

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

(There will be different prayers for the 11.15am Requiem Mass)

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 87: 3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.

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: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have
no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is
understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for
those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them
as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 62(63):2-8

R/. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. *R/.*

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *R/.*

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *R/.*

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *R/.*

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died,
to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people

who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that
it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them
with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of
us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage
over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the arch-
angel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down
from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and
then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, to-
gether with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the
Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one an-
other.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be
like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bride-
groom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish
ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible
ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late,
and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a
cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones
said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going
out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you
had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They
had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were
ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The
other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door
for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay
awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,
we may honour it with
loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 22: 1-2

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.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth
of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly
power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 12th November 2023

32nd 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 32 year 1

Divine Office
Week 32 psalms week 4

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

THIS WEEK

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

32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Gareth Hughes RIP (2nd anniv.)
Rajiv Duboy RIP
MASS OF REQUIEM
Anita Burton RIP
Jim Quinn RIP (6th anniv.)

11.15am
5.30pm

Mon 13 Nov
9.30am

Of Requiem
Edward Jesus da San
(Thanksgiving)

Tues 14 Nov
9.30am

Of Requiem
Rose Taylor RIP

Weds 15 Nov
9.30am

Of Requiem
Leo & Olga Barco RIP & All Souls

Thurs 16 Nov
9.30am
7.30pm

S. Edmund of Abingdon
Jim Gilmartin RIP
BETHANY MASS
All the Departed

Fri 17 Nov
9.30am

S. Hugh of Lincoln
Fr Willie Hannon RIP

Sat 18 Nov
9.30am

Dedication of the
Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul
Paolo Zucconi RIP

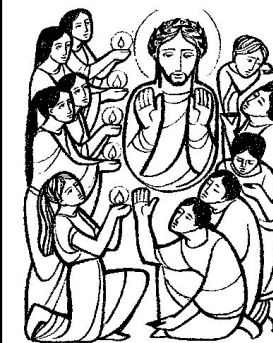
Sun 19 Nov
6.15pm (vigil)
8.30am
9.45am

33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
John Flynn RIP
Eileen Ryan RIP
Watts & Ledo families & Rowland
Watts RIP

11.15am
5.30pm

Edward Johnston Snr RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



We await the second coming of
Christ as the ten bridesmaids
waited for the bridegroom. We must
be awake and patient at all times so
we are always ready when the shout
goes up 'He is here'. We have no
need to worry about those who have
died before us as they too will rise
from the dead with Christ in Glory.

First Reading: **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

God will raise all those who have died.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins,
teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to
receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of the Holy Souls, coming
towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say 'a
poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.'"
Ven. Fulton Sheen

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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 Horreau, Catherine Corcoran, Barbara Gill.*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Leo Eric Beau Nichols*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Bob Nunn, Nimal Perera*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Paolo Zucconi, Jim Quinn (6th), Anita Burton, Hector Fabron, Vensis Patric Michael (months mind)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

D'Chunha family (Thanksgiving)

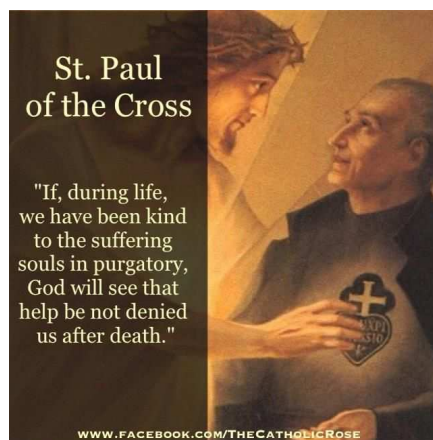
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Peter Dias 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.



