

## SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

### Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty  
and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to  
your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your  
beloved Son we may abound  
in good works.  
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: Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-6,7-9

#### R/. Lord, make me know your ways.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me.  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.

### Second reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation: Mk 1:15

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News.*  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept our offerings,  
O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit  
us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 14th January 2024

# THE SECOND 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 B

Weekday Mass Readings  
Year 2 Week 1

Divine Office  
Week 2

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

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 14 Jan</b>	<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
6.15pm (vigil)	Seamus O'Donoghue RIP
8.30am	Eileen & Tom Haugh RIP
9.45am	Joel Christian Ints.
11.15am	Michael Griffin RIP (4th)
5.30pm	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<b>Mon 15 Jan</b>	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Sean Lucey RIP
<b>Tues 16 Jan</b>	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Thanksgiving
<b>Weds 17 Jan</b>	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Thanksgiving
<b>Thurs 18 Jan</b>	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Timmy McCarthy RIP
<b>Fri 20 Jan</b>	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Spencer Coomarewel RIP (12th anniversary)
<b>Sat 21 Jan</b>	<b>S. Sebastian</b>
9.30am	Arlene Stonehouse (Birthday intentions)
<b>Sun 22 Jan</b>	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
6.15pm (vigil)	Sabina Soares de Alemedia
8.30am	For a friend
9.45am	Betty Tracey RIP
	Baptiste Fernandes Ints.
11.15am	Anastasia Johnston RIP
5.30pm	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## TODAY'S MASS



Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know

as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

**First Reading: 1.3:3b-10,19**

The Lord calls Samuel.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20**

St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading: John 1:35-42**

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"We are more troublesome to ourselves than anyone else is to us"*

St. Francis de Sales

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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,*

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** *Elisah Anucha, Emilia Brennan*

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** *Richard Szydlo, Patrick Frize, John Regan, Tony McGovern*

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** *Michael Griffin, Spencer Coomarewel*

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

*Baptiste Fernandes (Birthday Intentions)*

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

*Euneissa Travasso (safe delivery)*

#### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for January 2024

##### FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



In today's gospel passage, we discover that when the two disciples ask Jesus where he is staying or dwelling the question isn't simply about a street address. John uses the same Greek verb (translated as "staying or dwelling") when Jesus at the Last Supper tells his disciples that he "dwells" in the Father and the Father "dwells" in him (John 14: 10-11). We also discover that when Jesus says "Come, and you will see," the essential meaning of "seeing" is the seeing of faith (John 9). Only with that seeing can the disciples know where Jesus truly dwells, with-in the Father.

Thus far there is no life-implication for us beyond appreciation of a narrative about Jesus and his disciples. A life-changing implication occurs only when we realise that Jesus is addressing each of us today in as personal a way as he addressed the two disciples. The gospel is essentially about an encounter with the Risen Lord now, not about historical knowledge, however important, about Jesus. Knowledge cannot enable us to see Jesus in faith—that seeing is a gift of the Spirit.

Because faith means a personal union of friendship with Christ through his Spirit, life implications will be unique and particular for each person. Nevertheless, from the life of Christ and the lives of the saints, certain patterns emerge that are actualized in the particularity of each person's life. Union with the Risen Lord means to share his relationship with the Father. It means that each of us is able to hear with Christ "You are my beloved" and to say with Christ "Thy will be done."

To be in communion with Christ means to pray, always and everywhere. The second reading of today's Mass (1 Corinthians 7: 32-35) shows us that a disciple's personal union with Christ through his Spirit is the foundation of choices about moral behaviour. Finally, we see that through union with Christ the saints are not defeated by the setbacks of life. Saint Paul speaks for them all when he wrote: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us" (Rom 8):



## 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).

**MGR JEREMY, FR MIKE & PETER THANK ALL OF YOU** in the parish for your cards and gifts this Christmas. It really makes us feel appreciated and loved by you all.

**FUNERAL MASS** of John Reagan on Tuesday 30th January followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace..

**FUNERAL LITURGY** of Patrick Frize at 1.00pm at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY:** From 18th-25th January, the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place. Please pray for our brothers and sisters, in other Christian communities, especially those in Sudbury and the surrounding areas. We pray that one day we may be as one Church.

**OVER 60'S GROUP:** this Tuesday 16th January at 1pm in the parish centre. All are welcome. (PS you don't need to be a Catholic to attend)

**SVP:** Meeting on Wednesday 17th January at 8pm in the parish centre.

**LENT AND EASTER** fall very early this year. Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February. From next week we shall be collecting your old Palm Crosses -for burning, ready to make the ash for Ash Wednesday. Do you have any palm crosses at home? Look out for the collection basket at the back of the church next week. Thank you. PS. Every year people also take them away think Palm Sunday has come early!!

**THE WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK** for 2024 is now available in the Repository, last few, priced £5.00

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who helped to clear away the Christmas decorations, trees, festoon lights, and the Italian Crib getting the church back into the green, Ordinary Time of the year. What a tremendous effort--- thank you, you are brilliant!

**OUR NEWSLETTER**—let us know what you think of it? Is it enough for you? What is good or not so? How can we improve? And how can we get more people to take it home and read it? (!) Let us know and thanks in anticipation?

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES** Thursday & Friday from 11-3pm . You can be assured of booking Masses and receiving Mass cards at these times.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - Parents & Carers should now all have a copy of the dates for Part 2 of the FHC Programme. This begins with the Part 2 Video for Parents/Carers Only in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 16th January at 7pm. Thank you for ensuring you make childcare arrangements well in advance of this meeting.

**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** - Thank you to all the prospective Confirmation Candidates, in Year 10, and Parents/Carers who joined us for the Confirmation Information Evening last week. Please note that, at the Confirmation Registration Evening, on Monday 22nd January at 7.30pm registration will only be possible for those who bring the correct documentation (including photocopy of baptism certificate & passport photo). Please note Monday 22nd January is also the deadline for applications on this year's Programme.

**MASS CARDS** - Mass Cards are available from the Repository after all Sunday Masses.

**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.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY** on Sunday at the 9.45am Mass. This is only during term time so this weekend is the last until it resumes in January.

**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 We need your help...don't sit or stand on the side-lines in 2024!

**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."

**ONE BEDROOM FLAT** desired by devout parishioner. Can you help. See Fr Jeremy.

**APF "Missio" Red Boxes**—do you remember these? They were some of the first before every charity developed boxes and envelopes. Do you have one that needs emptying? Above all is there anyone who would like to promote and coordinate these within the parish.

**2024 WORKS IN THE PARISH.** Now that Christmas is over it is time to attend to some works needing doing around the parish.

It should be obvious to all (!!) that work on the interior plaster is going ahead. We have parts of the church where the interior plaster 'blisters' or cracks. This is all being attended to. It's a natural consequence of age and the constant change of cold and heat. Thankfully we have managed to employ excellent builders for this.

A great deal of water has revealed some leaks particularly in the flat roof over the hall and office. We'll have to wait for this to dry out before anything can be done. Some electrical work has already been done in the last few days and we hope for some improvement in the lighting round the far end of the Church. The presbytery windows also need attention (one fell out during the heavy winds in the autumn = nothing has much been done since they were installed in 1927).

Generally the whole "plant" i.e. th church, presbytery and hall are in a good condition but they need attention to keep them up to standard.

**WE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT** for anyone who might be a good counter of money. Each week our collection needs counting and bagging up. It takes time and a good deal of attention to make sure there are no discrepancies. Could you help? Let us know.