

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Ps 46: 2*

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Collect

O God, who through the grace of Adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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: *2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 88(89):2-3,16-19*

R/. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. *R/.*

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. *R/.*

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; by your favour it is that our might is exalted; for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. *R/.*

Second reading: *Romans 6:3-4,8-11*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Allelula, allelula!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Allelula!

Gospel: *Matthew 10:37-42*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 102: 1*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Prayer after Communion

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 2nd July 2023

13th 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 13 year 1

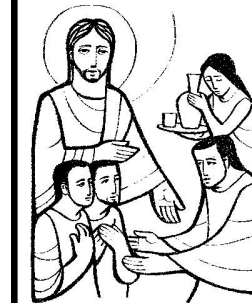
Divine Office
Week 13 psalms week 1

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 2 July 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am	13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Sr Gertrude Tirant RIP Neil, Paddy & Sheila Cummins RIP
9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Noleen Bell RIP Kathleen Condon RIP
Mon 3 July 9.30am	S.THOMAS, apostle Julien & Zelia Tirant & all the holy souls in purgatory
Tues 4 July 9.30am	S. Elizabeth of Portugal Isobel & Susan Scannell RIP
Weds 5 July 9.30am	S. Anthony Zaccaria Eric & Grace Perera RIP
Thurs 6 July 9.30am 11.00am	S.Maria Goretti Veronica Foley RIP FUNERAL MASS Eileen Ryan RIP
Fri 7 July 9.30am	feria Sean Hallam RIP
Sat 8 July 9.30am	Of Our Lady Florence Ferdinand RIP
Sun 9 July 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mary Dereham Therese Isaacs RIP (2nd) Baptiste Fernandes Ints. Tony Rammelt RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend

hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

First Reading: *2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a*

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Second Reading: *Romans 6:3-4,8-11*

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:37-42*

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe."

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, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Anne McShine-Jones, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Jean Lurshay, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert, Edward Granger, Chris Sweeney, Marjorie Horeau, Catherine Corcoran.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Lishoy Cardozo

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Timothy Keane, John Wier, Sales Dias, Rose Taylor, Eileen Ryan

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Noeleen Bell, Therese Isaacs (2nd), Neil Cummins, Paddy Cummins, Sheila Cummins.

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

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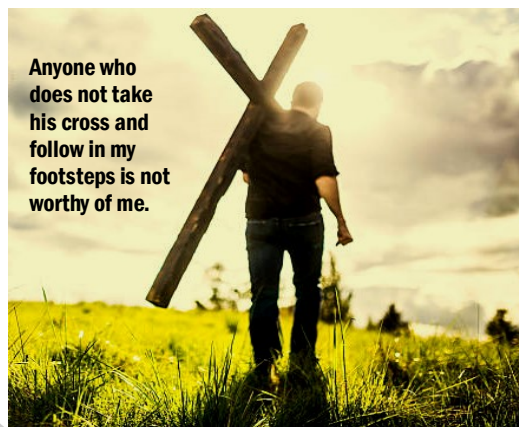
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

In memory of Isobel & Susan Scannell RIP

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for July 2023

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.

We are challenged today to leave behind all in order to new life in Christ: *"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it"* (Matt 10:39). While the words of the Gospel sound harsh they actually teach us that we find the fullness of joy with all of our loved ones-father or mother, son or daughter, and with life itself-only by entering into our relationships with these people and respecting these gifts in light of our greater love for God in Christ.

When it comes to loving Christ ahead of others then, we are not slighting them but rather placing our love for them in the proper perspective, which enables us to go ever deeper into an authentic stance of love toward them-offering more than if our love for them was un-informed by our *knowing Christ*. *St Paul tells us that if "we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him;"* he then concludes: *"As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus"* (Rom 6:8, 10-11).

What this means is that Christ endured all that which is tinged by death in order to put these things to death once and for all; in consequence the life we live once we come to know Christ is the truest and most hope-filled life one could conceive, since it is entirely *"lived for God"*.

This possibility of living completely for God in Christ—and therefore enjoying the fullness of grace in all of our relationships and hopes-comes through our union with Christ in death, as Paul also teaches in Romans: *"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life"* (Rom 6:3-4). Setting aside the temptation to put God in second place, may we focus on living in newness of life with Christ, and through him enjoy the fullness of life and love with all our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

NEWS UPDATE



Switch mobile phones off or to silent

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP for Welcomers (6.15pm Vigil Mass, 9.45am and 5.30pm) and Collectors (6.15pm and 5.30pm). If you could help, please let us know.

FUNERAL MASS of Eileen Ryan on Thursday 6th July at 11.30am followed by burial in Carpenders Park. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Rose Taylor on 11th July at 11.00am followed by burial at Greenford. May she rest in peace.

