SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6***
I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect
O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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 10:34a, 37-43***

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 118(117)***

R/. This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

The LORD's right hand is exalted.
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second reading: ***Colossians 3:1-4***

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***John 20:1-9***

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Prayer over the Offerings
Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon; ***1 Cor 5: 7-8***
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore, let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 20th April 2025

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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.

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Divine Office
Easter Octave

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 20 April	**EASTER SUNDAY**
8.30am	John & Kitty Calnan RIP
9.45am	Joseph Wright RIP
11.15am	Thomas Maguire RIP
NO EVENING MASS	
Mon 21 April	**EASTER MONDAY**
9.30am	Desmond Coll RIP
Tues 22 April	**EASTER TUESDAY**
9.30am	Ann Harkin RIP
Weds 23 April	**EASTER WEDNESDAY**
9.30am	Tim Griffin RIP
Thurs 24 April	**EASTER THURSDAY**
9.30am	Lorraine Murray RIP
Fri 25 April	**EASTER FRIDAY**
9.30am	Neil Cummins RIP (4th Anniv.)
Sat 26 April	**EASTER SATURDAY**
9.30pm	Rafael, Cecilia & Isabel Serafini Ints.
Sun 27 April	**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER** **Divine Mercy Sunday** **Low Sunday**
6.15pm	George Hillier RIP
8.30am	Fr Jeremy's Ints.
9.45am	Daniella Rozario Ints.
11.15am	Spencer Coomarewel RIP & Holy Souls
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). Our Easter faith is based on the disciples witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

First Reading: ***Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43***
Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23***
Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:1-4*
Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel Reading: *John 20:1-9*
Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and alleluia is our song."
Pope Saint 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.
EUCHARISTIC 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, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert, Edward Granger, Marjorie Hoareau, Catherine Corcoran, Ciara I, Mary O'Connell, Leslie De Lima, Paul Pereira, Nora Hunt, Mario, Raul Pereira*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Sabrina Tiffany Reid*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Peter Drewett, Alan Sharp, Dianne D'Colyse, Joan Boyle*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Neil Cummins (4th)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Margaret Nunn

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Thomas Maguire RIP

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for April
For the use of the new technologies
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.





If Christ is not risen, then our faith has no meaning. Easter, not Good Friday, is the climax of Holy Week. The resurrection is not just an appendix to Jesus' death it is a "proof" of his divinity.

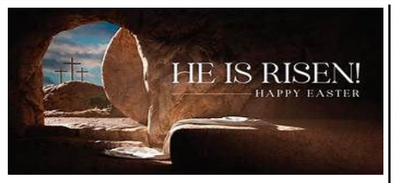
Jesus leads the way by going through death to a life that can never be taken away from him again. "We know that Christ, being raised from death, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." And that life is shared with us. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance", says Jesus.

The message of Easter is first communicated by the empty tomb. The death of Jesus was an observable and observed fact by both friends and enemies. No one saw the resurrection. It did not involve resuscitation of a corpse.

The first witnesses that something had happened were women. And what they saw was not Jesus but his empty tomb. They were puzzled and alarmed. Then Peter and the Beloved Disciple go to investigate. They find the empty tomb as the women reported. Peter just sees a loss, the absence of a body. But the other disciple sees with the eyes of one who loves and he sees a void filled with the presence of the Risen One.

The Beloved Disciple sees the empty tomb and believes. He sees what cannot be literally seen. He suddenly understands the teaching of Scripture and the words of Jesus that he must "rise from the dead". Every disciples who loves Jesus is one who sees — and believes with all his or her heart in a Risen Lord. Let us this Easter join them in faith and praise of our Risen Lord.

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).

THE FINAL BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS takes place today, Sunday at 9.15am in the Parish Centre. See you there!

EASTER EGG HUNT for our children on Easter Sunday after the 9.45am Mass.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS—please note that there is NO evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are available from the back of the church and at the end of the pews. They contribute, in a small way, to the stipend (salary) of priests working here throughout the year. They are not a personal gift to the priests nor is the Easter collection as was the reality in past days. If you wish to give anything to the priests you need to do it nowadays privately in a card or something similar. They are, however, much appreciated. Thank you

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

THANK YOU to all those who made our Holy Week celebrations so special. Singers, servers, flower arrangers-(the flowers look wonderful), welcomers, cleaners, those behind the scenes who just get on with it, and of course, to all of you who came.

LOST & NOT FOUND...Did anyone find a red cover that went on the lectern for Palm Sunday. It has disappeared. If you know where it is we would like it returned!

JUBILEE LENTEN ARTS & CRAFTS Thank you to all who have taken part and contributed to the parish. Please come and see the wonderful display of works in the Parish Centre over the Easter period.

