

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all
by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make
those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.
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 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

R/. Remember your mercy, Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *R/.*

2. In you I hope all day long
because of your goodness, O Lord.
Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me. *R/.*

3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. *R/.*

Second reading: Phillipians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself. So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:
His state was divine,
yet he did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the
name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will
keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find
acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring
of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: 1 Jn 3: 16

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 1st October 2023

26th 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 Mass Readings
Week 28 year 1

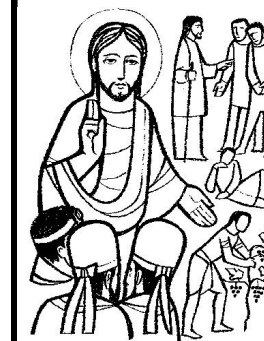
Divine Office
Week 26 psalms week 2

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 1 Oct 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Pica Francisa Vendagne RIP Lily & Philip Crosby RIP Avril Isaacs RIP Richard O'Dwyer RIP (10th anniv.) THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 2 Oct 9.30am	Holy Guardian Angels Angela Brennan RIP
Tues 3 Oct 9.30am	feria Paul Fernandes RIP
Weds 4 Oct 9.30am	S. Francis of Assisi Peter Golden jnr RIP
Thurs 5 Oct 9.30am	S. Faustina Kowalska Lucille Thomas Ints.
Fri 6 Oct 9.30am	S. Bruno Michael O'Dwyer RIP
Sat 7 Oct 9.30am	Our Lady of the Rosary Maria Fatima (special ints.)
Sun 8 Oct 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Margaret Courmane RIP Catherine & John Calnan RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Thanksgiving (The Rowan Family) Andrew Jordan & Rosaline Jordan RIP

TODAY'S MASS



We all need God's forgiveness and it was for this reason that Christ came humbling himself to the death of a cross. When someone recognizes their error and changes their ways, God is prepared to forget the earlier lapses and consider what is being done in the here and now. The tax collectors and prostitutes accepted by Jesus had this experience.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

Second Reading: Phillipians 2:1-11

Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path.
St. Josemaria Escriva

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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, 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: Roland Watts, Frances Sequeira

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Peter Golden Jnr, Richard O'Dwyer

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
 Mary—Private Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM
 In memory of Grtea Bishop RIP

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for October 2023
 For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

- Blessed Pope Pius IX

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

NEWS UPDATE



WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER around 10.00am (after the morning Mass). This has always been an enjoyable and successful event, so lets keep it so. In order to do this we need contributions of raffle prizes, cakes, scones, jams, chutneys— anything that would be appropriate. Also we could do stalls with bric a brac, books etc. **CAN YOU HELP? I am sure you can!!** **ENTRANCE FEE £3.00 (children free).**

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 Frances Sequeira on Monday 9th October followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she both rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Roland Watts on Thursday 12th October followed by burial in Northwood Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

FRIDAY is a **HARVEST FAST DAY** and there will be envelopes available this week and next for you to make an offering. We will be having our annual second collection for CAFOD after all the masses next weekend.

THANK YOU to all who supported our Parish SVP event recently and especially Many thanks to everyone who bought a Bacon or Egg Butty or made a donation to raise money for the work of St George's St Vincent De Paul Society two weeks ago. We raised an amazing **£843.46!** We will use this money to support those in need in the Parish.

We are going to run our next fundraiser on **Saturday 21st October 2023** when we will be holding a **Quiz Night** in the Parish Centre. Doors open at **7.15pm** and it is **£5 per person or £20 for a table of 4**. There will be a cash bar and a raffle. You can reserve your table by calling Theresa Frain on 0775 3654154 or emailing frain_home@gmail.com or take your chances and just turn up on the night. You need to be 12 or over. **CASH ONLY**. We hope to see you then!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023-24 - This Sunday the Children, Parents/Carers, Catechists & Helpers all make a public commitment to the FHC Programme at the 9.45am FHC Enrolment Mass. Thank you for keeping all involved with the Programme in prayer. At **Session 1** on **Tuesday 3rd October** the children will be reflecting on **Relating to God and One Another**. Thank you for ensuring you and your children arrive promptly at the Parish Centre for the start of the session at **7pm**.

CONFIRMATION 2024 - Those in Year 10 & above, who are registered & regularly attend Mass at this Parish will be welcome to attend the **Confirmation Information Evening** with a Parent/Carer in the Parish Centre on **Monday 8th January at 7.30pm** when registration documents will

be provided to those wishing to be confirmed. Please note that a copy of one's **Baptism Certificate** (and a translation if it is not in English) is also required for registration.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - A Marriage Encounter weekend is taking place in the Parish Centre here at St. Georges' on the 30th September and 1st October. Please pray for the couples enriching their Sacrament of Marriage and the couples and priest presenting the weekend.

SIGNING OF CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: Mgr Jeremy and Fr Mike will be signing these very soon for Primary, Secondary Grammar School Admissions. There will be a couple of designated evenings so **WATCH OUT FOR THE DATES**. So what is a **CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**? It confirms, for the purposes of a Catholic school application, that a family are regular at Mass, as practising Catholics. Certificates can be requested by Catholic families whose children are Baptised. This is an important document, but please do not embarrass the priests by requesting a certificate, if you are not attending Mass here regularly. If you happen to have recently moved into the area, your previous parish priest can provide certification. Applications for children who are not Catholic or non practising, can still be made for Catholic schools without a certificate, under different admission criteria. Full details on eligibility at: [Admissions Guidance - Diocese of Westminster Education Service \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://www.admissionsguidance.org.uk)

FLOWERS IN CHURCH Thank you, as always, to our excellent group that arranges flowers so beautifully. 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.

ADVENT FAIR Do you remember our rather successful Advent Fair last Year? We hope, incidentally to have another one this year. Could you help? Could you run a stall? Please get thinking now!

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: meets 1.00pm on Tuesdays in the Café/Bar. All welcome!

CHILDRENS LITURGY on Sunday at the 9.45am Mass.

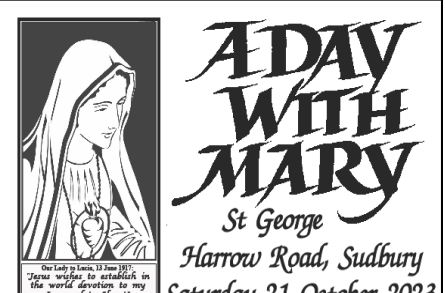
MUSIC at the 9.45am Mass and the 11.15am has now resumed after the summer. Could you help with the singing or even playing a musical instrument at 9.45am

ROSARY AT HOME If you'd like to be part of our prayer network, or know more please simply contact Cheryl on 07941002161 .

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.

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.

OFF TO UNI? Are you a student at one of the universities or colleges in London, or in Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you! It's based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. And in many of the universities and colleges we also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: www.universitycatholic.net to find out more. You will be made very welcome at our Catholic community here, a 'home from home.' If you are heading to a university outside London, then why not take a look at <https://www.catholicshsatuniversity.org.uk/> to identify the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study.



A DAY WITH MARY
 St George
 Harrow Road, Sudbury
 Saturday 21 October 2023


10.00 am	Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany Mass in honour of Our Lady, Celebrant & Preacher: Monsignor Jeremy Fairhead The Five Joyful Mysteries
12.15 pm	Lunch break (Please bring packed lunch)
1.15 pm	Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament The Five Luminous Mysteries, Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Mike Guthrie The Five Sorrowful Mysteries, Silent Adoration, Meditations on the Passion
3.30 pm	Tea break
4.15 pm	Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Linus Clovis The Five Glorious Mysteries, Act of Consecration, Benediction Enrolment in the Brown Scapular and Conformation of the Miraculous Medal

During the day: Confession and Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

A SELECTION OF VENUES FOR 2023

20th Oct	Westminster Cathedral	Sat 20 Oct
21st Nov	St Chad, South Norwood	Sat 4 Nov
22nd Nov	Our Lady & St Peter, Whitechapel Common	Sat 11 Nov
23rd Nov	Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, Colindale	Sat 18 Nov
24th Nov	Sacred Heart, Whitechapel	Sat 25 Nov
25th Nov	St Michael & Mary, Tottenham	Sat 2 Dec
26th Nov	St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon	Sat 9 Dec
27th Nov	St George Catholic, Southwark	Sat 16 Dec

Full DMM Information & link to DMMs on YouTube (Full HD) at: www.admissionguidance.org.uk or www.rcdow.org.uk



A day of instruction, devotion & intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917.