SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit
These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

Collect
O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul
give us the noble and holy joy of this day,
grant, we pray, that your Church
may in all things follow the teaching
of those through whom she received
the beginnings of right religion.
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 12:1-11***

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 34(33)***

Response: ***From all my terrors the LORD set me free.***

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Second reading: ***2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18***

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Matthew 16:18***

Allelula, allelula.
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***Matthew 16:13-19***

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord,
accompany the sacrificial gift
that we present to your name for consecration,
and may their intercession make us devoted to you
in celebration of the sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Cf. Mt 16: 16, 18***
Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Prayer after Communion
Grant us, O Lord,
who have been renewed by this Sacrament,
so to live in the Church,
that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread
and in the teaching of the Apostles,
we may be one heart and one soul,
made steadfast in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 29th June 2025

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

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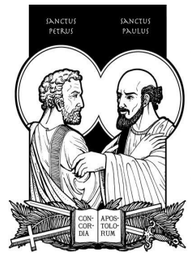
For children, download a weekly sheet: http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 29 June	**Ss. PETER & PAUL**
6.15pm	Tom Carey RIP
8.30am	Henryka Beczko RIP
9.45am	Paul Turnbull RIP
11.15am	Noeleen Bell RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 30 June	**First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**
9.30am	Crescencia Fernandes RIP
Tues 1 July	**THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL**
9.30am	Reparation of Sins
11:00am	FUNERAL MASS Philomena Rowan RIP
Weds 2 July	**Ferla**
9.30am	Edward Minogue RIP
Thurs 3 July	**S.Thomas, Apostle**
9.30am	Antonio Fernandes & MarieEva Vas RIP
5:00pm	Reception of Martin McDonagh & Mass
Fri 4 July	**Ferla**
9.30am	Imelda Smith Ints.
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS Martin McDonagh RIP
Sat 5 July	**Of Our Lady**
9.30pm	Barbara Gill RIP
Sun 6 July	**14th SUNDAY OF TH YEAR**
6.15pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Bosco Fernandes Ints.
9.45am	Teresa Hukowski RIP
11.15am	Private Intention
5.30pm	J. Conlan RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Christ promised to remain for ever with his Church through Peter the head of the apostles. The Lord rescued Peter from the hatred of Herod and always comes to the aid of his Church against which the forces of evil will never win. Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles so that the Good News is spread throughout the whole world. Christ is with us too as we witness to his power in our lives. In this way we pray that the world may learn to believe in Jesus Christ.

First Reading: ***Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11***
Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps. 34:2-9***
The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Second Reading: ***2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18***
All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 16:13-19***
You are Peter; and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."
–St. Peter, John 6:68-69

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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, Catherine Corcoran, Ciara I, Mary O'Connell, Leslie De Lima, Paul Pereira, Nora Hunt, Mario, Maureen Chick*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Louie Anthony Ross*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Anne Neylon, Philomena Rowan, Martin McDonagh, Michael Moran, William Taor, Robert (Bob) Robinson*

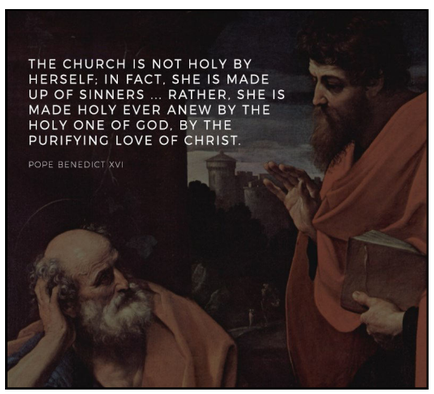
RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Jason Valadares & Stacie Saldanha*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Noeleen Bell, Crescencia Fernandes*

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 July
For formation in discernment
Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away



Today in many churches of the East and West the Apostles Peter and Paul are commemorated. Both were martyred in Rome in the first century. They tirelessly worked for the spread of the gospel, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. They risked their lives in the process and gladly poured out their blood in loyalty to their Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. As St. Paul so eloquently stated in his second letter to Timothy, they courageously fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7).

