SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit: ***Cf. Ps 65: 1-2***
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Collect
May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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 5:27b-32, 40b-41***

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, 'We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the Apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 30(29)***

I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones;
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
be my helper, O LORD.
You have changed my mourning into dancing.
O LORD my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

Second reading: ***Revelation 5:11-14***

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel Acclamation: ***cf.Lk24:32***

Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ is risen, who created all things
and has shown compassion on the human race.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***John 21:1-19***

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.' (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Lk 24: 35***
The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 4th May 2025

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 5 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Devon Peters RIP
Tues 6 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Madonna & Lucille Thomas Ints.
Weds 7 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Holy Souls
Thurs 8 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Anne Traynor RIP
12 noon	FUNERAL MASS
	Breda Murphy RIP
Fri 9 May	**Easter feria**
9.30am	Rosaria S. De Jesus RIP
Sat 10 May	**Easter feria**
9.30pm	Brylee Gomes (Birthday Thksgiving)
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

TODAY'S MASS



The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish.

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32,40b-41*
The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13*
A song of praise to God who rescues us.

Second Reading: *Revelation 5:11-14*
St. John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

Gospel Reading (*John 21:1-14*)
Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Eucharist Is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world."

Pope Saint John Paul II

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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, Raul Pereira*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Aiyanna John-Braveboy*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Lola Murphy, Breda Murphy, John English (formerly Harrow & Tipperary), Marie McAdam (nee Hartnett) formerly Greenford & Skibbereen, Cork*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Nimal Perera RIP

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

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.



Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Lord Jesus when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter had decided to leave Jerusalem and return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous career out of despair and uncertainty. Some of the other apostles followed him back to Galilee. When was the last time Peter was commanded to let down his net after a futile night of fishing? It was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord dramatically approached Peter in his fishing boat after a futile night of fishing and commanded him to lower his nets. After the miraculous catch, Jesus told Peter that he would be 'catching people" for the kingdom of God. Now Jesus repeats the same miracle. John, the beloved disciple, is the first to recognize the Lord. When Peter heard John say "It is the Lord!:, Peter impulsively leapt from the boat and ran to the Lord.

Sceptics who disbelieve the resurrection say the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrection. Jesus went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his resurrection – that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or ghost. In his third appearance to the apostles, after Jesus performed the miraculous catch of fish, he prepared a breakfast and ate with them. Peter's prompt recognition of the Master and exclamation, "It is the Lord!" stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial of his Master during the night of arrest.

Why did Jesus question Peter's love and loyalty three times in front of the other apostles? It must have caused Peter pain and sorrow since he had publicly denied Jesus three times. Now Peter, full of remorse and humility, unequivocally stated that he loved his master and was willing to serve him whatever it might cost. When Jesus asks him "do you love me more than these?" he may have pointed to the boats, nets and catch of fish. He may have challenged Peter to abandon his work for the task of shepherding God's people. Jesus also may have pointed to the other disciples and to Peter's previous boast: "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away" (Matthew 26:33). Peter now makes no boast or comparison but humbly responds: "You know I love you". The Lord calls each one of us, even in our own personal weakness and sin, to declare our loyalty to him, that we love him first and foremost, above all else. St Paul writing in his Letter to the Romans reminds us that nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn wilfulness can keep us from the love of God. God's love is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. As we continue to celebrate the resurrection let us allow God's love to purify our hearts and transform our lives.

NEWS UPDATE



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

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 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 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The **Rehearsal for the FHC Mass on 10th May is taking place** on **Tuesday 6th May at 7pm.** Those attending should have received details by email last week. 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.

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!

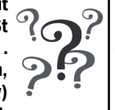
SYCAMORE is **an Informal course about the Catholic faith** and its relevance for life today. It provides a space to meet other people. share ideas and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Sycamore is especially **helpful for those who 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**.

NEXT 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 next weekend. This fund also supports those in training and the on-going enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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 April. Please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH BARN DANCE 10th May at 7pm. Traditional dance music from around the British Isles. Live band with caller. Bar and snacks. **TICKETS now at the door on the night—first come, first served!**



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....!

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.

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

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.**

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. Thank you to the Knights of St Columba for this initiative.

THE CONCLAVE which elects a new Pope begins on Wednesday 7th May. Who knows, we could have a new Pope by next weekend!

The Prayer underneath was composed for this occasion:

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