St. Paul
of the Cross

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

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Being unprepared can lead to unnecessary trouble and even disaster! What good is a life-jacket left on the shore when the boat is sinking? Jesus' story of ten single women or bridesmaids waiting for a wedding procession in the middle of the night seems strange to most of us today. But Jesus' audience knew all too well how easily this could happen to them. Wedding customs in ancient Palestine required extra vigilance and preparation for everyone involved. (Some near eastern villages still follow this custom.) The bride and groom did not go away for their honeymoon, but celebrated for a whole week with their family and friends. It was the custom for the groom, in company with his friends, to come at his discretion and get his bride and bring her to their new home. They would take the longest route possible so that many villagers along the way could join in the wedding procession. Once they arrived and closed the doors, no one else could be admitted. If the groom decided to come and bring his bride at night, then lights were required by necessity to guide the travellers through the dark and narrow streets. No one was allowed on the village streets at night without a lamp! To show up for a wedding party without proper attire and travel arrangements is like trying to get into a special event today that requires a prearranged permit or reservation. You just don't get in without the proper pass. Can you imagine the frustration travellers might experience when going abroad and finding out that they can't get into some country because they don't have the right visa or a valid passport.

Jesus warns us that there are consequences for being unprepared. There are certain things you cannot obtain at the last moment. For example, students cannot prepare for their exams when the day of testing is already upon them. When the Lord Jesus comes to lead you to his heavenly banquet will you be ready to hear his voice and follow? Our eternal welfare depends on our hearing, and sadly many have trained themselves to not hear. We will not be prepared to meet the Lord, face to face, when he calls us on the day of judgment, unless we listen to him today. The Lord invites us to feast at his heavenly banquet table. This big question is: are you ready?



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).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - A Requiem Mass for the War Dead from the great two world wars until this moment today will be celebrated this Sunday 12th Nov at 11.15am. A two minute silence will be kept at the end of the intercessory prayers.

FUNERAL MASS for Nimal Perera on Monday 20th November at 1.00pm followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

REQUIEM MASS for Bob Nunn on Monday 20th November at 11.00am. His Funeral proper will take place later in the afternoon at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. It's still open and there are envelopes in most of the pews. (Just put your offering in one of these with the ordinary collection when it comes around). Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. We hope to have a final total of money raised, in time for the Newsletter next week but up to this moment we have raised £1650.00. Please do keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers. Many thanks.

CAFOD COLLECTION Thank you to all who gave. We raised this year. £1499.00

CHRISTMAS CARDS, Church Art Calendars and Christmas merchandise have arrived and can be purchased from the repository after all Masses.

ADVENT FAIR We are getting things ready. We have fixed the date for Sunday Morning (after all Masses) for **Sunday 26th November** (actually the Sunday before Advent!). Lots of people have chosen to help but we need more to make sure it is really successful. Could that be YOU? 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.

DID YOU KNOW that our Primary School, St. George's was granted after its Ofsted inspection the highest accolade of being **OUTSTANDING**. Congratulations to all our teachers, our pupils and our head, Mrs Monaghan. We are proud of all you have done.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At **Session 6**, on **Tuesday 14th November**, the children will be reflecting on 'The Sacrament of Reconciliation'. 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.

SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) 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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk) **ALL THE FORMS YOU NEED ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

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. Why not take the prayer home and say it as a family? Or learn it my heart yourself?

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 on feria days (this is a church world for a free day—or even a holiday!) especially those whose names are listed in the sanctuary.

WHY DO WE WEAR BLACK in November for our Masses of Requiem? This was a great tradition in the past but many thought it rather sombre— which of course, it is. Black sadness and all that goes with loss and bereavement in a very human way and signifies the season of prayer for the Holy Souls and will be contrasted with violet/purple when we come to the Season of Advent which is a season of hope. The change of colour clearly helps us understand this. So for now: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.*

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 26th: **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:** King of the Universe. Masses at usual times. Blessed Sacrament Procession at the end of the 11.15am Mass.

"CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL: Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/](https://www.cafod.org.uk/) [ipc](https://www.cafod.org.uk/IPC) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need.