SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit: ***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 14:21b-27***

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.
Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 145(144)***

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

To make known your might to the whole human race,
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule endures for all generations.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Second reading: ***Revelation 21:1-5a***

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.'
And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'

Gospel Acclamation: ***John 13:34***

Allelula, allelula.
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***John 13:31-33a, 34-35***

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.
'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 18th May 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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 5

Divine Office
Easter Week 5/psalms 1

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 18 May	**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm	Frank Kelly RIP
8.30am	John Regan RIP
9.45am	John Rorke Ints.
11.15am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5.30pm	Lucille Thomas Ints.
Mon 19 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Bill Burke RIP
Tues 20 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Helen Golden RIP (3rd Anniv)
Weds 21 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Billy Castillo Ints.
Thurs 22 May	**Easter feria (S RITA)**
9.30am	Barbara Gill RIP & Noel Gill Ints.
Fri 23 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Joshua Fernandes Ints.
Sat 24 May	**Easter feria**
9.30pm	Conversion of Sinners
Sun 25 May	**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm	Jose Paquito Otico Snr. RIP
8.30am	Peggy Knightly RIP
9.45am	Allan Noronha & Family Ints.
11.15am	Carmel O'Dwyer RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



St John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

First Reading: ***Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27***
St Paul and St Barnabas proclaim the good news in many places.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 145:8-9,10-11,12-13***
A song of praise to God.

Second Reading: ***Revelation 21:1-5a***
St John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

Gospel Reading: ***John 13:31-33a,34-35***
Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"The things that we love tell us what we are".
Saint Thomas Aquinas

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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, Maureen Chick*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Tyla Agnela Caiado*

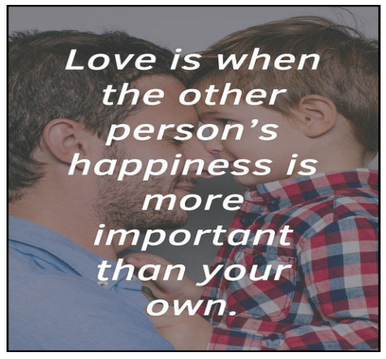
RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Ignez Aparecida Santos Estrella*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Helen Golden (3rd Anniv) , Nellie Graham*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Baptist Fernandes Ints.

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Dominic Savio & Maria & Friends Ints.

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.



In his Last Supper discourse Jesus in today's Gospel speaks of his glory and the glory of his Father. What is this glory? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here. The cross of Jesus shows us that the greatest glory in life is the glory of willingly sacrificing one's life for the sake of another. In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of redemption. Jesus gave his Father supreme honour and glory through his obedience and willingness to sacrifice his life on the cross. The greatest trust one can give to their commander is the willingness to obey in the line of duty, even to the point of putting oneself in harm's way. In warfare the greatest honour belongs not to those who survive but to those who give the supreme sacrifice of their lives. Jesus also speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation and Cross of Christ. God the Father gave us his Son for our sake, to redeem us from slavery to sin and death. He freely offered his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the world. There is no greater proof of God's love for us than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love – a love that is unselfish and selflessly oriented to serving others for their good, and a sacrificial love that is forgiving, compassionate, and merciful beyond comprehension. Jesus commands us, his disciples, to love one another just as he has loved us. As we turn to God with trust and obedience, he transforms our hearts and frees us from our hurts and prejudices so that we can freely choose to love others with compassion, kindness, and mercy. The Lord Jesus has set us free from slavery to fear, sin, and prejudice. We are now free to choose for his way of love and holiness.

So let us seek to bring glory to God in the way we love and treat others.

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS will now be Monday—Friday 10.00am-2.00pm. Please note the office will be closed on Tuesday 20th May 2025.

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

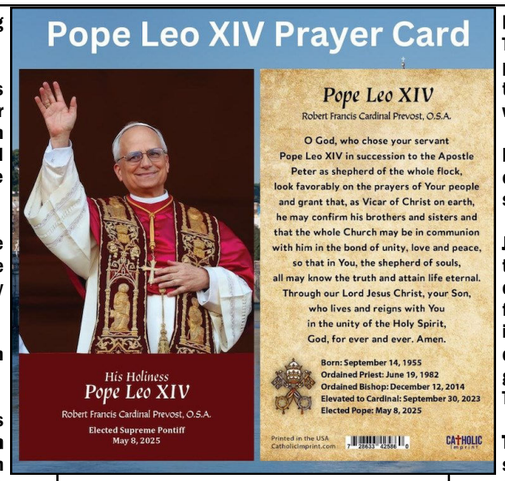
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Parents & Carers are reminded about the **FHC Evaluation Session (for Parents/Carers only)** on **Tuesday 10th June at 7pm** followed by the **FHC Celebration Mass** on **Sunday 15th June at 9.45am** when all the children who made the FHC at the Parish this year put on their FHC outfits again to celebrate. If you are thinking about helping as a Catechist next year please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk for further information.

CONFIRMATION 2025 - At **Session 8**, on **Monday 19th May,** the Confirmation Candidates will be reflecting, at the **'Sent Forth In the Spirit'** Session, on some of the ways they can use the gifts of the Holy Spirit they are receiving in the Sacrament of Confirmation. 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. Session 3** of Sycamore is taking place **in the Café Bar** on **Thursday 5th June at 7.30pm**.

THANK YOU for our Collection for the PRIEST'S TRAING FUND last weekend. So far we have raised £1,567. The collection is still open and envelopes are available in the pews.



OUR SVP GROUP also thank everyone for a wonderful Barn Dance last Saturday. So far it has made £1,000 which will all go towards helping the most needy in our community.

CHURCH CLEANING: Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome! Thank you to all who are already helping out.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of June. Please contact the Parish Office.

MYSTERY TOUR: Our famous day out (organised by the Knights of St Columba) on **Saturday 21st June** . Coach leaves St. George's at 9.00am, 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....!

ST GEORGE'S will be hosting the St Edmund Campion Relic on Tuesday 8th July at 9:30am Mass. Thank you to the Knights of St Columba for this initiative.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES The remainder of 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 you 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

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.

ROSARY AT HOME If you'd like to be part of our prayer network, or know more, please simply contact Cheryl on 07941 002161

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.

THE END OF AN ERA...We will be having a second collection this weekend for TONI, our parish secretary, who retired recently after 30+ years in the office. The collection will remain open next week and donations can be dropped into the Parish Office between 10am and 2pm. Please note the office is closed on Tuesday 20th May.

THE OVER 60's CLUB Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the Café/Bar in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome—and not just Catholics!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Ascension Day Thursday 29th May
Pentecost Sunday 8th June
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 15th June
Corpus Christi Sunday 22nd June
The Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 27th June
Ss.Peter and Paul Sunday 29th June

MASS STIPENDS Masses at St George's are now fully booked until October 2025. Masses are booked on a first come, first served basis.

RETROUVAILLE helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next live face to face weekend date: 20th – 22nd June. https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL open evening for secondary transfer Wednesday 25 June 2025 between 5pm and 7pm. See website for details.

