St. George's Catholic Church, Sudbury

Sunday 17th August 2025

20TH 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 17 Aug	**20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm	Mary Agnes Crowley RIP
8.30am	Xavier Constantine RIP, Ariyam David RIP Jerry Pathman RIP
9.45am	Madonna & Lucille Thomas Ints.
11.15am	Maria Lazaras RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 18 Aug	**Feria**
9.30am	Peter Drewett RIP
Tues 19 Aug	**Feria**
9.30am	Damio A Saldanha Birthday Ints.
Weds 20 Aug	**S. Bernard**
9.30am	Natalie Donnelly Ints.
Thurs 21 Aug	**S. Pius X**
9.30am	Margaret McGonagle RIP
Fri 22 Aug	**The Queenship of the BVM**
9.30am	Sojy Penathu Avira RIP
Sat 23 Aug	**S.Rose of Lima**
9.30pm	Carroll Family Ints.
Sun 24 Aug	**21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm	Evelyn & Ken Taylor RIP
8.30am	Farrell Valmond RIP
9.45am	Teresa Muller RIP
11.15am	Jean & Ferdie Rammelt RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Blessed Sacrament Lamp
In Memory Of Allan Noronha

Our Lady of Walsingham Lamp
In Memory Of Michael Darby

TODAY'S MASS



Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

First Reading: ***Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10***
Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 40:2-4,18***
A prayer for God's help

Second Reading: ***Hebrews 12:1-4***
Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Reading: ***Luke 12:49-53***
Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."
St. Gianna Molla

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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Ps 83: 10-11***
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Collect
O God, who have prepared for those who love you
good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,
we may attain your promises,
which surpass every human desire.
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: ***Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10***
In those days: The officials said to the king, 'Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.' King Zedekiah said, 'Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.' So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 'My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.' Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, 'Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 40(39

Response:* *LORD, make haste to help me!
I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me.
He heard my cry.
LORD, make haste to help me!
He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock,
made my footsteps firm.
LORD, make haste to help me!
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the LORD.
LORD, make haste to help me!
Wretched and poor though I am,
the Lord is mindful of me.
You are my rescuer, my help;
O my God, do not delay.
LORD, make haste to help me!

Second reading: ***Hebrews 12:1-4***
Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Gospel Acclamation: ***John 10:27***

Allelula, allelula.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***Luke 12:49-53***
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter -in-law against mother-in-law.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Receive our oblation, O Lord,
by which is brought about a glorious exchange,
that, by offering what you have given,
we may merit to receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Ps 129: 7***
With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Prayer after Communion
Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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