

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 17 (16):15
As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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: *Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord: As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Responsorial psalm: 64

R./ Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. *R./*

2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. *R./*

3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. *R./*

4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. *R./*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:18-23*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting

for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Speak lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 13:1-9*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 84 (83): 4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 16th July 2023

15th 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 15 year 1

Divine Office
Week 15 psalms week 3

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 16 July 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Rebello Family RIP James McGovern RIP Mary & Michael Hughes RIP Thomas Fernandes RIP (1st) THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 17 July 9.30am	feria Mary Forde RIP
Tues 18 July 9.30am	feria Remediana Fernandes & Rosalina Fernandes— <i>Good health</i>
Weds 19 July 9.30am	feria Anthony Goees RIP
Thurs 20 July 9.30am	feria James & Catherine Nolan RIP
Fri 21 July 9.30am	feria Bobby Graham RIP
Sat 22 July 9.30am	S. Mary Magdalene Piedade & Remediana Fernandes (<i>Anniversary</i> <i>thanksgiving</i>)
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TODAY'S MASS



Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

First Reading: *Isalah 55:10-11*

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:18-2*

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:1-9*

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"He who can preserve gentleness amid pains, and peace amid worry and multitude of affairs, is almost perfect"
St. Francis de Sales

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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, Barbara Gill.*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Lishoy Cardozo*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Rose Taylor, Eileen Ryan, Teresa Huckowski, Martina Mathy*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Bobby Graham, Tom Fernandes (1st), James Griffin, Mary Hughes.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

In memory of Ian Jules RIP

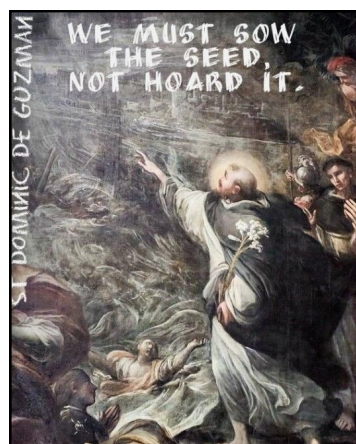
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

In memory of James Griffin 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.



Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used parables – short stories and images taken from everyday life – to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skilful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words.

However, Jesus told his disciples that not everyone would understand his parables. Did Jesus mean to say that he was deliberately confusing or hiding the meaning of his stories from his listeners? Very likely not. Jesus was speaking from experience. He was aware that some who heard his parables refused to understand them. It was not that they could not intellectually understand them, but rather, their hearts were closed to what Jesus was saying. They had already made up their minds to not believe. God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom – that which is hidden to the spiritually blind – to those who hunger for God and humbly submit to his truth.

What can makes us ineffective or unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the heavenly treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say. The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach them with the conviction that we already know the answer, then we, too, may look but not see, listen but not understand. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart that is ready to believe and willing to submit.

One lesson from this parable is clear: the harvest is sure to come. While some seed will fall by the way-side and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Today we are asked once more to be hungry for God's word and not to allow anything to keep us from submitting to this Word with joy and trusting obedience.

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 Teresa Hukowski on Friday on Friday 21st July at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Martina Mathy on Monday 31st July at 1.00pm followed by cremation at Breakspear. 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.

MORE GOOD NEWS We've had work done on the church roof to remove excess vegetation (largely brought by seeds carried by the relentless pigeons). Inside the church we have had continued redecoration of the walls especially in those few areas where the damp gets in. More extensive work will be undertaken in the area of the bell tower very soon.

EVEN MORE GOOD NEWS.. Do you remember our rather successful Advent Fair last Year? We hope, incidentally to have another one this year (more news of that in the Autumn). We have now with the help of a Charity—London Hearts—been able to purchase two defibrillators, one for the church and the other for the parish centre. Lets hope we don't have to use them but if we do we hope they will keep you alive and safe if they are needed.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY In 2024 Brochures are available from the back of church. If you think you'd like to go there is a deposit that should be made fairly soon. All the details are on the Booking Form which is part of the brochure. It would be great if a good group of us could go together. Any queries speak to Mgr Jeremy. He can also guide you if you want to make the booking on line. Just email him and he will send you the link and password.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023-24 - Those children starting Year 3 in September, who are registered and regularly attending Mass at this Parish, are welcome to join the FHC Preparation Programme beginning in September. **Enrolment Packs are available to collect from the back of church.** If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

CATECHISTS & HELPERS 'THANK YOU' PARTY - All adults who help in different ways at the Parish throughout the year (e.g. Catechists, Readers, Singers) should have received Mgr. Jeremy's Invitation, via email, to the **Catechists & Helpers Party** on **Friday 8th September**. If for any reason your invitation has not arrived safely, please speak to one of the Parish Team so we can ensure you are included on the list and are thanked for all you do for the Parish throughout the year. Those attending should **RSVP** no later than **31st July 2023** so we can provide accurate numbers to those catering for the event.

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.

OVER 60'S GROUP: The next meeting at 1pm on Tuesday 18th July will be the last one before the summer break. They will be back again in September.

SVP: Meeting on Wednesday 19th July at 8pm in the parish centre.

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 relic of St Columba. His relics will be brought and displayed on Thursday 27th July at the 9.30am Mass. A date for your diary.

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.

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.

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 PARISH 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 9173It 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.

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!