

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Jer 29: 11, 12, 14*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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: *Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31*

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 127:1-5*

R/. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *R/.*

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. *R/.*

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! *R/.*

Second reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation: *Rv2:10*

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.
'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."
'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."
'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."
'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Mk 11: 23-24*

Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 19th November 2023

33rd 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 33 year 1

Divine Office
Week 33 psalms week 1

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

THIS WEEK

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 Edward Johnston Snr RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 20 Nov 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Martinho Saldanha RIP REQUIEM MASS Bob Nunn RIP REQUIEM MASS Nimal Perera RIP
Tues 21 Nov 9.30am	S. Cecilia Graham Adcock RIP
Weds 22 Nov 9.30am	S. Clement I, pope Gervasio Protasio Pereira, Birthday Thanksgiving
Thurs 23 Nov 9.30am	S. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions Mike Sweeny RIP & the Holy Souls
Fri 24 Nov 9.30am	S. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions Martin McAulity RIP
Sat 25 Nov 9.30am	S. Catherine of Alexandria Conversion of sinners
Sun 26 Nov 6.15pm (vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING Sheridan Family Intentions Denis O'Donnell RIP Baptiste Fernandes Intentions Bernard Ramirez RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



God gives talents to each one of us and they must be used in his name. We cannot relax our efforts but must do all in our power to work as children of the light. A good wife is a blessing in the family. We should all be a blessing in the family of God.

First Reading: *Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31*
The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*
St. Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:14-30*
Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Your boat – your talents, your hopes, your achievements is worth nothing whatsoever unless you leave it in Christ's hands, allowing him the freedom to come aboard."
St. Josemaria Escriva

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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 Hoareau, Catherine Corcoran, Barbara Gill, JE.*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Leo Eric Beau Nichols*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Bob Nunn, Nimal Perera, Caroline Grogan*

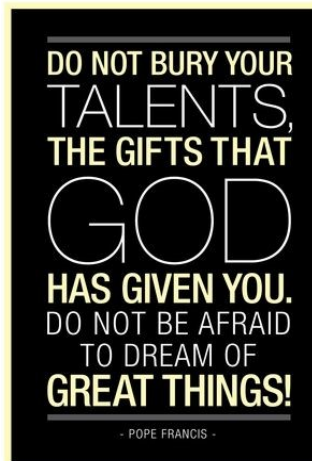
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Edward Johnston Snr, Martin McAulty*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Private intention

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Private Intention

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.



Today's parable of the Talent, which is from Matthew, can easily be confused with Luke's equivalent parable, on the pound. Remember, that the value of a talent in Jesus time was the equivalent of twenty years of labour! What the evangelist is telling us that each servant was entrusted with the equivalent of a hundred, forty and twenty years of labours, respectively. So, they were given a huge amount of money! However, we are not told for how long the master when away. What we are told is that the first two servants dealt with their talents promptly and double them! Whereas the last servant, buried his talent out of fear!

You may ask, who is this "man" who entrusted his property, talents, to his "servants"? The Church answers: Jesus Christ. He is the "man", who before going on "on his way abroad" (heaven), by his passion, death and resurrection, has entrusted the whole of his life-giving spirit, His talent, to His servants, the Church.

This same talent has been entrusted to you and to me at our baptism. It is in reason of our baptism that each of us are configure to Christ as, king, prophet and priest. As king to conquer our sins and our vices, not by own on effort but by our faith in the power and victory that Jesus Christ has won for us on the Cross, his forgiveness and the possibility of a new life, in joy and peace. As a prophet to announce this reality to others, particularly those around us who need listening and receiving the Good News. As priest, so that we can unite our prayers of petition and intercession with those of Christ for the need of the concrete people we meet each day.

Do you believe this? Or are you still, doubtful, entangled in your sins, unable to forgives your spouses, your children, friends or yourself? Or perhaps you are afraid of your own sins and your pass, lacking confidence and unable to share the Good News.

In the letter to the Romans, St Paul affirms that we have not received the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but the spirit of adoption, that makes us cry Abba Father! The Church proclaims, do not be afraid Jesus will come soon and it is better that you deal with your talent promptly, by repenting and believing his love.



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).

NEXT SUNDAY is 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.

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

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

ADVENT FAIR Next 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. And there is still time to offer your help. Could that be YOU? **Please come with some money in your pockets.** 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.

ADVENT MORNING OF RECOLLECTION—A date for your diary to get away from, the busyness of pre-Christmas with talks by Fr Neil Ferguson OP and also opportunities to make your confession in preparation for the great feast. Saturday 19th December beginning with the 9.30am and finishing at 12.30pm. A date to fix now.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At Session 7, on Tuesday 21st November, whilst continuing to practice for their First Reconciliation, the children will also be reflecting on 'The continuing Journey of Conversion' after their First Confession. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session, at your child's group's unique entry/exit point, at 7pm.

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 from 2-3pm & 23rd December from 11-12pm. To register your child's interest please contact Bush-

ra at 07843 053 076 / bushrakho-sla@yahoo.co.uk.

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

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 from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. 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://admissionsguidance-dioceseofwestminstereducation.org.uk) ALL THE FORMS YOU NEED ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

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.*

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.

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: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> For further details: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> NEXT SUNDAY is 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/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. Thank you for your prayers."