

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal
Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make
new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care,
bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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: Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.
The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 21:26-28,30-32

R/. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. *R/.*

May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. *R/.*

3. And my soul shall live for him,
my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' *R/.*

Second reading: 1 John 3:18-24

My children,
our love is not to be just words
or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise
against us,
because God is greater than our
conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,

and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15: 4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said:
'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me,
as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of
life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have
imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 28th April 2024

THE FIFTH 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 5

Divine Office
Easter 5/1

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 28 April
6.15pm Vigil
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

EASTER V
George Hillier RIP
Jake Scicinski (Ints.)
Baptiste Fernandes (Ints.)
Mary Walsh RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon 29 April
9.30am
11.00am

Easter feria
Bowe & Ryan Family
FUNERAL MASS
Mary Honney RIP

Tues 30 April
9.30am

Easter feria
Mary Fitzgerald RIP

Weds 1 May
9.30am
11.00am

Easter feria
Frank Hunt RIP
FUNERAL MASS
Earle Mc Shine Jones RIP

Thurs 2 May
9.30am

Easter feria
Richard O'Dwyer RIP

Fri 3 May
9.30am

Ss. PHILIP & JAMES
Renzy Alex Pererra & Conceicao
Pererra RIP & all departed family
members.

Sat 4 May
9.30am
11.00am

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
John Regan RIP
FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Sun 5 May
6.15pm Vigil
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
3.00pm
5.30pm

EASTER VI
Lois Hoareau RIP
Kay Walsh RIP
Irena Scicinski (Ints.)
David Gilmartin RIP
FIRST COMMUNION MASS
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
Saint Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8
Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."
St. Therese of Lisieux

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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, Marjorie Hoareau, Catherine Corcoran, Barbara Gill, Ciara I., Mary O'Connell, Leslie De Lima.*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Amy Pires.*

RECENTLY MARRIED: *James Soares & Sabina Tiwari*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *EarleMc Shine Jones, Mary Honney, Magdolina Mary Nagy, Hugh Singarayer, Fr John Warnaby, Christine Sweeney., Paul McCarthy, Martina Joseph.*

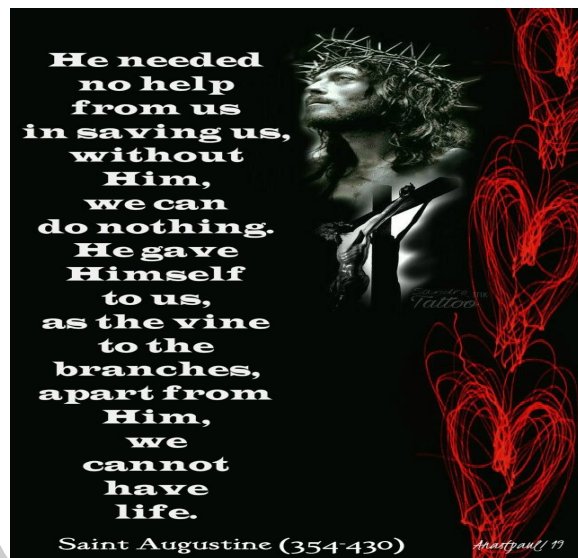
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Sojy Penath (1st Anniv.)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

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."



Why does Jesus speak of himself as the true vine? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as “the vineyard of the Lord” and the prophet Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel “as his choice vine”. While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah’s prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which “yielded wild grapes” whilst Jeremiah said that Israel had become a “degenerate and wild vine”. When Jesus calls himself the true vine he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true “vineyard of the Lord”.

Jesus offers true life – the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vinedresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches – those which bear fruit and those which don’t. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him – the fruit of “righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us.



NEWS UPDATE

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).

