

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 68 (67): 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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: *Kings 3:5.7-12*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, Ask what you would like me to give you. Solomon replied, Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great? It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. Since you have asked for this the Lord said and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.

Responsorial psalm: *ps. 119*

R./ Lord, how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. *R./*

2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live,
for your law is my delight. *R./*

3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. *R./*

4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. *R./*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:28-30*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from
my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 13:44-52*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the
powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may
sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Ps 103 (102): 2*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this
divine Sacrament, the perpetual
memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 30th July 2023

17th 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 17 year 1

Divine Office
Week 17 psalms week 1

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 30 July
6.15pm (vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Bridie Grimes RIP
Darren O'Sullivan RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Maurice O'Grady RIP
Swarna Perera Ints.

Mon 31 July
9.30am
1.00pm

S. Ignatius
Neil Cahill RIP
FUNERAL MASS
Martina Athy RIP

Tues 1 Aug
9.30am

S. Alphonsus Liguori
Eddie & Cheryl Rozario Ints
(36th wedding anniv.)

Weds 2 Aug
9.30am

feria
Elizabeth Hannon RIP

Thurs 3 Aug
9.30am

feria
Breda Murphy RIP

Fri 4 Aug
9.30am
7.00pm

S. John Vianney
Charlene Rorke RIP
FUNERAL MASS
Sean Faughey RIP

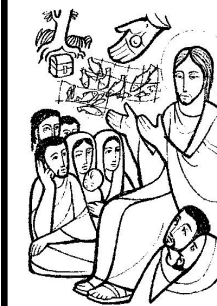
Sat 5 Aug
9.30am

Dedication of S. Mary Major
Ayden Jesus Saldanha
(Thanksgiving)

Sun 6 Aug
6.15pm (vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

THE TRANSFIGURATION
Fernandes Family RIP
Margharita Lechner RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
James & Mary Griffin RIP
Philip Carey RIP

TODAY'S MASS



In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. In the third parable the kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net.

After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

First Reading: *1 Kings 3:5,7-12*

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Second Gospel Reading: *Romans 8:28-30*

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:44-52*

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal"

St Thomas More

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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: Martina Athy, Sean Faughey, Agatha Bishop, Peter Joannes

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Darren O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Hannon RIP

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

In memory of Claire & Thomas Broughall RIP

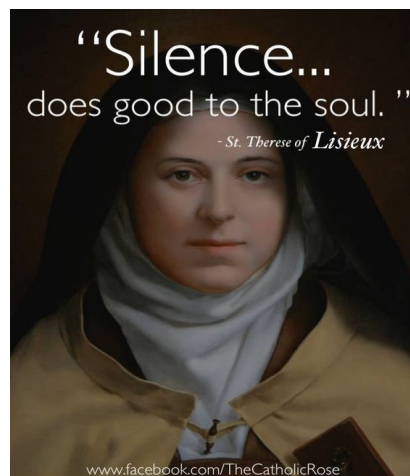
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Agnes Manuela RIP

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for August 2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



Listening is a skill often unpractised today; we only need to note current political discourse, TV commentators on current events, and even observe carefully our own family communications to realise that we tend to talk a lot and listen relatively little.

In the midst of a world where there is so much chatter and so little respectful attention we hear Solomon asking God in today's first reading for the gift of *“a listening heart”*, preferring this disposition of openness to others more than power or wealth. For his part the Psalmist extolls the virtue of listening, the wisdom books of the Old Testament insist upon it ceaselessly, and our Lord himself often begins his teaching by urging his disciples to *“hear a parable...”* as we heard at Mass two weeks ago.

In that same passage Jesus explained why active, conscious listening was critical for those to whom he preached, and remains so for us; he says that if we do not make this effort: *“they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand... they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and be converted, and I heal them”* (Matt 13:13, 15).

The wisdom that arises from careful listening enables us to discern what is truly important in life and in our faith; this is what Jesus was trying to explain in the parable of the buried treasure and that of the pearl of great price. We do not sell everything we have and use the proceeds to buy an object if that object is not of truly compelling worth.

Solomon recognized what was of real value in living his vocation as a follower of the Lord and as the King of Israel: the wisdom that only comes with *“a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith”* (1 Tim 1:5). In turn this wisdom only comes to those who are humble enough to listen to it quietly and peaceably. May we attune our hearts to be listening and understanding so that the Lord's precious gifts might not be lost on us, and so we may share them generously, *“like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old”* (Matt 13:52).



NEWS UPDATE

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 Martina Athy on Monday 31st July at 1.00pm followed by cremation at Breakspeare. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Sean Faughey on Friday 4th August at 7.00pm followed by burial in Ireland. May he rest in peace.

BURIAL of Baby Luke Rodrigues Gomes on Tuesday 6th August. We remember and his parents in our prayers.

FUNERAL MASS of Peter Joannes on Monday 7th August at 11.00am followed by burial in Carpenders Park. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Agatha Bishop still to be arranged.

PARISH CAR PARK resurfacing etc has begun. Sorry we could not warn you before but we were given little notice of start date! It will be on going for no more than two weeks! Don't be put off coming to Mass as you can always park in adjacent streets. It just means you may have to walk further and set off earlier!!

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.

CHILDRENS LITURGY on Sunday at the 9.45am has now closed for the summer and will reopen as soon as the Autumn Term resumes in September.

MUSIC at the 9.45am Mass and the 11.15am will cease for the month of August. There will be simple said masses. The usual timetable of Masses continues for all of the summer.

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 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

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.

ADVERT FROM A PARISHIONER: To let. Double bed available for single person Easy Access tp all amenities in Greenford/Sudbury Hill. Tel: 07717124517 also Suitable for single person. Non-smoker/non-drinker preferred. Easy access to St Georges Church on a bus route. Contact Pat on 07717124517

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! If you are preparing to go away, we wish you a safe journey and a restful break. If you happen to be listed on a church rota for any particular ministry, please help us, by arranging cover with someone else on your rota. If you are finding this difficult, contact the Parish team or the Office. This will help us enormously with the smooth running of the Masses and for all that we do together. Thank you in advance. Enjoy your time away and may God's speed be with you on your return.