SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit: ***Cf. Is 48: 20***
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect
Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.
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 15:1-2, 22-29***

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 67(66)***

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God be gracious and bless us
and let his face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,
with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second reading: ***Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23***

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation: ***John 14:23***
Alleluia, alleluia.
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***John 14:23-29***

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Jn 14: 15-16***
If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 25th May 2025

SIXTH 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
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Easter week 6

Divine Office
Easter Week 6/psalms 2

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 26 May	**S. Philip Neri**
9.30am	Watts & Ledo Families
Tues 27 May	**S. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**
9.30am	Milagres Rebello RIP
Weds 28 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Dorothy Coomarewel Ints.
Thurs 29 May	**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** ***Holy Day of Obligation***
9.30am	Ruby Regnaud RIP
8.00pm	Mary Kirwan Ints.
Fri 30 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Barbara Gill RIP
Sat 31 May	**THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
9.30pm	Lily Mutukisna RIP
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

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries. As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29*
The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8*
A prayer that all the nations sing praise to God.

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:10-14,22-23*
The vision of the splendour of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

Gospel Reading: *John 14:23-29*
Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit". St. Lucy

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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***

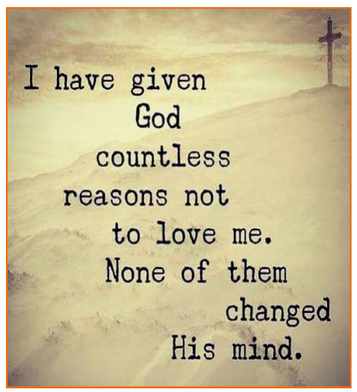
RECENTLY BAPTISED: ***Francesca Phelan***

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Nellie & Bobby Graham RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Dulaja & Ann Perera 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 Jesus' last supper discourse he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father's love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding guidance and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Saint Augustine says *the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love*. God's love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us for love – to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us. How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God.

Jesus grants *peace* as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The *peace of Christ* is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the peace which conquers our fears and anxieties. Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less. Jesus also speaks of his destination and ultimate triumph over the powers of evil in the world. In the eyes of the world the cross stood for shame, humiliation, and defeat. Jesus went to the cross knowing that it would lead to victory over the powers of sin and of Satan. Jesus also knew that he would return to his Father in glory. The cross brought glory to Jesus and to the Father and it is our way to glory as well. In the Cross of Christ we find true peace and reconciliation with God.

As Christians we are all called to live in the confidence of the peace of Jesus Christ, a peace which St. Paul reminds us writing to the Philippians *"passes all understanding".*

NEWS UPDATE



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
THIS THURSDAY 29th May
This is a Holy Day of obligation when we are expected to go to Mass
Masses at St George's at 9.30am & 8.00pm

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 Confirmation gifts and cards—its never too late!!

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

CONFIRMATION REHERSALS on 2nd June (group 1) & 8th June (group 2) beginning at 7.30pm. Please be on time so we can get started quickly (and you can get home too!).

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.

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.

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 So far we have raised £1,968. The collection is still open and envelopes are available in the pews.

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!

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND would like to thank all parishioners for raising £5,120.71 for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they desperately need our help. Please continue to remember their work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.'

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....!

MOVING INTO EXAMINATION TIME: We pray for our young people preparing to sit 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

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!..

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 between 10am and 2pm.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.