

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Cf. Ps 65: 1-2*  
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored  
glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the  
rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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: Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2,4,7,9

*R/. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

1. When I call, answer me,  
O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me,  
have mercy and hear me! *R/.*

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. *R/.*

3. 'What can bring us happiness?'  
many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us,  
O Lord. *R/.*

4. I will lie down in peace  
and sleep comes at once  
for you alone, Lord,  
make me dwell in safety. *R/.*

## Second reading: 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes  
our sins away, and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.  
The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation: cf. Lk 24:32

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.*  
*Make our hearts burn within us*  
*as you talk to us.*  
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when he himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,  
these offerings of your exultant Church,  
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,  
grant also that the gifts we bring  
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: Lk 24: 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,  
and grant, we pray,  
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries  
may attain in their flesh  
the incorruptible glory  
of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUBURY

Sunday 14th April 2024

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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  
Easter 3

Divine Office  
Easter 3

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

## THIS WEEK

Sun 21 April  
6.15pm Vigil  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am

EASTER III  
George Hillier RIP  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
Watts & Ledo Families RIP  
Maria Fernandes Andrade RIP  
(St. George) Nimal Perera RIP

Mon 15 April  
9.30am

Easter feria  
SVP Members

Tues 16 April  
9.30am

Easter feria  
Terence Gelly RIP

Weds 17 April  
9.30am

Easter feria  
JJ O'Donovan RIP

Thurs 18 April  
9.30am

Easter feria  
Ginette Caparinni RIP

Fri 19 April  
9.30am

S. Alphege  
Avril & Maureen Isaacs RIP

Sat 20 April  
9.30am

Easter feria  
Agostinho & Esmeralda  
D'Souza & Departed family  
members

Sun 21 April  
6.15pm Vigil

EASTER IV  
Felix, Gilbert & Lionel Lyons  
RIP  
Zayne D'Souza (2nd Birthday)  
Dr Yohan Sebastianpillai RIP  
Thomas Maguire RIP  
(St. George)  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am

5.30pm

## TODAY'S MASS



Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

### First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19

St. Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

### Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Those who know God keep his commandments.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered."*  
( Pope Benedict XVI, *Benedictus*, 128)

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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, 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, Ciara I, Hugh Singarayer, Mary O'Connell, Leslie De Lima.*

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** *Grace Alicia d'Souza, Mia Kathleen Michael O'Connor, Abigail Noronha*

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** *Fr. Michael Daley, Dan O'Connor, Earl Mc Shine Jones, Mary Honney, Magdolina Mary Nagy*

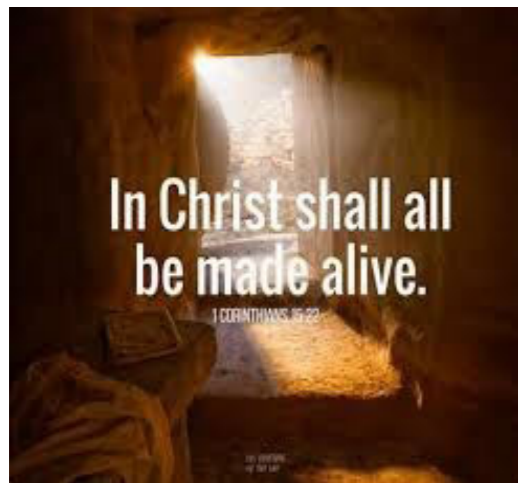
**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**  
*Intentions of Dominic & Maria*

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**  
*In memory of Eugene Mc Eleavy RIP*

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for April 2024**

"That the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."



In the weeks following Easter the Church always reviews the story of its early growth, which is recorded implicitly in any number of New Testament books but most purposefully and clearly in the Acts of the Apostles. Starting with the first days after the resurrection and ascension of Christ the Acts recount how Christianity first rooted itself among the Jewish followers of our Lord who continued to worship near the Temple, praying and praising the risen Jesus as their Saviour (Acts 2:42-47).

