SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 26: 7-9***
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Collect
Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading: ***Acts 7:55-60***

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97(96)

The LORD is king, most high above all the earth.

The LORD is king, let earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Justice and right are the foundation of his throne.

The LORD is king, most high above all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you angels, worship him.

The LORD is king, most high above all the earth.

For you indeed are the LORD,
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

The LORD is king, most high above all the earth.

Second reading: ***Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20***

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, 'Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation: ***Cf. John 14:18***
Alleluia, alleluia.
I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.
I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel: ***John 17:20-26***

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, '[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Jn 17: 22***
Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 1st June 2025

SEVENTH 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.

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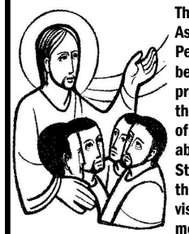
Divine Office
Easter Week 7 psalms week 3

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 1 June	**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm	Castillo Family Ints.
8.30am	Clare O'Sullivan Ints.
9.45am	Bernadette McCormack
11.15am	Jack Rooney RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 2 June	**Ss.Marcellinus & Peter**
9.30am	Bernie Fernandes Ints.
Tues 3 June	**S.Charles Lwanga & Companions**
9.30am	Thanksgiving Rahul Sinha
Weds 4 June	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Santana Pires RIP
Thurs 5 June	**S. Boniface**
9.30am	Una McHale RIP
Fri 6 June	**S.Norbert**
9.30am	Charles Scollan RIP
Sat 7 June	**Easter feria**
9.30pm	Paul Murphy RIP
11.00am	Confirmation Mass
3.00pm	Confirmation Mass
Sun 8 June	**PENTECOST SUNDAY**
6.15pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Sean Farrell RIP
9.45am	Dee Kelly Loader RIP
11.15am	Frank Rowan RIP
5.30pm	Patrick Rice

TODAY'S MASS



This is an unusual "in between" Sunday, in between the Lord's Ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Church's tradition is to spend this time 'in between' in prayer, as did Mary and the Apostles, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit. The Gospel for this Sunday is part of the 'priestly prayer' of Christ from the Last Supper, a prayer full of concern for his friends and the Church. Eastertide has been all about the Church, and this Sunday is no exception: the vision of Stephen in the first reading, who sees heaven thrown open and is thus able to pray "Lord, do not hold this sin against them", is a vision of what the Church must be, a community of love and mercy, always inspired (i.e. guided by the Spirit) by the presence of Jesus. The Church is itself the community 'in between' the Lord's first and the second coming: as we await the Holy Spirit next Sunday. Saint John, in his Book of Revelation, gives us the final vision of our destiny: "Let everyone who listens, answer 'Come!'"

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*
Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the Apostles.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 47:2-3,6-9*
Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:17-23*
God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:46-53*
Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

You ascended before our eyes, and we turned back grieving, only to find You in our hearts.
St. Augustine of Hippo

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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: *Francesca Phelan*

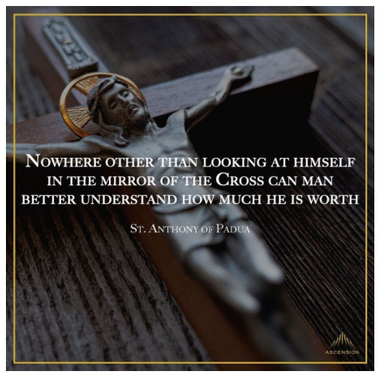
RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Ignez Aparecida Santos Estrella, Gertrude Kenny*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Desmond O'Connor*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Nimal Perera RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Nimal Perera RIP

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for June
That the world might grow in compassion
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.



The longest recorded prayer of Jesus is found in the Gospel of John, the "high priestly" prayer which Jesus prayed aloud at his last supper meal with his disciples (John 17). This prayer most clearly reveals the heart and mind of Jesus - who and what he loved most - love for his Father in heaven and love for all who believe in him. His prayer focuses on the love and unity he desires for all who would believe in him and follow him, not only in the present, but in the future as well.

Jesus' prayer concludes with a petition for the unity among all Christians who profess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Jesus prays for all men and women who will come after him and follow him as his disciples (John 17:20). In a special way Jesus prays here for each one of us that as members of his body the church we would be one as he and his Father are one. The unity of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, with the eternal Father is a unity of mutual love, service, and honour, and a oneness of mind, heart, and spirit. The Lord Jesus calls each and every one of his followers into this unity of mutual love, respect, service, honour, and friendship with all who belong to Christ.

