

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 37: 22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have
promised.

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: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared
throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If
you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my
name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse
your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have
caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the
covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have
made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in
repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have
shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then,
do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our
ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130 (131)

R/. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. *R/.*

2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. *R/.*

3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and forever. *R/.*

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so
devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so
much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good
News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how
hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a
burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good
News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon

as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message,
you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some
human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe
it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message
of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes
and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore
do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be
guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they
preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoul-
ders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything
they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacter-
ies and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at
banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted
obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them
Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since
you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call
no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he
is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers,
for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you
must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May these sacrificial offerings,
O Lord, become for you a pure
oblation, and for us a holy
outpouring of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 15: 11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of your power,
O Lord, increase in us, we pray,
so that, renewed by these
heavenly Sacraments,
we may be prepared by your gift
for receiving what they promise.
Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUBBURY

Sunday 5th November 2023

31st 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 30 Year 1

Divine Office
Week 30 Psalms week 3

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 5 Nov
6.15pm (vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Betty RIP
John Walsh RIP
Parnell Fernandes Thanksgiving
Mick Walsh RIP (1st Anniv.)
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon 6 Nov
9.30am

Of Requiem
Maria Aurora Goes RIP (2nd)

Tues 7 Nov
9.30am

Of Requiem
Isobel & Susan Scaneil RIP

Weds 8 Nov
9.30am

Of Requiem
Josie Redmond RIP

Thurs 9 Nov
9.30am

**DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN
BASILICA**
Maria Aurora Goes RIP (2nd)

Fri 10 Nov
9.30am

S. Leo the Great
Dot Brady RIP



Sat 12 Nov
9.30am

S. Martin of Tours
David & Isobel Turnbull RIP
Marcin Scicinski Ints

Sun 12 Nov
6.15pm (vigil)
8.30am
9.45am

32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Graeffi Hughes RIP
Rajir Duboy RIP
Remembrance Sunday
MASS OF REQUIEM
Anita Burton RIP
Jim Quinn RIP

11.15am
5.30pm

TODAY'S MASS



The more responsibility we have for the flock of God, the more is demanded of us. But for all God's people, there is the need for constant vigilance, to be on guard against hypocrisy and complacency, the two greatest threats to our living God's way and not our own, self-serving way. This is a prelude to the end: for the next three weeks we will think about the end of the world and the judgement that awaits. This Sunday's readings should begin to encourage us not to fear and dread that day, but to look forward to it, by putting our lives in order and living as the Lord showed us.

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b,8-10

Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

Saint Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."

—St. Paul 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, 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: *Leo Eric Beau Nichols*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Fr Tim O'Connor, Mike Sweeney, Bob Nunn*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Josie Redmond, Margaret Ryan, Mick Walsh (1st), Isobel Scanell (1st), Maria Aurora Goes (2nd), David & Isobel Turnbull*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

Mary—Private Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In memory of Conceicao Fernandes RIP

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for November 2023
For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for the Deceased

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray. May these and all who sleep in Christ find in Your presence light, happiness and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in today's Gospel, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by St Matthew.

St Matthew's community for which he wrote his Gospel is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honoured and exalted. Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. Phylacteries are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. Tassels refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honour in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian discipleship is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

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).

MORE SAD NEWS: Bob Nunn (the husband of Margaret Nunn) died last week and lived within a stone's throw of the church in Priory avenue. All has been proclaimed well to proceed with his funeral but as yet we don't have an official date, probably the end of November. More news as we know it. We pray he may rest in peace.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have Baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

FILM NIGHT this Friday 10th November sowing "Roman Holiday" with Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Venue: Parish Café/Bar. All welcome!

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! There will now be a board at the back of Church for you to sign up. Do think what you can do. We also desperately need a chef/cook who can coordinate bacon and egg rolls. Could that be you? Please let us know. All the raised funds will go to improving all our health and safety in the parish, new first aid kits, and if we have enough another defibrillator to use outside for the community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At **Session 5**, on **Tuesday 7th November**, the children will be reflecting on 'our need to be reconciled'. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session, at your child's group's unique entry/exit point, at 7pm.

FRIENDS OF JESUS - This Parish Programme offers 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. For further details please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT VIGIL MASS - We are grateful to Bushra & her Team who are taking care of the **Children's Nativity** at the **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**. Children who would like to participate **must be available for both rehearsals on 16th December & 23rd December from 11-12pm**. To register your child's interest **please contact Bushra at 07843 053 076 / bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk**.

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 everyone who came to the SVP Quiz Night on Saturday 21st October and to those that couldn't make it but who made a donation anyway. We had lots of fun and raised over £1,000. All proceeds will go towards supporting those in need in the Parish. Our next fundraising event will be a **Bingo night on Saturday 9th December at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets on the door and cash prizes and a cash bar.

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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://Admissions Guidance - Diocese of Westminster Education Service (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.

BLESSING OF GRAVES LOCALLY

Carpenters Park 5th December at 1.30pm
Clamp Hill 12th December at 2.30pm (assemble at the entrance)
Alperton 11th December at 12.30pm

NOVEMBER—The month of praying for the departed. The traditional envelopes, lists for the departed All these are at the back of the church. Throughout November there will be series of Requiem Masses to pray for the departed especially those whose names are listed in the sanctuary.

BE PREPARED: So often in the holy scriptures we are told to be prepared. During November we remember those who have died, but this is also a good time to prepare or update our own affairs. Many people use this month to make or to revisit their Will and to leave written instructions of their funeral wishes. This is an opportunity to be prepared, to make a note of favourite hymns and bible readings and to consider the type of funeral service you would like, be it a Mass or a Liturgy of the Word, burial or cremation. It is important to remember that secular music and poems are not permissible at services in Catholic Churches. This is not the Catholic Church being difficult, but ensuring that the Words of God contained in the Holy Bible and sacred music and hymns always take precedence. Preparing our affairs is not a morbid thing to do, it's a loving act which takes the burden away from those we leave behind. If you appreciate St John Fisher Church, your church, you might also consider leaving a gift in your Will, in thanksgiving and in memory of your life shared here and in support of our continued work. Further Information and forms for you to use are available at the back of the church to take away to assist you.

MEMORIAL MASS: There will be a Memorial Mass for **Fr Tim O'Connor**, who died on 22 October and whose Funeral Mass took place in Ireland on 25 October, on Saturday 2 December 2023 at 11am at Our Lady and St Vincent, **Potters Bar**. Bishop John Sherrington will preside and Fr Dermot O'Neill will give the homily. All welcome!

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.

MINIBUS TO MASS since the advent of Covid we have not been able to continue this wonderful service to our elderly at the 11.15am Mass. This is largely because the 2 minibuses were stolen from the day centre and which has sadly now closed. We now have the possibility of the use of a new bus but quite naturally we need a team of drivers and helpers. Could you help? It may be a simple commitment just once a month. At this stage just speak to one of the parish team or even better, email us and let see if we can get this up and running again.

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. 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.

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:
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.

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.