SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Ps 53: 6, 8***
See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Collect
Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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 18:1-10a***

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 15(14)***

Response: ***O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?***

Whoever walks without fault;
who does what is righteous,
and speaks the truth from his heart;
whoever does not slander with his tongue.

O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

Who does no wrong to a neighbour,
who casts no slur on a friend,
who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken.

Second reading: ***Colosslans 1:24-28***

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Cf. Luke 8:15***
Allelula, allelula.
Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God
In an honest and good heart,
and bear fruit with patience.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***Luke 10:38-42***

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

Prayer over the Offerings
O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Ps 110: 4-5***
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer after Communion
Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 20th July 2025

16TH 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 20 July	**16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Patsy & Gerry Donnelly Ints.
9.45am	Baptist Fernandes Ints.
11.15am	Breda Sabatini RIP
5.30pm	Ralph & Rita Rulach Ints.
Mon 21 July	**Feria**
9.30am	Patsy & Gerry Donnelly Ints.
Tues 22 July	**S. MARY MAGDALENE**
9.30am	Piedade & Remediana Fernandes Thanksgiving
11:00am	**FUNERAL LITURGY** William Taor RIP
Weds 23 July	**S.BRIDGET OF SWEDEN**
9.30am	Sean Faughey RIP (2nd Anniv)
Thurs 24 July	**S. SHARBEL MAKHLOUF**
9.30am	Holy Souls
Fri 25 July	**S. JAMES**
9.30am	John Isaacs RIP
Sat 26 July	**Ss.JOACHIM & ANNE**
9.30pm	Lucille Thomas Ints.
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

TODAY'S MASS



The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighbourliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

First Reading: *Genesis 18:1-10a*
Abraham entertains three strangers and is promised a son.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 15:2-5*
Those who do justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: *Colossians 1:24-28*
The mystery hidden from ages past has now been revealed in Christ.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:38-42*
Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"The Mass is long', you say, and I add:
'Because your love is short."
Saint Josemaría Escrivá

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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: *William Taor, Veronica Hanly, Mary Pitterson, Angela Bati*

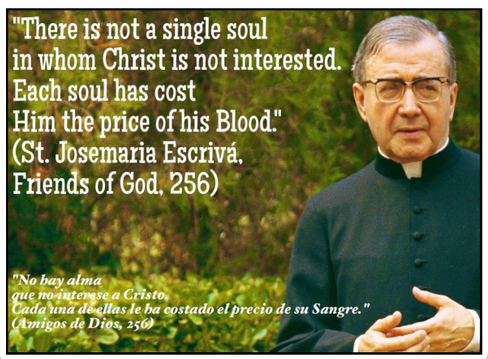
RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Jason Valadares & Stacie Saldanha*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Sean Faughey, Mary Hughes, Kathleen Joyce, Bernie Marren*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory Of Philomena Ariyam RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory Of Kathleen Joyce 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.



Jesus loved to visit the home of Martha and Mary and enjoyed their gracious hospitality. In this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. She instinctively knew that what the Lord and Teacher most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence. Anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. The Lord bids us to give him our concerns and anxieties because he is trustworthy and able to meet any need we have. His grace frees us from needless concerns and preoccupation. The Lord desires that we make a place for him, not only in our hearts, but in our homes and in the daily circumstances of our lives as well. We honour the Lord when we offer to him everything we have and everything we do. After all, everything we have is an outright gift from God. St. Paul writing to the Colossians urges us to give God glory in everything: *"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him".* When you sit, eat, sleep and when you entertain your friends and guests, remember that Jesus is also the guest of your home. The book of Genesis tells us that when Abraham opened his home and welcomed three unknown travellers, he welcomed the Lord who blessed him favourably for his gracious hospitality. The Lord wants us to bring him glory in the way we treat others and use the gifts he has graciously given to us. God, in turn, blesses us with his grace.

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.

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 in 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.

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

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

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.

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**.

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!

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

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.

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.

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

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/

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 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.

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.

At the Home of Mary and Martha



"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42 (NIV).

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