SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***1 Pt 2: 2***
Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Collect
God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 5:12-16***

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

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

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.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the LORD say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Give praise to the LORD for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.

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.

Give praise to the LORD for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.

We beseech you, O LORD, grant salvation;
we beseech you, O LORD, grant success.
Blest is he who comes
in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD;
the LORD is God, and has given us light.

Give praise to the LORD for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.

Second reading: ***Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19***

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.'

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

Gospel Acclamation: ***John 20:29***

Alleluia, alleluia.
You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***John 20:19-31***

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
and of those you have brought to new birth,
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
they may attain unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Cf. Jn 20: 27***
Bring your hand and *feel* the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Copyright © 1996-2024 Universalis Publishing Limited: see www.universalis.com. The English translation of the Psalm Responses from "Lectionary for Mass" © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation (ICEL). Excerpts from the English translation of "The Roman Missal" © 2010, ICEL. All rights reserved.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 27th April 2025 Divine Mercy Sunday

SECOND 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 C

Weekay Mass Readings
Easter week 2

Divine Office
Easter Week 2

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 28 April	**S. GEORGE, Patron of the Parish**
9.30am	Tim Griffin RIP
Tues 29 April	**S.CATHERINE OF SIENA, Patron of Europe**
9.30am	Devon Peters RIP
Weds 30 April	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Conversion of Sinners
Thurs 1 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Richard & Peggy Ryan RIP
Fri 2 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Liam McLaughlin RIP
Sat 3 May	**Ss.PHILIP & JAMES**
9.30pm	Reparation of Sins
Sun 4 May	**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm	Teresa Hukowski RIP
8.30am	Michael & Mary Hughes RIP
9.45am	Bhardwaj & Coomarewel Families.
11.15am	Jean Lurshay RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



St. Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

First Reading: ***Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16***
St. Peter and the apostles perform many signs and wonders.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24***
A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: ***Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19***
St. John describes the instruction he received to write down his vision.

Gospel Reading: ***John 20:19-31***
St. Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears."
Pope Saint John Paul II

MAKING CONTACT AT ST. GEORGE'S

Parish Priest: Mgr. Jeremy Fairhead jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk
Assistant Priest: Fr Mike Guthrie michaelguthrie@rcdow.org.uk
Catechetical Coordinator: Mr. Peter Kingsley peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk
Secretary: Mrs. Mary Walsh sudbury@rcdow.org.uk
Director of Music: Mr. Scott Price scottprice@rcdow.org.uk
Hall Bookings: via the office or sudbury@rcdow.org.uk
Safeguarding Rep: Hanna Gorgis sudburysg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
Tel 07751804978
Address: The Presbytery, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE
Telephone: 020 8904 2552. Phone Options: 1. Mass Times; 2. Parish Office/ SVP Information 3. Mgr Jeremy; 4. Fr. Mike; 5. Catechetical Coordinator.
Charity No: 233699
Email: sudbury@rcdow.org.uk Website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury

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*

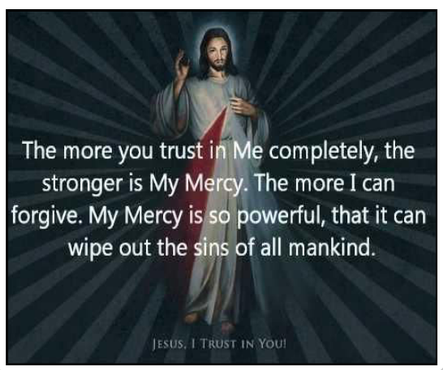
RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Lola Murphy, Breda Murphy*

30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Joseph Berlin Fernando & Rosary Jasmine Fernando

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Dominic Savio & Maria & Friends

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Pope Francis

INTENTIONS for May
For working conditions
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle, Thomas, was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection.

Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

NEWS UPDATE

ST GEORGE'S DAY 2025



This year falls on Monday 28th April as this is the first free day after the Easter Octave
As Patron of our Church and parish this is an important day for us.
Mass at 9.30am

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 PARISH OFFICE HOURS will now be Monday—Friday 10.00am-2.00pm.

THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are **STILL** available from the back of the church and at the end of the pews.

THE REPOSITORY has lots of First Holy Communion & Confirmation gifts and cards—its never too late!!

THANK YOU from Mgr. Jeremy, Fr Mike and Peter for all the kind Easter cards and gifts. We very much appreciate your kindness and generosity.

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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you for **helping the children practice at home** so they feel confident receiving Jesus in the Holy Sacrament for the first time at Mass in May. **Rehearsals for the FHC Masses** are **29th & 30th April & 6th May**. Details relating to your child's FHC Rehearsal will be sent by email before their Rehearsal. 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'** before the session & 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.**

FUNERAL MASS of Breda Murphy on Thursday 8th May at 12 noon followed by burial in Carpenders Park. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Lola Murphy on Tuesday 13th May at 11.00am followed by burial in Alperton Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS to BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON who has had the oversight of the parishes in the Northern part of Westminster Diocese. He has recently been 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 ON SALE TODAY.** 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.

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 this weekend. 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. More information is displayed on Parish Centre noticeboard.

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.

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**.

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 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 back again on Tuesday 29th April at 1.00pm. All are welcome.

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).

ST GEORGE'S will be hosting the St Edmund Campion Relic on Tuesday 8th July at 9:30am mass.

THE ROSARY will be said in the church each evening at 6pm throughout the month of May.

ROSARY AT HOME A special 'thank you' to all those who made donations towards the restoration of the statue of Our Lady. It is now complete and looks beautiful. If you would like to pray the rosary in your home with the statue of Our Lady, especially during the month of May, please contact Cheryl on 07941 002161.

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

Prayer for Pope Francis
O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. 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. Amen.

Prayer for the election of a new Pope
O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. 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. Amen