GOOD NEWS...At long last we have the go ahead for the resurfacing of the Parish Car Park. Many you will know its not in a good state and this is long overdue. It's also quite expensive but we have saved enough to get it done. The approximate date for the works are the first two weeks of August. More news on the exact dates soon as cars will need to be parked elsewhere.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023-24 - Those starting in Year 3 in September, who should be registered and regularly attending Mass at our Parish with their Parents/Carers, are welcome to join our FHC Programme. Enrolment Packs for next year's Programme will be available to collect from the back of church from Sunday 16th July. We are always delighted to welcome new volunteers. Those who would like to help with the FHC Programme next year should contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, a.s.a.p. at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION 2024 - Might you consider volunteering next year, helping our young people in Year 10 and above prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through our Confirmation Preparation Programme? You would be joining a wonderful team of experienced Catechists. If you might consider helping or would like a little more information, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS AT 9.45 FAMILY MASS - We are seeking new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider helping once every six weeks, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact Una Moran una@bfmconsult.co.uk. Thank you.

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.

THE KNIGHTS of St COLUMBA have organised a tour of the relics of St Edmund Campion to England. St Edmund was a famous Jesuit at the time of the persecution of Catholics in England during the reformation and beyond.

He was eventually martyred for his Catholic faith. His relics will come to St George's on THURSDAY 6th JULY when there will be a special Mass in his honour at 9.30am.

THE FRIENDS OF JESUS Programme takes place during Term-Times on Fridays from 5.30-6.30pm providing a little Religious Education to children of primary-school age who are not attending a Catholic school and have not yet received their First Holy Communion. If you would like further information, or our keen for your child to attend this Programme from September onwards, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

READERS AT SATURDAY 6.15PM & 5.30PM MASSES - Might you consider committing to read once a month at Mass? The ministry of reader offers the opportunity to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the Parish Community. There are some gaps in our regular rota that we are keen to fill. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

URGENTLY REQUIRED: Parishioner requires 2 bedroom home, preferably in walking distance of St George's School. Please contact Sharone on 075327214111

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT DAY—The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE on Saturday 8 July 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

A DAY WITH MARY has been booked for St George's. On Saturday 21 October. Again more details nearer the time

MARCH FOR LIFE, SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER: Put the date in your diary to join this important act of witness by Catholics and others of good will. This year's theme is 'Freedom to Live'. "Many are concerned about restrictions on freedoms but it's not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Sadly, those who have their most fundamental freedom taken from them, by abortion, cannot speak for themselves - this is why we march. For our nation to be truly free, no one can be denied the number one freedom, the freedom to live!" 10:30am: Mass at Westminster Cathedral; 10:30am-1pm: Events/Stalls/Talks/Testimonies at The Emmanuel Centre 1:30pm: March for Life (Emmanuel Centre to Parliament Square). Web: www.marchforlife.co.uk.

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (UGANDA), a charity that parishioners have generously supported in the past, invites you to a donor care meeting in the Parish Centre from 7 to 9 pm on Thursday 6th July, to view displays and explanations of their work and the impact that donors' generosity makes possible. They will also share their vision and priorities for the coming years. The meeting will be quite informal and refreshments will be provided, as they would like to hear ideas about how they can improve their efforts in serving the children and your views about your experiences as a donor with EVC Uganda.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21-28 JULY: Cardinal Nichols will lead the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21 - 28 July. People are encouraged to book now via the Tangney Tours portal at: <https://www.tangneytours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes> to avoid disappointment as places

are limited. If people have previously indicated 'St Frai Pilgrim' on an Expression of Interest Form, or you know of someone with significant medical and mobility needs who intends to come to Lourdes, then contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173 immediately, so the Medical Team can look into assisting with requirements and care. Similarly, any individuals or groups wishing to travel independently to join Westminster in Lourdes, by making their own travel and accommodation arrangement, must confirm this in writing to the Pilgrimage Office by 30th April 2023 as well as submitting payment towards the Pilgrimage.

NEWS FROM CARITAS WESTMINSTER: POVERTY CHALLENGE - SEE, JUDGE, ACT: Following the Pandemic many households face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales has released a new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty. This can be downloaded at www.csan.org.uk

GRANTS TO HELP WITH ENERGY DEBTS: Possible help from a charitable trust plus lines to other advice providers at <https://fuelpoverty.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC THROUGH THE RCIA PROGRAMME? This means: Adults who are not Baptised at all and who wish to become Catholics: Adults who are baptised into another Christian denomination, but wish to become Catholics, and Adults who wish to become FULL members of the Roman Catholic Church (i.e., those who have been baptised but may not have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist). If this is you or someone you know please appointment to talk with one of the priests to discuss what all this means.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 19-27 NOVEMBER: The annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from Sunday 19th Nov to Monday 27th Nov, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 0207 798 9173 It will include visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow. Costs are £2265 per person sharing, £682 single room supplement; travel insurance essential.

THE VEIL REMOVED is a free, short 5 minute film that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics revealed by scripture and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. go online to <https://theveilremoved.com> or click this link [The Veil Removed](https://theveilremoved.com) if reading online.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

20-26th

May 2024

visiting the

Holy House of

Loreto (Our

Blessed Lady),

Assisi (St.

Francis), Padua (St. Anthony) and Venice (St. Mark). Expanded and detailed Itinerary and prices Available now.

PLEASE TAKE A BROCHURE WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Approx cost is put at £1450.

We will be combining this pilgrimage with the Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Willesden—so a chance also to share and make new friends too!