ST GEORGE'S DAY 2025 falls on Monday 28th April which is the first free liturgical day after the Octave of Easter. It's our Patronal Festival so keep it in your diary.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH falls this year on Friday 18th April, Good Friday, so unfortunately we wont be able to celebrate it. We will soon be coming up to our Centenary as a parish so we will be looking to celebrate in a more than special way.

FUNERAL MASS of Joan Boyle on Wednesday 23rd April at 2025 at 11.0am followed by burial in Alperton Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS will now be Monday—Friday 10.00am-2.00pm. Please note the office will be closed from Monday 14th April to Monday 21st April 2025.
CONGRATULATIONS to BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON who has had the oversight of the parishes in the Northern part of Westminster Diocese. Last week he was appointed Archbishop of Liverpool. We wish the new archbishop-elect well in his new ministry and thank him for his ministry and friendship here at St. George's.

PARISH BARN DANCE 10 May 7pm. Traditional dance music from around the British Isles. Live band with caller. Bar and snacks. **TICKETS NOW ON SALE.** Proceeds in aid of our Society of St Vincent de Paul group. TICKETS £10 on sale after most Saturday / Sunday masses - look out for the SVP in their blue tabards. Or call Michael on 07751 709451.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you for **helping the children practice at home** during the Easter Holidays so they feel confident receiving Jesus in the Holy Sacrament for the first time at Mass in May. The **Rehearsals for the FHC Masses** are **29th & 30th April & 6th May**. Details relating to your child's FHC Rehearsal will be sent by email after Easter. We keep the children in prayer as they prepare for this important moment in their journey of faith.

CONFIRMATION 2025 - At **Session 6**, on **Monday 28th 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 at **7.30pm.**

HELPING WITH CONFIRMATION - It can be both enjoyable and fulfilling, seeing our young people growing in faith as they prepare to make their Confirmation. Might you consider **helping with our Confirmation Programme in 2026**. We are seeking additional Catechists for next year's Programme. If you might consider helping **please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk** for further information.

SYCAMORE is **an informal course about the Catholic faith** and its relevance for life today. It provides a space to meet other people. share ideas and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Sycamore is especially **helpful for those who are not yet Catholic but are interested in exploring this possibility**. Sycamore **begins in the Café Bar** on **Thursday 1st May at 7.30pm**.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA EASTER SCENE PAINTING/DRAWING COMPETITION: If anyone has an entry for this competition, please leave it in the Repository by 27th April 2025. Please include your name, age, date of birth and school year group. Please also remember to include the Bible chapter and verse that best relates to your drawing. Competition age ranges are Primary School 7-11 years and Secondary School 11-18 years. More information is displayed on Parish Centre noticeboard.

VOLUNTEER DBS ADMINISTRATOR - Might you consider helping our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Hanna Gorgis, with the administration of DBS Certificates for those working with children & vulnerable adults at the Parish? Full training will be provided. If you might consider helping in this way at the Parish **please contact Hanna, our PSR, at sudburysg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk**.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES These are now in the Parish Office. If you didn't collect yours over the past weekends, that's where they'll be, so do come and collect yours as soon as possible.

MINIBUS TO MASS this has now started up again after a long time. It usually works to bring our less able parishioners to the 11.15am Mass. **If anyone know anyone wishing to use the service or they themselves are wanting to volunteer** please contact Stefan by phone (07833943176) or email stefanscicinski@gmail.com

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE to Poland following in the footsteps of Pope St. John Paul II. The dates set are 13th-18th October. Booking forms and the itinerary are now all available in the porch/church. April 1st was the initial date for completion, so if you would like to go, please get going! YOU NEED TO REGISTER NOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL

ST. GEORGE'S OVER 60'S GROUP is now closed for the Easter holidays. Back again on Tuesday 29th April at 1.00pm. All are welcome.

EXPERIENCED CARER/DOMESTIC HELP available Please contact Maria on 07983432372

JUBILEE CHURCHES PROGRAMMES The six Jubilee churches in the Diocese – Westminster Cathedral, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, St Mary and St Joseph, Poplar, The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip and Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City – are all devising their programmes for the year. Please consult their websites, as well as the diocesan website, for further information. Remember that the Jubilee Indulgence is available in these churches throughout the Holy Year. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO JUBILEE HOLY DOORS IN THE DIOCESE** (They are only in Rome and only 5 in number).

JOBS available at ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL
Class Teacher and **Teaching Assistant** positions at **St. George's Catholic Voluntary Academy**.
These adverts are on their website and can be accessed at:
https://www.stgeorgesprimary.org/topic/news-and-events/vacancies/class-teacher-2025 for Class Teacher and
https://www.stgeorgesprimary.org/topic/news-and-events/vacancies/class-teacher-2025/teaching-assistant-2025 for TA.

GOOD CATHOLIC JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Secular Clergy Common Fund ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe before the closing date of 28th April: secretary@secularclergy.org.uk