How firm is your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? At an opportune time Jesus tested his disciples with a crucial question: Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am? Jesus was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Through the gift of faith Peter recognized that Jesus was the "anointed one" (in Hebrew and Greek the word is translated as Messiah and Christ), and the only begotten Son of God sent by the Father in heaven to redeem a fallen human race. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Jesus then conferred on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a church that no powers could overcome. Jesus played on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon." Abraham put his trust in God and made God's word the foundation of his life and the bedrock of his faith. Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to proclaim that Jesus was truly the Anointed One and the only begotten Son of God.

The New Testament describes the church, the people of God, as a spiritual house and temple of the Holy Spirit with each member joined together as living stones. Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks – spiritual stones. The Lord tests each of us personally with the same question: Who do you say that I am?

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.

THIS WEEKEND is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. There will be a retiring collection for the traditional **"Peter's Pence"** which goes largely to the charitable giving of the Holy Father.

FUNERAL MASS of Philomena Rowan on Tuesday 1st July at 11.00am followed by burial in Northwood Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Martin McDonagh on Friday 4th July at 11.00am followed by burial in Luton. Reception into Church followed by Mass on Thursday 3rd July at 5.00pm. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Michael Moran on Tuesday 8th July at 11.00am followed by burial in St Mary's Cemetery. Reception into church on Monday 7th July at 5.00pm. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Anne Neylon on Thursday 10th July at 11.00am followed by burial in Greenford Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Elizabeth O'Shea on Tuesday 15th July at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of William Taor on Tuesday 22nd July at 11.00am followed by burial in Kensal Green. May he rest in peace.

ALL CHANGE It was announced last week that Fr Mike will be leaving us at the end of the summer to take up a new post as one of the chaplains at Westminster Cathedral. As yet we don't know who will be replacing him. We wish Fr Mike all the very best in his new role.

PLEASE PRAY FOR our two new priests who were ordained for the Diocese on Saturday morning. We ask God's blessing on their ministries.

ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR - Saturday 5th July 2025. All welcome; starts at 1pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

THANK YOU to the Knights of St. Columba for organising such an excellent and joyful mystery tour...no longer a mystery as it was to Saffron Walden.

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!

GOOD NEWS... we have had new blinds fitted in the Bar/Café. Pop in and have a look! Great for when we use the large screen.

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 August. Please contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND AT ST. GEORGE'S ...27th–28th September. We warmly invite married couples to take part in a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** here at **St. George's** on **Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September 2025.** This special weekend is a chance to reflect, reconnect and grow closer as a couple—no matter how long you've been married. It offers a unique opportunity to deepen your love and strengthen your married commitment. **Stephen and Barbara Dunn** will speak briefly after **all Masses on the weekend of 5th–6th July** to share more details and answer any questions.

CONFIRMATION 2026 - Details will be provided in Autumn for those interested in joining our Confirmation Preparation Programme in 2026. If you might consider **helping our young people prepare for Confirmation next year** please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT 2024-2025 - Children beginning **Year 3** who are **registered and regularly attending Mass at this Parish** are welcome to join our FHC Preparation Programme starting in September. **Enrolment Packs** will be available to collect from the back of church on **Sunday 6th July.** For further information please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

JUBILEE DAY FOR CATECHISTS - A day for catechists from parishes in North London with Canon Shaun Lennard (Episcopal Vicar for North London) will be taking place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, NW10 9AX. To book your place for **Saturday 11th October**, please give your name and email address to your Parish Administrator by Tuesday 30th September 2025. https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/jubilee-days-for-catechists-2025/ for further details.

SUPPORTING YOU WHILST IN HOSPITAL - If you, or a loved one, are heading to hospital and would like a little pastoral & sacramental support whilst you are there, please let us know so we can ensure this is provided. There is a Catholic Chaplain resident at Northwick Park Hospital and a Mass celebrated in the hospital chapel every Sunday afternoon.

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 5** of Sycamore is taking place **In the Café Bar** on **Thursday 3rd July at 7.30pm.**

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.

A DAY WITH MARY has been booked for St George's on Saturday 25th October. More details nearer the time.

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

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!

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCIENCE COLLEGE are proud to announce that our KS5 results placed us in the top 2.5% of schools for A-level and Vocational value added. In order to apply for a place in our Sixth Form for September 2025, please visit our school website at https://www.stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk/

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and London Victoria.

