

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

**Entrance Antiphon: Rev 5: 12; 1: 6**  
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of the  
universe, grant, we pray,  
that the whole creation, set free from  
slavery, may render your majesty service  
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.  
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: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest—it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.  
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.  
The word of Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3,5-6

*R./ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. *R./*

2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. *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: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the

kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.  
The word of Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:10

*Allelula, allelula!*  
*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!*  
*Blessings on the coming kingdom*  
*of our father David!*  
*Allelula!*

## Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.  
'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."  
'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."  
'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice  
by which the human race is reconciled  
to you, we humbly pray,  
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and  
peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: Ps 28: 10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

## Prayer after Communion

Having received the food of immortality,  
we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience  
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,  
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 26th November 2023

# CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

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 34 year 1

Divine Office  
Week 34 psalms week 2

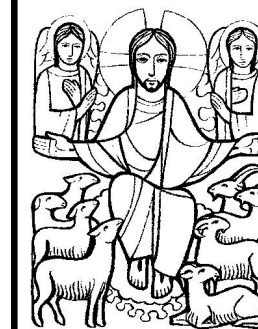
For children,  
download a weekly sheet:  
<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

## THIS WEEK

Sun 26 Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING Sheridan Family Intentions Denis O'Donnell RIP 9.45am Baptiste Fernandes Intentions Bernard Ramirez RIP 11.15am THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 5.30pm
Mon 27 Nov	feria 9.30am Martin Ward Intentions.
Tues 28 Nov	feria 9.30am Stalin Rocha RIP
Weds 29 Nov	feria 9.30am Private intention
Thurs 30 Nov	S. ANDREW, apostle 9.30am Nancy Quinn RIP
Fri 1 Dec	feria 9.30am Kugaswaran family Ints.
Sat 2 Dec	Of Our Lady 9.30am Holy Souls
Sun 3 Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.15pm (vigil) Moran Family Intentions 8.30am Margaret McMahon RIP 9.45am Francesca Rozario Intentions 11.15am Frank Hunt RIP 5.30pm THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



## TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

**First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17**  
God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28**  
Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46**  
Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Eighty six years I have served Him, and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who has saved me?"  
St Polycarp's answer when he was asked to deny Christ.

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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:** Amaya Maria McLeod-Saunders

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Michael (Timothy) O'Leary, Elaine Kent

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Jasmine Villavarayen

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

*Baptiste Fernandes Intentions*

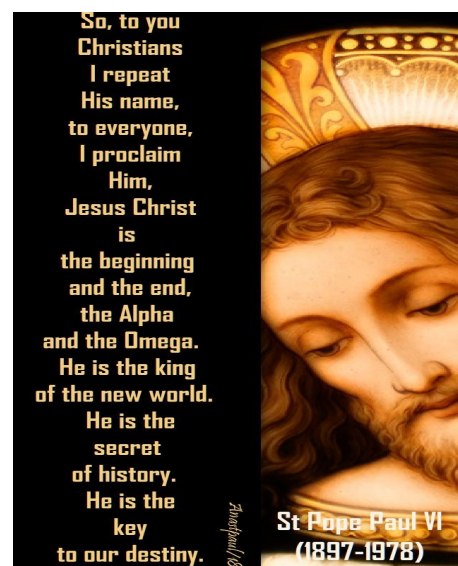
#### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*Baptiste Fernandes Intentions*

#### 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 Pope Paul VI (1897-1978)

In today's Gospel Jesus, the King of the Universe, identifies himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the prisoners. He calls them "one of the least of these brothers of mine". Historically the least of the brothers & sisters of Jesus has been associated with the Christian! But do you think that he came just only for them? Did not Jesus Christ come to die for you and for many? The many are those who will come to recognise him in the least, the outcast of our society.

St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, certainly understood this Gospel in this way and saw to live it literally! When she went to live and serve the poorest of the poor in the city of Calcutta. There is an anecdote around her life: One day, one of her wealthy benefactors said to Mother Teresa that he would never do what she does, even if he is offered a million US dollars a day! To which she replied neither would she, she added, "I do this because I am doing it to Jesus Christ!"

Certainly, you do not need to go to Calcutta to serve Jesus, as he said in the Gospel. In fact, both the good and the bad people of the Gospel did not know that it was Jesus who was the one to whom they were serving or rejecting. Perhaps they thought that it was their grumpy husband or wife, their ungrateful son or daughter, their sick & lazy friend, their unfair boss, or the unlucky or mad individual on the street! The reality is that neither do we know who we are helping or rejecting.

However, we do know that by his birth, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven Jesus, God the Son, has redeemed the whole world, and not only our humanity but the whole of human kind. Then it is up to recognise the dignity that God has given to each one of us, but also the dignity of those whom we come across in our daily life.

Today's Gospel sheds light not only on our destiny but as well on the things we can do at this present time of our life, which can have a big impact on our future. In one-word, it calls us to conversion! Let us ask the Lord to help us to recognise his living presence in our neighbour.

## NEWS UPDATE



### ADVENT FAIR

Lots of stalls and Christmas gifts  
THIS Sunday 26th November 2023  
9.15am–1.00pm in the Parish Centre  
*See you there!*

**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).

**THIS SUNDAY** is the Feast of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: King of the Universe. Masses at usual times. Blessed Sacrament Procession at the end of the 11.15am Mass.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS ADVENT SUNDAY: JOURNEY TOWARDS THE CHRISTMAS CRIB WITH US THIS COMING ADVENT.** Advent is the Season of preparation for Christmas. It begins four Sundays before Christmas and has a dual focus. Firstly, Advent commemorates the Incarnation of the Christ child in Bethlehem, reminding us of the miraculous birth of Jesus, bringing hope and salvation to the world. Secondly, Advent calls us to be alert and ready for the second coming of Christ, emphasising the importance of our spiritual readiness and anticipation.

**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 16th December beginning with the 9.30am and finishing at 12.30pm. A date to fix now.

**FUNERAL LITURGY** for Michael O'Leary Known as Timothy Service at Golders Green Crematorium Wednesday 6th December 1.30pm. May he rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS** of Elaine Kent on Tuesday 19th December followed by burial in Carpenders Park. May she rest in peace.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - The Rehearsal for First Reconciliation is taking place in the church this coming Tuesday 28th November at 7pm. Children are to attend the rehearsal with a Parent/Carer. Thank you for arriving promptly. It would be helpful to watch the 'refresher video' and to help

the children practice at home, using the Reconciliation Leaflet, so they feel comfortable & confident receiving the gift of God's Mercy through Sacrament of Confession for the first time this Advent.

**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 Bushra at 07843 053 076 / [bushrakho-sla@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 spent an evening signing these FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS (and Nursery). If you missed this date and for a good reason please contact them ASAP.

**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 THIS 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](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.

**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/>

**CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL:** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://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."

**TO LET:** 3 bedroom semi-detached house with garden, available to rent immediately. Walking distance to Sudbury Hill tube station and local amenities. Call Gina on 07783677766.