Two trends then emerge in Acts, reflecting the course of early Christianity, in which the faith attracted both further Jewish converts and many new gentile (pagan) adherents; today's first reading shows Saint Peter speaking to a crowd of his fellow Jews asking them to see that Jesus was the long-awaited messiah who fulfilled the promises made to the great patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Peter next urges them to turn to Jesus even if they had rejected him before—as Peter himself had—and find newness of life in him: "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19).

This reminds us all that every person has the possibility for a new beginning in Christ, something we especially understand and rejoice in during the Easter season, filled as it is with rich imagery of resurrection and new life. Once we begin our life with Christ in a conscious and committed manner we are sustained by the grace of God which comes to us in a particular way through the sacraments of the Church, seen in special focus during the Easter season Strengthened through all these beautiful moments of grace, we resolve not to part from the one who has brought redemption and meaning to us.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

*And beyond all, I want the sanctuary, especially at sung Mass and at vespers and benediction, to speak to people of the glories of Heaven, and that, as far as is humanly possible, there shall be gathered there a splendour of colour and light, beauty of vesture, and ordered movement that compels the most wandering and distracted of undisciplined minds to realise that something far, far more than the satisfaction of human devotion is being accomplished – that the eternal and invisible GOD is being worshipped, and that all that is being done, is performed to render the easier, a response to the invitation "Sursum Corda!" (Lift up your hearts). There, at all events, is and has been my great endeavour.*

FR CLEMENT RUSSELL—FIRST PARISH PRIEST & BUILDER OF THE CHURCH



# NEWS UPDATE

**THURSDAY, 18th April is the 96th Anniversary of the Consecration of St George's in 1928.** Today is a special day for us as we remember the Church building being formally set aside for the worship and glory of God. At some of the Masses some of the prayers will be changed to reflect this anniversary. Also you will see candles burning around the walls. These mark the places where the bishop signed the walls with the sacred oil of Chrism as part of the ceremony.

**TUESDAY 23rd APRIL is the Solemnity of St. George, the Patron of the Parish—and of England.** Mass as usual on Monday at 9.30pm. If you look over the front door of the presbytery you'll see some Latin words "*Sante Georgi adsls pro Angla*" which means: "*St George be present for England*". May that be our prayer at this time that he may guide and intercede for us, our parish and our country.



**THE SOLEMN MASS on SUNDAY 21st APRIL** will also be a celebration of St George. Do join us.

**A CONTINUED HAPPY EASTER to everyone!**

**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).

**FUNERAL MASS of Dan O'Connor** on Monday 15th April at 11.00am followed by burial at Alperton Cemetery. Reception into Church the night before, Sunday 14th April at 7.00pm. May he rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS of Mary Honney** on Monday 29th April followed by burial in Clamp Hill Cemetery.

**FUNERAL MASS of Earl Mc Shine Jones** on Wednesday 1st May at 11.00am followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green.

**SOCIAL DANCE** at St George's again on Friday 26th April. 8.00pm till late. Tickets on the door. A date for your diary.

**READERS ROTA- THANK YOU** to all at this time who have been in touch with one another to make sure everything happens as many are away for the Easter period!

**THE REPOSITORY** has lots of Easter gifts and cards—its never too late!!

**NEXT SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity

**SVP ACTIVITIES—looking ahead:**

**Collection of food for local food banks** - Collection 27/28th April. Any cash donated would be used to buy food for our beneficiaries.

**Bingo fundraiser.** May 11th, after the Saturday vigil.

**Bacon butty morning fundraiser.** Sunday 23rd June. Dates for your diary.

**GOOD NEWS** Through a gracious donation we are able to get the floor of the church sanded. It looks dark brown but that is only because it has had endless layers of polish. Its actually light wood - Pine -(the colour of the pews) so we hope this will be done in a couple of months or so but it will cause a disturbance if you come to daily Mass as they move around and so will have to we!

**ALSO GOOD NEWS** we have all but had (eventually) the go-ahead for our new confessional. It will ease up the children's room but give more privacy and anonymity. It will have features to sit or kneel and for the hard of hearing.

