

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 86 (85): 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

## Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: Violence and ruin! The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it. The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial psalm: *ps. 62*

**Response:** *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R./**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R./**

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R./**

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R./**

## Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do. The word of the Lord.

## Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.*  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: *Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon Ps 31 (30): 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

## Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

# ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

## Sunday 3rd September 2023

# 22nd 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 22 year 1*

**Divine Office**  
*Week 22 psalms week 2*

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

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday 3 Sept</b> 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am	<b>22nd Sunday of the Year</b> John Brady RIP Thomas Dolan RIP (Birthday remembrance) Jerzy George RIP Edward Johnston RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<b>Mon 4 Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>feria</b> Gregolina Pereira RIP
<b>Tues 5 Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>feria</b> Michael Conroy RIP & Pat Roche RIP
<b>Weds 6 Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>feria</b> Jennifer Otico RIP
<b>Thurs 7 Sept</b> 9.30am 11.00am	<b>feria</b> Paul Fernandes RIP FUNERAL MASS Bridget (Bridie) Sullivan RIP
<b>Fri 8 Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Kevin Jordan & Tilly Jordan (Special Intention)
<b>Sat 9 Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>Of Our Lady</b> Stephanie Kennedy Ints.
<b>Sun 10 Sept</b> 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Lucille thomas (Thanksgiving) Joe & Mary (Ints.) Baptiste Fernandes (Ints.) Frank Rowan RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## TODAY'S MASS



Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service.

### First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

### Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2*

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

### Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The principal act of courage is to endure and withstand dangers persistently rather than to attack them"*  
St Thomas Aquinas

## MAKING CONTACT AT ST. GEORGE'S

**Parish Priest:** Mgr. Jeremy Fairhead [jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk)  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Mike Guthrie [michaeltguthrie@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:michaeltguthrie@rcdow.org.uk)  
**Catechetical Coordinator:** Mr. Peter Kingsley [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk)  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Toni Miles [sudbury@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sudbury@rcdow.org.uk)  
**Director of Music:** Mr. Scott Price [scottprice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:scottprice@rcdow.org.uk)  
**Hall Bookings:** via the office or [sudbury@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sudbury@rcdow.org.uk)  
**Safeguarding Rep:** Hanna Gorgis [sudburysg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:sudburysg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)  
Tel 07751804978  
**Address:** The Presbytery, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE  
**Telephone:** 020 8904 2552. Phone Options: 1. Mass Times; 2. Parish Office/ SVF Information 3. Mgr Jeremy; 4. Fr. Mike; 5. Catechetical Coordinator.  
**Charity No:** 233699  
**Email:** [sudbury@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sudbury@rcdow.org.uk) **Website:** [parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury)



# 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:** Margaret Horne, Bridget Sullivan, Michael Mulvee

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Edward Johnston, John Brady

### BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

*Birthday & Good Health Intentions*

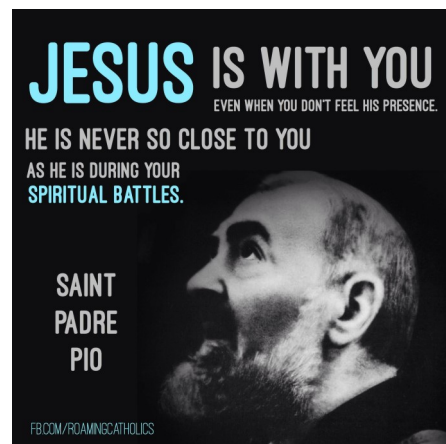
### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*Birthday & Good Health Intentions*

### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for September 2023

**For people living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



We start our life of faith with an image of the future that is idealized, as things often are in a child's eyes. If we are good and follow Jesus then the years and decades of life would be challenging but promising as we negotiate our trials with confidence, knowing that the grace of God will carry us forward. While this outlook sustains some throughout life, eventually many people encounter moments in life that are much more than challenging—they can cause us to question the very truth of all that we have held dear.

Family tragedies, abuse by others, hypocritical people, and opposition from colleagues and friends can all lead to a deep sense of cynicism about religion in general and about faith in the Lord. The prophet Jeremiah faces just such a moment in today's first reading, as he shows through his angry words: *"You have seduced me Lord!" (Jer 20:7)*. Jeremiah was angered over the pain of having to deliver bad news to the people of Israel, announcing the downfall of Jerusalem and the end of the Kingdom of Judah. Such "defeatist" predictions, while they turned out to be true, led many to oppose him forcefully and even violently.

While the prophet Jeremiah remained faithful to the Lord even in the midst of his anger, when we suffer deep discouragement in life we easily fall prey to cynicism and a jaundiced view of life. The scandals in the Church in recent decades, the betrayal of a spouse or friend, can lead us to a spirit of sarcasm and suspicion and along the way we lose the hope-filled images we cherished as children.

In today's second reading Saint Paul recognizes this possibility among Christians and he prescribes a remedy for it. In his letter to the Romans, having concluded a reflection on mercy, Paul says: *"Do not model yourselves on the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind" (Rom 12:2)*.

