

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 97:1-4

R/. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. *R/.*

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. *R/.*

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. *R/.*

Second reading: 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUBBURY

Sunday 5th May 2024

THE SIXTH 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 6

Divine Office
Easter 6/2

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

THIS WEEK

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

Mon 6 May
9.30am

Easter feria
Holy Souls

Tues 7 May
9.30am

Easter feria
Mary Fitzgerald RIP

Weds 8 May
9.30am

Easter feria
Maria Johns Ints.

Thurs 9 May
9.30am
8.00pm

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Eddie Rozario Ints.
Carol Watson RIP

Fri 10 May
9.30am
2.00pm

Easter feria
Mrs Rosario de Jesus (3rd Anniv.)
FUNERAL MASS
Martina George RIP

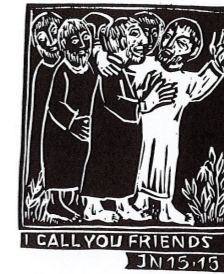
Sat 11 May
9.30am
11.00am

Easter feria
Paul Turnbull RIP
FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Sun 12 May
6.15pm Vigil
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

EASTER VII
Honor O'Donoghue RIP
Noel Holland RIP
Sales Dias RIP
Vensus Patric Micheal RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



As was last week's, today's Gospel is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death

and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
God is love.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17
Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The person who does not decide to love forever will find it very difficult to really love for even one day.
Pope St. John Paul II

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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: Schnyder Baptiste Fernandes, Lacacia Franco

RECENTLY MARRIED: *James Soares & Sabina Tiwari*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Martina Joseph.*

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In memory of Giuseppe Rodi RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM
Our First Communion children

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for May 2024

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

What does love look like?

It has the **hands** to help others.

It has the **feet** to hasten to the poor and needy.

It has **eyes** to see misery and want.

It has the **ears** to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like.

– Saint Augustine

Today's gospel passage is filled with beautiful statements about the ever-popular subject of love. Jesus tells us that the Father loves him, and that he in turn loves us, and that we should love one another. Perhaps we have heard these sentiments expressed so often that we no longer realize how profound and dramatic they really are.

When Jesus says that the Father has loved him, he is correcting a very common concept of God. Many people at that time (and perhaps ever since) pictured God as someone very transcendent and therefore very distant from them. He was surely all-powerful but, like most powerful ones, he seemed to be cruel as well. Is God not in some way responsible for famine and natural disasters? Does he not at least permit the death of young parents and innocent children?

But Jesus tells us that he knows God much better than we do. As eternal Word, he dwells in the lap of his heavenly Father (John 1: 18). This is body language, which tells us that Jesus hears the very heartbeat of his Father. He assures us that God is a loving Father who wishes only good for us. Most of all, he knows that this loving Father offers us a love that can enliven and nurture and energize us, just as the sun energizes plants and trees.

Jesus invites us to experience and to trust this life-giving love, to live in the presence of it, and to yearn for it, just as the sunflower follows the sun across the sky in our human gardens. Then we will know how to become sunshine in the lives of others. We will also know how to deal with mysteries in our lives. We will also want to share our treasures with others and thus become part of that divine love that overcomes all darkness and evil.

The implications of this vision of reality are not hard to see. Most people who do not love, or do not love enough, are usually persons who do not feel that they themselves are loved. It is futile to tell people that they must love others when they have not really been made free to love by experiencing love in their own lives. Too often it is a case of impoverished people trying desperately to give more than they have.

That is why it is so important to hear and to trust the words of Jesus about the love of the Father for us. This love is found in Jesus himself, who gave his life for us, but it is also found everywhere in life: in loving family and friends, in the blessings and successes of life, in every flower and gentle breeze.

Today's gospel challenges us to acknowledge the dark evil in life but it asks us to notice especially the luminous good that is also there. And as we pay attention to the good in life, we will be able to let the evil go by or, at least, to keep it in its place, which is never at the centre of life. This is exactly what Jesus did and, with him, we too need to feel the warmth of the Father's love and to share that warmth with all whom we meet in life.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN RECEIVING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND AND THE NEXT

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

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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is this coming Thursday, 9th May. Masses here will be at 9.30am and 8.00pm. On this holy day of obligation, please do your very best to attend Mass, wherever you may be.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We continue to keep the children in prayer this week as they make their First Holy Communion. Parents/Carers are reminded to please arrive in good time for the **FHC Rehearsal** taking place in the church this **Tuesday 7th May at 7pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2024 - The Confirmation Candidates will receive the forgiveness of their sins anew in the **Sacrament of Confession** at the **Confirmation Reconciliation Service** in church on **Monday 13th May at 7.30pm.** Candidates are reminded to take a little time to reflect on what they would like to bring to the Priest beforehand, using an Examination of Conscience. Further information will be provided to Parents/Carers by email this coming week.

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....!

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.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - next meeting Wednesday 8th May at 8pm in the parish centre.

THE REPOSITORY has lots of 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, **POSTPONED**
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.

PRAYER CARDS are available to all who are doing exams

at this time invoking the Patron of Exams, S. Joseph of Cupertino—they are in a back at the back. Take as many as you like and distribute them to your friends.

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

SCHOOL VACANCIES at St. Richard Reynolds Catholic College see their website for details.

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Open Evening for Secondary Transfer - Tuesday 25 June 2024 5-7pm. See website for details.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON, is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, in Norfolk. Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30pm. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

