

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon [Ps 118: 137, 124]

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 94:1-2,6-9*

R/. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.'

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. *R/.*

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. *R/.*

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *R/.*

Second reading: *Romans 13:8-10*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All

the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation [Jn 17:17]

Allelula, allelula!
Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth.
Allelula!

Gospel: *Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus said, 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon [Cf. *Ps 41: 2-3*]

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 10th September 2023

23rd 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 23 year 1

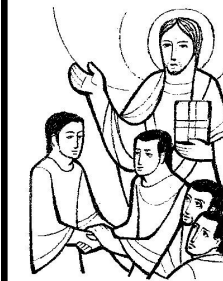
Divine Office
Week 23 psalms week 3

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday 10 Sept 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	23rd Sunday of the Year Lucille Thomas (Thanksgiving) Joe & Mary (Ints.) Baptiste Fernandes (Ints.) Frank Rowan RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 11 Sept 9.30am	ferla Kitty English (Faith) RIP
Tues 12 Sept 9.30am	The Most Holy Name of Mary Mary Murphy RIP
Weds 13 Sept 9.30am	S. John Chrysostom Rajiv & Steffi (anniversary)
Thurs 14 Sept 9.30am	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Mary Conroy Ints.
Fri 15 Sept 9.30am	Our Lady of Sorrows Daniel Daley Snr RIP
Sat 16 Sept 9.30am	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian Phyllis Kinsella RIP
Sun 17 Sept 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Michael Fahey RIP Dee Kelly Loader RIP Mystica Fernandes (5th Birthday Ints.) John McHugh RIP (7th anniv.) THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 95:1-2,6-9*

Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading: *Romans 13:8-10*

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbour as yourself.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"While the world changes, the cross stands firm."

St. Bruno

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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:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Margaret Horne, Bridget Sullivan, Michael Mulvee*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Daniel Daley Snr*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Baptiste Fernandes 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.



Anyone who has discovered Christ must lead others to him. A great joy cannot be kept to oneself. It has to be passed on.

— Pope Benedict XVI —



Today's Gospel passage is not an easy one. Maybe it is good to reflect on it a bit further. So what can we learn from this passage about how to mend a damaged relationship? If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. It is even worse to gossip rather than confront a situation head on. This can poison the mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage. If we truly want to settle a difference between someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action, such as a lawsuit.

Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews. However we know from the gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors, ate with them, and even praised them at times! Jesus refuses no one who is ready to receive pardon, healing, and restoration. The call to accountability is inevitable and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the day of judgment when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity, we must not give up mending bridges and bringing reconciliation and understanding whenever possible. Maybe the question we should ask ourselves is whether we tolerate broken relationships or do we seek to repair them as God gives us the opportunity to mend and restore what is broken?



NEWS UPDATE

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

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? It always helps us to get to know you and also your family if you register with us. We can then send you information about the parish and opportunities. Registration forms can be found at the back of Church (underneath the picture of Pope Francis).

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

FUNERAL MASS of Michael Mulvee on Friday 29th September at 11.00am followed burial at St Mary's Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Fr. MIKE continues his annual break for a couple of weeks more. We wish him rest and refreshment. Please be patient if you are waiting to hear from him, especially about baptism. He will certainly get in touch on his return.

SVP: St George's St Vincent De Paul Society is a Charity made up of Volunteers who support those in need in the parish. We are helping many people at the moment and we want to raise funds so we will be selling Bacon or Fried Egg Butties after all the Morning Masses on **Sunday 17th September**. Our volunteers will also be around to explain what we do and to see if you would like to join us.

THANK YOU to Fr Antonlo Pineda who has been helping out with Masses recently, especially during this last week. He is just preparing to become the Parish Priest of Headstone Lane (North Harrow towards Watford). To those who don't know him he was ordained in St George's as this was his home before seminary. It will be good to have him home in the local Deanery of Harrow.

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 16th 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 12th 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.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH Thank you, as always, to our excellent group that arranges flowers so beautifully. A special 'thank you' to Celine who has been part of the team and worked so hard but sadly is now moving away. If you want to help with the flower arranging (please see Margaret) or purchase some flowers in memory of a loved one on a special day there are envelopes at the back of church.

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. Thank you.

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

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.

CHILDRENS LITURGY on Sunday at the 9.45am recommences this weekend.

MUSIC at the 9.45am Mass and the 11.15am resumption 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.

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/>

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.

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's speech: 4.30 pm, 6 pm Final tour: 6.15 pm Year 12: Dates: Thursday 6 October, Tuesday 11 October Headmaster's speech: 5 pm Final tour: 6 pm