**CANDLE STANDS & BOXES** After our break-in new ones are due to be delivered this week.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - At **Session 9 of Part 2** of the FHC Programme, on **Tuesday 16th April**, the children will be reflecting in their Small Catechist Groups about how '**Jesus is the Bread of Life**'. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at your child's unique Catechist Small Group entry/exit point at **7pm**.

**CONFIRMATION 2024** - We are delighted that at **Session 6**, on **Monday 22nd April**, **Bishop John Sherrington** will be joining the Confirmation Candidates to help us reflect on the '**Role of the Bishop at Confirmation**'. Candidates are welcome to start drafting their **Letter to the Bishop** over the Easter holidays & should be ready to speak to the Bishop about their **Confirmation Name**. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session in the **Parish Centre at 7.30pm**.

**CHILDREN READING AT 9.45 FAMILY MASS** - If your child has made their First Holy Communion, they are **welcome to read at the 9.45 Family Mass**. If your child might be interested in reading, or your family might like to take responsibility for the readings once a month, please contact our 9.45am Family Mass Readers Coordinator, **Roann Etan**, at [roann.etan@gmail.com](mailto:roann.etan@gmail.com).

**OVER 60'S GROUP:** Meet every Tuesday at 1pm in the Bar/Café in the parish centre. Every Tuesday, apart from

tea/coffee and cake and a friendly social gathering, they have an speaker on very useful informative topics. On Tuesday 16th April there will be a talk on Bowel Cancer. On every first Tuesday of the month they will be holding a Keep Fit session in the hall. **ALL** are welcome.

**NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** will be distributed this weekend. As we have many similar names, please check carefully that you have the correct name and address. If you had a box last year and your box is not there please give your name and contact details to one of the helpers. If you would like a box for the first time please also give your name and details. Bankers' Order forms will also be available. Please return your box if you no longer wish to use it. **PLEASE** consider completing a gift aid declaration. By gift aiding your donation, which must be made by planned giving envelope, bankers' order or cheque, you are increasing your donation by 25%. That means every £1 donated become £1.25. At the end of the financial year we can claim this 25% tax back from the Inland Revenue. This does not cost you anything extra because as a standard tax payer you have already paid this tax. Gift Aid forms will also be available. Again, thanks for whatever you can give each week. We appreciate it very much and keeps "the show on the road"!

**MINIBUS TO MASS** - The Parish is hoping to set up a **new Minibus service** in the coming year to safely accompany vulnerable adults, living in the Parish, to Mass at St. George's. Might you consider helping as a **Driver or Escort?** Those generously offering to help will be required to complete a **DBS for Vulnerable Adults** with the Parish and a little online training supporting them in this new ministry with vulnerable adults. We are hugely grateful to **Stefan Scielinski** who has generously offered to coordinate this new initiative. If you might consider helping, please contact **Stefan** at [stefanscielinski@gmail.com](mailto:stefanscielinski@gmail.com).

**SUPPORTING YOU WHILST IN HOSPITAL** - If you, or a loved one, are heading to hospital and would like a little pastoral & sacramental support whilst you are there, please let us know so we can ensure this is provided. There is a Catholic Chaplain resident at Northwick Park Hospital.

**CALLING NEW CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** - Might you consider **helping with our Confirmation Preparation Programme in 2025?** This ministry offers an opportunity to serve the young people of the Parish, in Year 10 and above, as they prepare for this important moment in their life of faith. For those wishing to receive it, this also offers invaluable teaching experience. You would be helping to facilitate a Small Group with experienced Catechists. If you might consider helping next year please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk). Thank you.

**GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING:** If you are a standard tax payer and do not already have a gift aid in place, **PLEASE** consider completing a gift aid declaration. By gift aiding your donation, which must be made by planned giving envelope, bankers' order or cheque, you are increasing your donation by 25%. That means every £1 donated become £1.25. At the end of the financial year we can claim this 25% tax back from the Inland Revenue. This does not cost you anything extra because as a standard tax payer you have already paid this tax. 'Gift Aid/ Standing Order forms are available at the back of the church or please apply to the parish office'.

**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!