St. George's Catholic Church, Sudbury

Sunday 3rd August 2025

18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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 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.
Mon 4 Aug	**S. John Vianny**
9.30am	Charlene Rorke Ints.
Tues 5 Aug	**Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**
9.30am	Brigid Heston RIP
Weds 6 Aug	**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**
9.30am	Nimal Perera RIP
Thurs 7 Aug	**S. Sixtus**
9.30am	Lorraine Murray RIP
Fri 8 Aug	**S. Dominic**
9.30am	Maureen Isaacs RIP
Sat 9 Aug	**S.THERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Edith Stein)**
9.30pm	Leila Holland RIP
Sun 10 Aug	**19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Bosco Fernandes Ints.
9.45am	Baptist Fernandes Ints.
11.15am	Brigid Heston RIP
5.30pm	Ana Maria Soares De Almeida RIP

Blessed Sacrament Lamp
In Memory of Nimal Perera RIP

Our Lady of Walsingham Lamp
In Memory of Nimal Perera RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry. "The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now?

First Reading *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*
Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 95:1-2,6-9*
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-5,9-11*
There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading *Luke 12:13-21*
A person's life does not consist of possessions.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice."
St Gregory the Great

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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Ps 69: 2, 6***
O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Collect
Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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: ***Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23***

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 90(89)***

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.

You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night.

O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.

You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades.

O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.

Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O LORD! How long?
Show pity to your servants.

O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands.

O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.

Second reading: ***Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11***

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Matthew 5:3***

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' " But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Wis 16: 20***
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Prayer after Communion
Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

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