Jesus' prayer on the eve of his sacrifice shows the great love and trust he had for his beloved disciples. He knew they would abandon him in his hour of trial, yet he entrusted to them the great task of spreading his name throughout the world and to the end of the ages. The Lord Jesus entrusts us today with the same mission - to make him known and loved by all. Jesus died and rose again that all might be one as he and the Father are one. Do you love all who belong to Christ and do you recognize and accept all baptized Christians as your brothers and sisters in Christ? The Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, draws each one of us into the unity which he and the Father have together and into the unity he desires for all who belong to him - we are all brothers and sisters in Christ and sons and daughters of our beloved Father in heaven.

The Lord included each one of us in his high priestly prayer at the last supper meal with his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross (John 17:20). And today the Lord continues his high priestly office as our intercessor before the throne of God in heaven. St. Paul tells us that it is *"Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us"* (Romans 8:34). Do you join in Jesus' high priestly prayer that all who profess Jesus as Lord may grow in love and unity together as brothers and sisters who have been redeemed through the precious blood that was shed for us on the cross?

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.

FUNERAL MASS of Gertrude Kenny on Wednesday 11th June at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

CONFIRMATION 2025 - Rehearsals for the **Confirmation Masses** taking place at the Parish on **Saturday 7th June** are on **Monday 2nd & Thursday 5th June at 7.30pm**. Candidates are requested to arrive in good time for their **allocated rehearsal** with their **Sponsor (Parent/Carers also welcome)**. Full details should have been received by Parents/Carers last week via email. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE PREPARING TO BE CONFIRMED ON SATURDAY we ask that the Holy Spirit will fill them with his gifts so that they can now take their place as adults in the life of our community. They are our future and we need them so please encourage them as much as you can.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The **FHC Evaluation Session (for Parents/Carers only)** on **Tuesday 10th June at 7pm** is followed by the **FHC Celebration Mass** on **Sunday 15th June at 9.45am** when all the children put on their FHC outfits again for Mass followed by a celebration in the Hall. If you would like to help with the FHC Programme next year please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk for further information.

SVP BINGO NIGHT. Saturday 14 June at 7:30pm. Parish Centre. Cash prizes. Raffle. Tea and coffee. £10 per book. All proceeds go towards the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

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

CATHOLIC HOSPITALITY: It's a kindness when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for other parishioners coming to the next Mass. It's particularly helpful to lift the kneelers so they are not walked on and so others can get in and out of the benches easily. A waste bin is available for any rubbish at the entrance to the church... oh, and one other thing, please don't leave anything behind, it's amazing what we find.. glasses, purses, phones and car keys. Thank you for helping to look after our lovely church, you are brilliant!..

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**.

HELP - the flower ladies need volunteers to join the Flower Team. No experience needed. Flowers are arranged every Friday morning after Mass. Meet in the Parish Hall; refreshments provided. Speak to Margaret or Lucy or just turn up if you can help!

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

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 July. 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....!

EXAMINATION TIME: We pray for our young people sitting their examinations at this time. If you are finding it all a bit stressful - utilise your faith! Say a prayer asking for the intercessions of Blessed Mary, Seat of all Wisdom, who unties knots! There is even a special saint for exams—St Joseph of Cupertino. You'll find prayers to him in a basket at the back of the church.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
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

THE END OF AN ERA...our collection for TONI, our parish secretary, who retired recently after 30+ years in the office, remains open and donations can be dropped into the Parish Office Monday to Friday between 10am and 2pm.

THANK YOU for our Collection for the PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND. We have raised a total of £2,093. Thank you especially to those who contribute on a regular basis to this fund.

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.

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.

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.

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!

RETREAT AFTERNOON on Thursday 12th June, 2-4pm, at the Page Centre, Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow on the Hill. An afternoon of reflection led by Audrey Hamilton with short sessions interspersed with time and space for quiet. See poster in the Parish Centre notice board for further details.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Harrow - job opportunity PA to Headteacher/Office Manager Position. From 1st September 2025. Full details on their website www.stjosephs.harrow.sch.uk Closing date for applications 4th June 2025.