

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Ps 129: 3-4*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

## Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
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: *Isalah 25:6-10*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare  
for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See,  
this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us.

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 22:1-6*

*R/. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. *R/.*

2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook  
and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. *R/.*

3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. *R/.*

4. Surely goodness and kindness  
shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. *R/.*

## Second reading: *Phillipians 4:12-14,19-20*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation: *Jn1:14,12*

*Allelula, allelula!*

*The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.*  
*Allelula!*

## Gospel: *Matthew 22:1-14*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 33: 11*

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## Prayer after Communion

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever

## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 15th October 2023

# 28th 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*

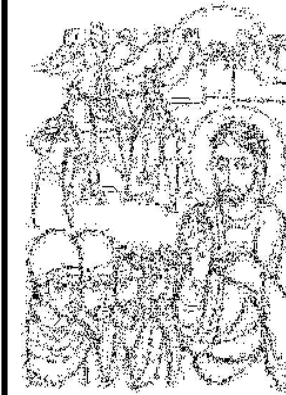
Divine Office  
*Week 28 psalms week 4*

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

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 15 Oct</b> 6.15pm (vigil)	<b>28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Jackie Flaschke RIP Michael & Tom Haugh RIP Baptiste Fernandes Ints. Rafael & Cecilia Serafini Ints. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<b>Mon 16 Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>ferla</b> Lucille Thomas Ints.
<b>Tues 17 Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Ignatius of Antioch</b> Marren family
<b>Weds 18 Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>S. LUKE</b> Mary & Pdraig Moran Ints.
<b>Thurs 19 Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaacs Jogues, Priests &amp; Companions</b> Holy Souls
<b>Fri 20 Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>ferla</b> Martin & Rose McDonagh Ints.
<b>Sat 21 Oct</b>	<b>Of Our Lady</b> <b>DAY WITH MARY</b> Starts 10.00am. Mass around 10.30-11.00am (no 9.30am Mass) Brendan, Peggy, Sylvester, Michael Sheridan RIP
<b>Sun 22 Oct</b> 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am	<b>29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Margaret Power RIP McDermott, Fee & Bonner Family RIP Apolinario Menezes RIP Tzemin Wah RIP & Philip Lim RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	

## TODAY'S MASS



In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins. Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations.

God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

### First Reading: *Isalah 25:6-10a*

The Lord will provide richly for his people.

### Second Reading: *Phillipians 4:12-14,19-20*

St. Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

### Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:1-14*

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"There is no love without hope, no hope without love, and neither hope nor love without faith"*

St. Augustine of Hippo

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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:** *James Craig, Joseph Konrath, Mike Sweeney*

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** *Sheila & Alan Cox*

### BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

*Baptiste Fernandes Intentions*

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

*Baptiste Fernandes Intentions*

### 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.



In today's parable, those who were first invited to the banquet would be the people of ancient Israel, who often violated the covenant and resisted the prophets. At the time of Jesus, they found it impossible to let go of their traditions in order to make room for his revolutionary message.

Those brought in from the streets to fill the banquet hall would be the outsiders; including the Gentiles who, in many cases, gladly responded to Jesus' universal invitation. However, some of them too were unwilling to be fully converted and thus were lacking the proper "wedding garment" of unselfish love.

One of the most dangerous temptations for many Christians is an easy assumption that they have responded to God's invitation and are now comfortably seated at the banquet waiting for their final and inevitable heavenly reward.

Our lovely wedding garment begins to look somewhat soiled and shabby, however, when we begin to probe our hidden prejudices. Most of us claim not to be prejudiced, of course, but it is almost certain that such a claim is in fact the worst prejudice of all, for it means that we are not even conscious of our biases. It is much better to be aware of them so that we can at least try to correct our attitudes.

It is precisely confident Christian communities that are most likely to be burdened by prejudice. It is so easy to forget that Jesus associated freely and lovingly with all kinds of people who were considered unworthy by the "upright" people of his day. This reminds us that the true characteristics of followers of Jesus are love and tolerance and respect for others, regardless of their social status or perceived unworthiness.

