

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
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 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1,3-5,7-10

R/. Give the Lord glory and power.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. *R/.*

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. *R/.*

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. *R/.*

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. *R/.*

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn17:17

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

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUBBURY

Sunday 22nd October 2023

29th 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 29 year 1

Divine Office
Week 29 psalms week 1

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 22 Oct 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am	29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Margaret Power RIP McDermott, Fee & Bonner Family RIP
9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	Apolinario Menezes RIP Tzemin Wah RIP & Philip Lim RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 23 Oct 9.30am	feria Michael, Mary & Michael Jnr. McDonagh RIP
Tues 24 Oct 9.30am	S. Anthony Mary Clarett Betty Byrne Ints.
Weds 25 Oct 9.30am	feria Jose Agnelo Fernandes RIP
Thurs 26 Oct 9.30am 11.00am	feria Melinda Peter RIP FUNERAL MASS James Craig RIP
Fri 27 Oct 9.30am	feria Lorraine Keogh RIP
Sat 28 Oct 9.30am	Ss.SIMON & JUDE, apostles Mary & Barry Grogan RIP
Sun 29 Oct 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Maria Menezes Int. John Weir RIP Brendan Byrne RIP Marcelle Williamson RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar. This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness. We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Isalah 45:1,4-6

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are."
Pope St. Gregory the Great

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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, Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Anne McShine-Jones, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Jean Lurshay, Patrick, Chris Sweeney, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert, Edward Granger, Barbara Gill, Marjorie Hoa Or*

eau, Catherine Corcoran,

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Leo Eric Beau Nichols*

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Margaret Power*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

Raissa Deveza – Birthday Thanksgiving

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Sheridan family

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for October 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue lifestyle at level, and herself to be guided by Spirit to the periphery of the world.



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In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?



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.

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.

ADVANCE WARNING - the SVP is also holding a BINGO NIGHT on Saturday 9th December. More news soon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you to Parents/Carers for their support at the session with the children last week. Please remember there is no session during Half-Term. We look forward to welcoming the children back for **Session 4**, on **Tuesday 31st October**, when we will be reflecting on how we can '**repair our relationship with God**'. Two of the groups will also be enjoying a tour of the church during this session. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session, at your child's group's unique entry 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.

SIGNING OF CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: Mgr Jeremy and Fr Mike will be signing these **FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS** on **Thursday 23rd November**. 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/admissions-guidance-diocese-of-westminster-education-service)

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.

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 are keen for your child to attend this Programme from September onwards, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

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 LITURGYHELPERS 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.

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

CHILDRENS LITURGY on Sunday at the 9.45am Mass.

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

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.

OVER 60'S GROUP: meets 1.00pm on Tuesdays in the Café/Bar. All welcome!

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 2024—Fr. Axcel Soriano, Assistant Priest at St. John Fisher Parish (North Harrow), is leading a pilgrimage to Poland from **13th- 19th May 2024**. This will include visits to Krakow, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Lagiewniki, Wieliczka, Kalwaria & Zakopone. Full package only **£1099 per person**. For further details please see the poster in the porch or contact **Fr. Axcel** (0208 868 7531 or axcelSORIANO@rcdow.org.uk)

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!!

AGED 18-22 YEARS OLD? Westminster Youth Ministry is developing a training programme for Young Catholic Leaders. Discover your unique calling to build up the Church, access unique resources to learn and grow in practical skills for leadership and mission. Be quick! Applications close on the 11th November. Visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/programmes/upper-room-leadership-programme/> to apply or email youth@rcdow.org.uk for enquiries.