

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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: *Isalah 5:1-7*

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20*

R/. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. *R/.*

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. *R/.*

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *R/.*

4. And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. *R/.*

Second reading: *Phillipians 4:6-9*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 15:15*

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 21:33-43*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:
It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?
'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you
and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your
Commands and, through the sacred
mysteries, which we celebrate with
dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Lam 3: 25*

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have
received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 8th October 2023

27th 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 27 year 1

Divine Office
Week 27 psalms week 3

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 8 Oct
6.15pm (vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am

27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Margaret Cournane RIP
Catherine & John Calnan RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Thanksgiving
(The Rowan Family)
Andrew Jordan & Rosaline
Jordan RIP

5.30pm

Mon 9 Oct
9.30am
11.00am

S. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
Timothy O'Donovan RIP
FUNERAL MASS
Frances Sequeira RIP

Tues 10 Oct
9.30am

S. Denis & Companions
Elizabeth Pais RIP

Weds 11 Oct
9.30am

S. John XXIII
Pica Francisca Vendanage RIP
(1st anniv.)

Thurs 12 Oct
9.30am
11.00am

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Neasa Moran RIP
FUNERAL MASS
Rowland Watts RIP

Fri 13 Oct
9.30am

S. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
Thanksgiving

Sat 14 Oct
9.30am

S. Callistus I
Sojy Penath RIP

Sun 8 Oct
6.15pm (vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Jackie Flaschke RIP
Michael & Tom Haugh RIP
Baptiste Fernandes Ints.
Rafael & Cecilia Serafini Ints.
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Our parable this Sunday richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. It tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

First Reading: *Isalah 5:1-7*

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Second Reading: *Phillipians 4:6-9*

St. Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The soul that is united to God is feared by the devil
as though it were the devil himself"*

St. John of the Cross

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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 Ho-reau, Catherine Corcoran, Barbara Gill.

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Rowland Watts, Frances Sequeira, James Craig, Fr Dominic McKenna

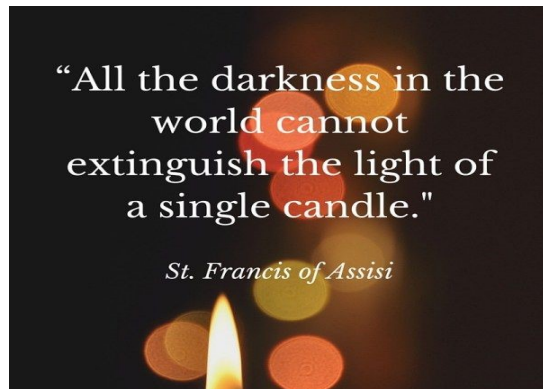
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Catherine Calnan, Elizabeth Pais, Pica Francisca Vendange (1st)

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
 Mary-Private Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM
 D'Cunha Family-Thanksgiving

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.



"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."

St. Francis of Assisi

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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

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

FUNERAL MASS of James Craig on Thursday 26th October at 11.00am followed by burial in Alperton Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

CAFOD- THIS WEEKEND and there will be envelopes available this week and our annual second collection for CAFOD after all the masses next weekend. Thanks on behalf of CAFOD in advance.

THIS WEEK the Harrow Deanery (which is all the parishes & clergy in the Harrow area) are meeting in Sudbury together with pastoral assistants (Mgr Jeremy is also the Dean) and also all the Headteachers of the Catholic Schools. Please pray for all of us as we try to work together to building the Kingdom of God in this place.

SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) Saturday 21st October 2023 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 - At Session 2, on Tuesday 10th October, the children will be reflecting on **how we affect those around us**. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session, at your child's group's unique entry/exit point, 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME TO THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING. We haven't quite totted up the full amount but will let you know next week.

SIGNING OF CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: Mgr Jeremy and Fr Mike will be signing these **Secondary Grammar & Sixth form college** on **THURSDAY**

19th OCTOBER in the parish Centre from 6.30pm. You will need to fill in a **supplementary parish form** and bring along the desired Certificate of Catholic Practice with the top half filled in already. You will 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.rcdow.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!

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES in various parishes and jobs working centrally for the Diocese are advertised weekly. You can view the current vacancies via this link: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> For further details:

NOVEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY:
 Wednesday 1st: **ALL SAINTS:** Masses: 9.30am & 8.00pm (Holy Day of Obligation)
 Thursday 2nd: **ALL SOULS' DAY:** Mass: 9.30am
 Saturday 11th: Blessing of graves at Alperton Cemetery at 12noon
 Sunday 12th: **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** 11.15am: Requiem Mass for the War Dead.
 Sunday 26th: **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:** King of the Universe. Masses at usual times. Blessed Sacrament Procession at the end of the 11.15am Mass.

CARDINAL WISEMAN SIXTH FORM - Open Evening at 6.00pm on Tuesday 31st October.

Our Lady to Louis, 13 June 1917
"Jesus wishes to attach me in His world devotion to my Immaculate Heart"

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

For pilgrims to Holy Land 19-27 Nov

2023 contact Tangney Tours for 2024 details	Westminster Cathedral	Sat 28 Oct
Diocese of Westminster	St Chad, South Harrow	Sat 4 Nov
www.westminster.org.uk	Our Lady & St Peter, Whitechapel Common	Sat 11 Nov
	Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, Colindale	Sat 18 Nov
	Sacred Heart, Whitechapel	Sat 25 Nov
	St Michael & Mary, Tottenham	Sat 2 Dec
	St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon	Sat 9 Dec
	St George Catholic, Southwark	Sat 16 Dec

Full DDM information & link to DDMs on YouTube (Full HD) at www.rcdow.org.uk

A Day of Instruction, Adoration & Intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917.