SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit: ***Cf. Ps 32: 5-6***
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading: ***Acts 13:14, 43b-52***

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." ' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 100(99)***

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the LORD, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the LORD,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading: ***Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17***

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation: ***John 10:14***

Allelula, allelula.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***John 10:27-30***

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon
The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 11th May 2025

FOURTH 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 4

Divine Office
Easter Week 4

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 11 May	**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm	Louis Pais RIP
8.30am	Eddie Rozario Ints.
9.45am	Baptist Fernandes Ints.
11.15am	Anne Healy & Family Ints.
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 12 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	John Regan RIP
Tues 13 May	**Our Lady of Fatima**
9.30am	Paul Turnbull RIP
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS Lola Murphy RIP
Weds 14 May	**S.MATTHIAS**
9.30am	Marie Guthrie RIP
Thurs 15 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Margaret Power RIP
Fri 16 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat 17 May	**Easter feria**
9.30pm	Fran Greenan RIP
Sun 18 May	**FOURTH 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.

TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

First Reading: ***Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-52***
St. Paul and St. Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 100:1-2,3,5***
A song in praise of God who shepherds us.

Second Reading: ***Revelation 7:9,14b-17***
John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

Gospel Reading: ***John 10:27-30***
Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"God has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique individuals. He has called every one of us by name, as the Good Shepherd ' calls His sheep by name'."
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, Maureen Chick*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Aiyanna John-Braveboy, Isabel Pereira Serafini, Emily Hame*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Lola Murphy*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Louis Pais*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Joanne Goh RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Tyson & Juella Caiado Ints. (9th Wedding Anniv.)

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.



The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the sheep who are in danger because they have wandered from the fold (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands. The security Jesus offers is an abiding relationship with the living God, and membership with his flock, the people of God. Jesus also promises the security of peace and protection from evil and the greatest harm that could befall us—eternal destruction. The Lord does not spare us from all trouble. In this life we will experience pain, suffering, sickness, and death. But through these the Lord will lead us to ultimate victory and safety in his everlasting home. Even in the midst of our sufferings we can find a peace and security which no one can give except God alone. We can confidently follow the Lord wherever he leads, trusting that nothing can keep us from God if we surrender our lives to him. Above all we need to place our lives securely in God where they belong.

Let us commit ourselves afresh to listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and to obey his word.

NEWS UPDATE



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN RECEIVING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

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.

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

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!

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

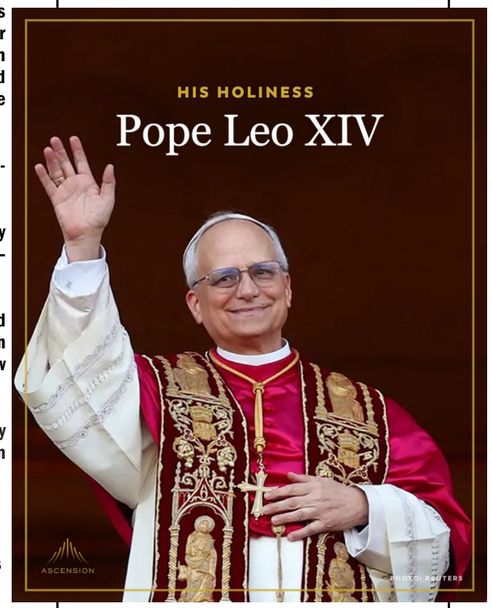
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We keep all the FHC children in prayer at this important time in their journey of faith, as they receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Parents & Carers are reminded about the **FHC Evaluation Evening** on **Tuesday 10th June at 7pm** and the **FHC Celebration Mass** on **Sunday 15th June at 9.45am.** Further details will be provided by email in the coming weeks.

CONFIRMATION 2025 - At **Session 7**, on **Monday 12th May, 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 **Friday 16th May.** Candidates are reminded that the **deadline** for handing in their **Letter to the Bishop** is **Monday 12th May**. Thank you for also remembering the **Confirmation Group Mass**, before the next session, at **11.15am on Sunday 11th 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!

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 2** of Sycamore is taking place **In the Café Bar** on **Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm**.

THIS SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place at the end of Mass.



PRAYER FOR OUR NEW POPE
Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life and your goodness is our constant companion.
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence and the compassion of Christ.
May he walk with you in wisdom and humility and lead us, together with all God's people, to embody your love for the world.
Amen

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 May. 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....!

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 .

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.

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

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 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.

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE is looking to appoint a site supervisor (premises team) under an apprenticeship training scheme. The post is advertised on their websites—www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk and www.blessedholyfamily.co.uk