St. Paul understood that the human spirit can be overtaken by cynicism, luring even Christian believers into thinking that real conversion and renewal is not possible. He also saw that *"the world,"* that is, our secular age, draws us into this way of thinking and makes us reason that if we are not to be seen as naïve then we must take a hardened bigoted outlook on others and on life itself. Such a perspective is foreign to believers in Jesus, whose mercy Paul extolls: *"O, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" (Rom 11:33)*.

The gospel brings this message home when our Lord teaches his disciples that they will encounter great suffering in the course of their journey of faith and thus cannot be naïve about life. However, Jesus himself will suffer before them in order to redeem them and give them the possibility of living no longer according to the thinking of *"the world"*—*"thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matt 16:23)*—but rather being transformed into the image of him whose mercy triumphs over evil, and whose wisdom commends us to approach him not with a spirit hardened by the travails of life, but with the confidence of a child who cries out *"Abba, Father!"* Let us learn from Jesus and let mercy triumph over the evils committed against us, never falling into the trap of cynicism.

# 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 Bridget (Bridle) Sullivan on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear. May she rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS** of Margaret Horne on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS** of Michael Mulvee - date still to be decided as of the weekend. More news next week.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our young people who received results—GCSE, A Levels and degrees and to all of you who have done so well. We also remember our young people going to school for the first time, changing schools, going to university or starting in the field of work. We wish you all well and don't forget God in all these changes!!

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING** - Children who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to serve, along with those wishing to refresh or refine their skills, are welcome to join us for this year's introduction to Altar Serving taking place at the Parish on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT 2023-24** - Those children starting Year 3 who are registered and regularly attending Mass at this Parish are welcome to join this year's FHC Preparation Programme. **Enrolment Packs** are available to collect from the back of church. Parents/Carers should bring their completed Enrolment Form, photocopy of Baptism Certificate & £30 Contribution to the **FHC Enrolment Evening** on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Please note that the FHC Enrolment Evening is for **Parents/Carers only**. Thank you for making childcare arrangements well in advance.

**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](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk).

**CATECHISTS & HELPERS 'THANK YOU' PARTY** - Thank you to all those who help in different ways at the Parish throughout the year. We look forward to celebrating with our **Catechists & Helpers** on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. If you help at the Parish and, for any reason, did not receive an invitation, please contact one of the Parish Team to ensure you name is added to the list of those attending. Thank you.

**GOOD NEWS.** During the summer the car park was resurfaced—a long overdue project. We managed to save enough for this as it was not cheap! Now we have a great car park can we be generous on a Sunday with the limited spaces and try and make sure they go to our elderly and disabled.

**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. **UPDATE the defibrillators have arrived and will be installed this week.**

**MORE PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE.** We have to do a bit of work on the church roof where some tiles have become dislodged and also on the flat roof where the offices are situated. And also over the café/bar All overdue maintenance! A more complex work are the windows of the presbytery which have probably not been attended to since it was built in 1927. During the summer one window fell out! Another project in the pipeline is a new confessional for the church. This will be modelled with the architectural features of the church in mind and will be placed exactly where the old one used to exist before it was removed. It will have all mod-cons (kneeling/sitting, hard of hearing headphones, covid/flu secure, and above all safety for everyone and proper anonymity)

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY In 2024** the trip is now full and thank you to all who have put down deposits. If anyone would like to be considered on a "waiting list" please do let Mgr. Jeremy know.

**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](mailto:una@bfmconsult.co.uk). Thank you.

**OVER 60'S GROUP:** The next meeting at 1pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome!

**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 resume this weekend. Could you help with the singing or even playing a musical instrument at 9.45am

**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](mailto: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://fuelpovertysource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 19-27 NOVEMBER:** The annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ST. DOMINIC'S SIXTH FORM COLLEGE** (Harrow on the Hill) vacancy – Student Services Assistant For further information please download an application from the website [www.stdoms.ac.uk](http://www.stdoms.ac.uk) or contact the college business manager - Jacqueline Brosnan on [JAB@stdoms.ac.uk](mailto:JAB@stdoms.ac.uk)

**CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL** welcome you to their Open Evenings. There is no need to sign up to these events. Year 7: Dates: Thursday 15 September, Tuesday 20 September Headmaster speech: 4.30 pm, 6 pm Final tour: 6.15 pm Year 12: Dates: Thursday 6 October, Tuesday 11 October Headmaster speech: 5 pm

S	E	T	G	E	L	D	E	R	S	DESTINED	JERUSALEM	ELDERS
E	F	O	L	L	O	W	E	R	A	SCRIBES	SATAN	OBSTACLE
B	I	B	O	W	D	N	I	W	T	RENUANCE	CROSS	LIFE
I	L	S	R	A	O	A	G	N	A	WORLD	GLORY	ANGELS
R	E	T	Y	U	N	R	A	L	S			
C	L	A	N	G	H	T	L	S	U			
S	W	C	E	T	A	S	O	D	F			
M	E	L	A	S	U	R	E	J	F			
B	S	E	I	R	C	S	D	L	E			
E	D	E	S	T	I	N	E	D	R			