence,  
that through these sacred mysteries  
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church  
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 21st May 2023

# SEVENTH 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 7*

**Divine Office**  
*Easter Week 7/psalms 3*

For children,  
download a weekly sheet:  
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## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 21 May</b> 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Baptiste Fernandes Ints. Irene Sobon RIP Watts & Ledo Families RIP Carmel O'Dwyer Ints. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<b>Mon 22 May</b> 9.30am	<b>Easter feria</b> Kitty O'Mahoney RIP
<b>Tues 23 May</b> 9.30am	<b>Easter feria</b> Isabel's mother
<b>Weds 24 May</b> 9.30am	<b>Easter feria</b> Private intention
<b>Thurs 25 May</b> 9.30am 11.00am	<b>S. Bede, the Venerable</b> Lamuell Green RIP <b>FUNERAL MASS</b> Mary Naughten RIP
<b>Fri 26 May</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Phillip Nerl</b> John & Charlene Rorke Ints (6th wedding Anniversary)
<b>Sat 27 May</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Augustine of Canterbury</b> Frank Philbin RIP
<b>Sun 28 May</b> 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> Christina Darcy RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Aurora Amelia de Souza (5th Birthday) William Patrick Johns RIP Deandre Jules-Carbon RIP

## TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14**

After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the apostles return to Jerusalem and gather in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1,4,7-8**

The Lord is our salvation.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16**

If you suffer for Christ, you will be blessed.

**Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11a**

Jesus prays for his disciples.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Come, Holy Spirit. Spirit of truth, you are the reward of the saints, the comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor, treasure to lovers, food for the hungry, comfort to those who are wandering; to sum up, you are the one in whom all treasures are contained. Come!"*  
St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

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