This does not at all imply that one should condone unseemly or sinful behaviour. But, as Matthew also reminds us, we should spend at least as much time removing the log from our own eye as in searching for the speck in our neighbour's eye. How we think of others, and how tolerant we are of their shortcomings, will tell us a lot about whether we think too highly of ourselves.

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

**FUNERAL MASS of Joseph Konrath** on Friday 20th October at 1.00pm followed by Cremation at Breakspear. May he rest in peace.

**IT IS WITH SADNESS** we have learnt of the death of **Mike Sweeney** (Husband of Chris Sweeney). No details are available as yet for his funeral so when they are known we can share them with you.

**CAFOD** - The collection is still open and there are envelopes you can use (You can find them at the back of church) You can pop these in the collection or in the presbytery letterbox.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:** A very big THANK YOU to all who came, sent donations and worked very hard on the day. The total collection was £1033.00. A fantastic result.

**THIS SATURDAY** there is a "DAY WITH MARY" as Confessions will be heard throughout the day and a long period of Adoration with a Blessed Sacrament Procession and Benediction THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION & CONFESSIONS BEFORE THE EVENING MASS ON THIS DAY. Leaflets about the programme of the day are available at the back of the church.

**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](mailto: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! **ADVANCE WARNING** - the SVP is also holding a BINGO NIGHT on Saturday 9th December. More news soon.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023-24** - Session 3 of the FHC Programme, this coming **Tuesday 17th October**, is for **children together with a Parent/Carer**. Catechists will be leading the session in their Small Groups about 'the meaning of sin & its affects'. Thank you, in anticipation, for arranging **childcare for any other children**, so a Parent/Carer is able to come to support their child preparing to make their First Reconciliation (Confession). Thank you for arriving promptly 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.

**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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk)

**OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR PEACE** has been said after all the Masses especially for the Ukraine. Mindful there is now a terrible conflict in the Middle East we will be changing our prayer to saying the Prayer to St Michael which some of you will know. For many generations, and until recently it was always said at the end of Mass. With so much conflict around in the world today its maybe its time to start saying it regularly again.

**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** Please get thinking now! We have fixed the date for Sunday Morning (after all Masses) for **Sunday 26th November** (actually the Sunday before Advent!). We need lots of different and interesting stalls. Could you help, and/or join with someone else. You could even do it as a family. Loads of possibilities!

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING** Dinner and Dancing Saturday 2nd December. Tickets will be on sale soon. A date for your diary.

**BETHANY MASS Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm** for all those who feel the pain of bereavement but especially remembering all who have died in the past year and whose Funerals have been from the parish.

**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:** 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. 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](mailto: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: For further details: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**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.  
 Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm BETHANY MASS  
 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.

**ADVANCE WARNING**—put it in your diary/phone. British summer time ends on 29th October when the clocks go back one hour.... An extra hour in bed!!

**A CHAIR LIFT FOR YOUR STAIRS** Do you need one as there is the opportunity to get one free. Please speak to Fr Jeremy.

## A DAY WITH MARY

St George  
Harrow Road, Sudbury  
Saturday 21 October 2023

Our Lady of Luce, 13 June 1917  
"Signal wisdom is established in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart"

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 Conferment of the Miraculous Medal During the day: Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For pilgrims by air to Holy Land 10-15 hours  
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[www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk) or [para.anna@rcdow.org](mailto:para.anna@rcdow.org)

**A SELECTION OF VENDORS FOR 2023**

St Chad, South Harwood	Sat 20 Oct
Our Lady & St Peter, Wembleton Common	Sat 11 Nov
Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, Epsford	Sat 18 Nov
Sacred Heart, Wembleton	Sat 25 Nov
St Michael & Martin, Woodhouse	Sat 2 Dec
St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon	Sat 9 Dec
St George Catholic, Southwark	Sat 16 Dec

Full DMM Information & link to DMMs on YouTube (Full HD) at  
[www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk)

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