THIS SUNDAY Collection of food for local food banks - Collection 27/28th April. Any cash donated would be used to buy food for our beneficiaries. Please take your goods straight to the parish centre. **DO NOT LEAVE THEM OUTSIDE OR EVEN INSIDE THE CHURCH.** Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

FUNERAL MASS of Mary Honney on Monday 29th April followed by burial in Clamp Hill Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

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

FUNERAL MASS of Martina Joseph on Friday 10th May at 2.00pm. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAUL MCCARTHY . Paul was Choirmaster here at St. George's for many, many years. His funeral will take place at St. Joseph's Church, Bull Lane, Chalfont St. Peter, Gerrards Cross on Tuesday 30th April at 11am.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR JOHN WARNABY Fr John's mortal remains will be received at St Joseph's Church, Oxhey Drive, Carpenders Park, Watford WD19 7SW on Monday 29 April by Bishop Paul McAleenan at 6.30pm, followed by a Requiem Mass at 7pm. On Tuesday 30 April the Funeral Mass will be at St Joseph's at 12noon with the Cardinal presiding and Fr Mehall Lowry giving the homily.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTINE SWEENEY Monday 3rd May at 10.00am at Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew's Church, 16 Nightingale Road, Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1QS

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE TRAINING OF PRIESTS. We raised last week £1827.42. Thank you for your generosity. There are still envelopes if you want to give to this cause. Just put them either through the Presbytery letterbox or in the collection. Thanks.

YOU MIGHT NOT SEE FR MIKE so much at weekends as he is helping out in the Parish at Harrow-on-the-Hill. Fr Derek, their parish priest is recuperating after a serious operation and we as one of the only parishes with two priests are helping keeping their Sunday Mass schedule going.

MYSTERY TOUR: Our famous day out (organised by the Knights of St Columba) on **Saturday 22nd June**. Coach leaves St. George's at 8.00am, Cost: £25.00. Tickets (available now) must be purchased from the parish office in advance. *First come, first served.* You never know where you'll end up....!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We keep the FHC children in prayer as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. Parents/Carers are reminded to please arrive in good time for their child's **FHC Rehearsal** taking place in the church at **7pm**.

CONFIRMATION 2024 - At **Session 7**, on **Monday 29th April**, **Westminster Youth Ministry** will be helping us reflect on '**Receiving God's Mercy**' as the Confirmation Candidates prepare to receive this gift anew in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on 13th May. Candidates are reminded that the deadline for handing in their **Letter to the Bishop** is this coming **Monday 29th April**.

CALLING NEW CATECHISTS & HELPERS - We are delighted when new people come forward wishing to help with our **First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programmes**. These Programmes are fruitful thanks to the generous help of **volunteers from the Parish**. Might you consider **offering a year to help serve our children & young people** alongside a group of experienced Catechists? For further information or to meet to speak about opportunities for helping in other ways at the Parish, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

THE REPOSITORY has lots of Easter, First Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards available. Why not take a look?

HOWEVER, we do need your help to look after the repository after Sunday Masses. It's a small but important job serving the Parish in this way. If you can help or want to know more please speak to Imelda on 07982 683664

FUTURE SVP ACTIVITIES—looking ahead:

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

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

STAINED GLASS REPAIR (after the Break-in) should begin soon as we now have quotes and we await the go-ahead from the insurance

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.

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 a speaker on very useful informative topics. 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 still continue to 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.

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.

ROSARY IN CHURCH DURING MAY. Traditionally we have always had a group praying the rosary together each evening in the month of May (and October). This year it will happen, Monday- Friday at 6.00pm. Just turn up..if you don't have your rosary with you you still have your fingers!

ROSARY AT HOME If you'd like to be part of our prayer network, or know more please simply contact Cheryl on 07941002161 .

MONEY COUNTING. If you volunteered for this important task (has to be done!), thank you! In a week or so we will get back to you to see how we can get together a rota.

SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) are calling all Pro-Lifers to join their Pro-Life Chain on Saturday 20th April, 11.00am–1.00pm on Kenton Bridge (opposite Kenton Station). For more details contact: Iwona 0771399006

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19TH - 26TH JULY Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available. There are also many volunteering opportunities. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by 30th April.

NEW BISHOP... Pope Francis has appointed Mgr. James Curry as an additional Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster and Titular Bishop of Ramsbiria (Ramsbiriensis). Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: 'I express my warmest thanks to Pope Francis for the appointment of Mgr. James Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop for service in this Diocese. His appointment, I am sure, will be widely welcomed. I welcome it myself, with gratitude to him for his generous response. He brings to this role a long experience of life in the Diocese and the pastoral wisdom of many years of priestly ministry'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ascension Day Thursday 9th May
Pentecost Sunday 19th May
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 26th May
Corpus Christi Sunday 2nd June
The Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 7th June
Ss.Peter and Paul Sunday 30th June

I am the vine,
you are the branches.
John 15:5