SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36***
God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect
O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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: ***Genesis 18:20-32***

In those days: The LORD said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 138(137)***

Response: ***On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.***

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
You give me life though I walk amid affliction;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second reading: ***Colosslans 2:12-14***

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Romans 8:15bc***

Alleluia, alleluia.
You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***Luke 11:1-13***

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Ps 102: 2***
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion
We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 27th July 2025

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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.

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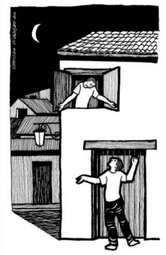
Masses and Intentions
THIS WEEK

Sun 27 July	**17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm	Peader Togher RIP
8.30am	Darren O'Sullivan RIP
9.45am	Aaron Fernandes Ints.
11.15am	Martina Joseph RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 28 July	**Feria**
9.30am	Divinia Providencia Saldanha RIP
Tues 29 July	**Ss. Martha Mary & Lazarus**
9.30am	Bridie O'Shea RIP
Weds 30 July	**Feria**
9.30am	Holy Souls
11:00	**FUNERAL MASS** Ita Veronica Hanley
Thurs 31July	**S. Ignatius of Loyola**
9.30am	Fayola Fernandes Birthday Ints.
Fri 1 Aug	**S. Alphonus Liguori**
9.30am	Eddie & Cheryl Rozario Ints.
Sat 2 Aug	**Of Our Lady**
9.30pm	Leila Holland RIP
Sun 3 Aug	**18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Patsy & Gerry Donnelly Ints.
9.45am	Jeanette Dias Ints.
11.15am	James & Mary Griffin RIP
5.30pm	Agnieska & Zoran Dudas Ints.

TODAY'S MASS



Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-3,6-8
Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14 You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13
Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"One must see God in everyone"
St. Catherine Laboure

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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: *Ita Veronica Hanly, Mary Pitterson, Angela Bati*

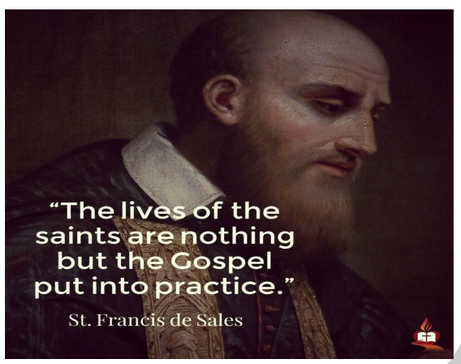
RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Jason Valadares & Stacie Saldanha*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Darren O'Sullivan, Divinia Providencia Saldanha*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Intentions of Baptist Fernandes

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory Of Bernie Marren 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 from Christ and the Gospel.



The Jews at the time of Jesus were noted for their devotion to prayer. Formal prayer was prescribed for three set times a day. And the rabbis had a prayer for every occasion. It was also a custom for rabbis to teach their disciples a simple prayer they might use on a regular basis. Jesus' disciples ask him for such a prayer. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray he gave them the disciple's prayer, what we call the *Our Father* or *Lord's Prayer.* What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father in being the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only begotten Son who, reciprocally is Son only in relation to his Father All fatherhood and motherhood is derived from him. In the Lord Jesus Christ we are spiritually reborn and made new, and we become the adopted children of God.

Jesus teaches us to address God as "our Father" and to confidently ask him for the things we need to live as his sons and daughters. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbour the same. We can pray with expectant faith because our heavenly Father loves us and treats us as his children. He delights to give us what is good. His love and grace transforms us and makes us like himself. Through his grace and power we can love and serve one another as Jesus taught – with grace, mercy, and loving-kindness. The Lord's Prayer serves to ask us questions about our lives of discipleship. Do we treat others as they deserve, or do we treat them as the Lord would with grace and mercy? Jesus' prayer includes an injunction that we must ask God to forgive us in proportion as we forgive those who have wronged us. Are we ready to forgive as Jesus forgives?

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. **The Parish Office will be closed for the summer from Monday 21st July to Friday 29th August 2025.** Urgent matters can be directed to the Presbytery.

FUNERAL MASS of Ita Veronica Hanley on Wednesday 30th July at 11.00am followed by burial in Alperton Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUMMER. We wish everyone going away on holiday a time of relaxation and refreshment and a safe travel. For those who are here the Mass Schedule will stay the same as usual. There will be no music at any of the Masses from this Sunday and throughout n August so we wish all our singers an equal time of rest from their ministry. During August there will be a simple Newsletter.

AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THE HOLIDAY SEASON: If you are a Reader, Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Counter, Musician, Cleaner or help out in any way and are going away, please arrange cover for your duties. This will help us enormously with the smooth running of the Masses and for all that we do together. Thank you in advance.

FR. MIKE'S LAST SUNDAY with us will be the last weekend of August after which he will go to the Cathedral. It looks very likely that he will not be replaced due to the shortage of priests. We are going to need to do some careful thinking how we manage the parish.

GOOD NEWS Work is going on to improve the parish buildings for which the whole parish is responsible. Just at the moment the builders are completing the windows of the presbytery (side and back), which are nearly 100 years old and need attention. Later doors will come to replace the rotten back doors in the hall. In the autumn we hope to improve our CCTV surveillance and also our Wi-Fi so you can use your card in the Repository and the Parish Office.

ALL CHANGE It was announced recently 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.

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.

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!

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING - Children who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to serve, along with those wishing to refresh or refine their skills, are welcome to join us for this year's 'Introduction to Altar Serving' taking place at the Parish on **Saturday 13th September at 11am.**

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** are happy to share more details and answer any questions that you may have.

CONFIRMATION 2026 - Young people in **Year 10 & above**, who are **registered & regularly attend Mass at this Parish**. are welcome to join our **Confirmation Preparation Programme.** Details of the **Confirmation Information Evening** that prospective Candidates & a Parent/Carer need to attend, will be provided in the Newsletter in September. 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** are available to collect from the back of church. 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 contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk by Tuesday 30th September 2025. For further information please visit:- https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/jubilee-days-for-catechists-2025/

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 September. Please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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

THE OVER 60's CLUB has finished now for the summer. Back again on 9th September 2025.

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

SIGNING FORMS ETC. Please always make an appointment via the Parish Office if you want school forms, passport forms or pension forms countersigned/witnessed by the clergy. Please also know if you want an English passport witnessed or naturalisation form signed, we must have known you for a minimum of 3 years.

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE Wealdstone –has a limited number of vacancies for next term (September 2025). If you are seeking an Outstanding Catholic Education for your daughter, please email admissions@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk to make an appointment to see the school. Further information is available on the school website: www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk