SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit: Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

Collect
God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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: ***Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29***

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 68(67)***

Response: In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God;
they shall exult with glad rejoicing.
O sing to God; make music to his name.
The LORD is his name.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Father of orphans, defender of widows:
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;
he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;
when your heritage languished, you restored it.
It was there that your flock began to dwell.
In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Second reading: ***Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a***

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***Luke 14:1, 7-14***

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'

He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing of salvation,
that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Ps 30: 20***
How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

Prayer after Communion
Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 31st August 2025

22ND 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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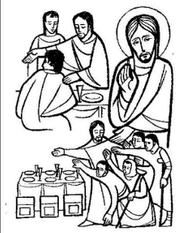
download a weekly sheet:
http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 31 Aug	**22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm	John Toland RIP (1st Anniversary)
8.30am	Larry Regan RIP
9.45am	Martin & Rita Hession RIP
11.15am	Joaquim Afonso Thanksgiving
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 1 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Joe McCarthy RIP 4th Anniversary
Tues 2 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Noreen & Bernadette
Weds 3 Sept	**S.Gregory the Great**
9.30am	Thomas Dolan RIP (Birthday Rem.)
Thurs 4 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Kerry Nash Get Well Intentions
Fri 5 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Sean Carew RIP
Sat 6 Sept	**Of Our Lady**
9.30am	Teresa Hukowski RIP
Sun 7 Sept	**23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm SAT	John Brady RIP
8.30am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.45am	Dee Kelly Loader RIP
11.15am	George & Valerie Pires Thanksgiving
5.30pm	Jennifer C Otico RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

First Reading *Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29*
Humble yourself and you will find favour with God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps. 68:4-7,10-11*
The just rejoice and exult before God.

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24*
You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading *Luke 14:1,7-14*
When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"He who desires nothing but God is rich and happy".
St. Alphonsus Liguori

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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, 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: *Dwayne Harvey Pereira*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Daphne Doherty*

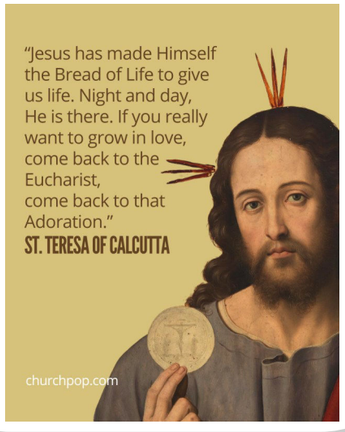
RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Conor Costello & Aoife Sexton*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - John Toland, Joe McCarthy

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 September
For our relationship with all of creation
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



Who wants to be last? Isn't it only natural to desire respect and esteem from others? Jesus' parable of the guests invited to the marriage feast probes our motives for seeking honour and position. Self-promotion is most often achieved at the expense of others! Jesus' parable reinforces the teaching of Proverbs: Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of the prince (Proverbs 25:6-7).

What is true humility and why should we make it a characteristic mark of our life and action? True humility is not feeling bad about yourself, or having a low opinion of yourself, or thinking of yourself as inferior to others. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves, whereas a low self-opinion tends to focus our attention on ourselves. Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. Viewing ourselves truthfully, with sober judgment, means seeing ourselves the way God sees us (Psalm 139:1-4). A humble person makes a realistic assessment of himself or herself without illusion or pretence to be something he or she is not. The humble regard themselves neither smaller nor larger than they truly are.

True humility frees us to be our true selves and to avoid despair and pride. A humble person does not have to wear a mask or put on a facade in order to look good to others, especially to those who are not really familiar with that person. The humble are not swayed by accidentals, such as fame, reputation, success, or failure.

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly, the way God sees us. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others selflessly, for their sake, rather than our own. St. Paul , gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:7-8). Jesus gives grace to those who seek him humbly. So, do you want to be a servant as Jesus served?

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. Outside these hours, urgent matters can be directed to the Presbytery.

THIS SUNDAY we say Farewell and thank you to Fr Mike and wish him well in his new work at the cathedral. We have been able to make him a gift. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY 7th September our SVP group will be selling bacon/egg butties (rolls) after all the morning Masses. Proceeds towards all their excellent work.

FUNERAL SERVICE for **Daphne Doherty** on Friday 5th September at 4.00pm at Golders Green Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

OUR CHOIRS begin again next weekend. Please do think if you can join them either at 9.45am or 11.15am mass.

WELL DONE to all our young people who will have by now received their exam results. We wish them well and pray for all who are starting school, changing to a new school, going to university, starting work or starting an apprenticeship .

HARROW DEANERY JUBILEE PILGRIMGE to St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
447 Victoria Road, HA4 EG (one of the designated Diocesan Pilgrimage Churches) **SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2025 3.00pm** Gather at St Gregory's then exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with opportunity for confessions **3.50pm** – Benediction ++ Break ++ **4.10pm** – Talk on the Sacrament of the Sick **4.20pm** - Opportunity for Sacrament of the Sick or intercessory prayer**5.00pm** – Conclude

SYCAMORE is an informal course about the Catholic faith and its relevance to life today. This week we will be reflecting on the **Gift of Faith**. Please join us in the Café Bar on **Thursday 4th September at 7.30pm.** All are welcome!

HELPERS PARTY - We look forward to our Parish Helpers Party taking place this coming **Friday 5th September at 7.30pm**. If you are over 18 and help at the Parish in any way you remain very welcome to attend. We are delighted that Simply Paella will, once again, be providing the catering for us. If you help at the Parish and would still like to join us please **RSVP** to Mary, our Parish Administrator, at sudbury@rcdow.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – The **Enrolment Evening** for this year's **First Holy Communion Programme** is taking place in the **Parish Centre** on **Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 7pm for Parents/ Carers ONLY. Children are NOT permitted to attend.** To avoid any disappointment on the night, please ensure you make **childcare arrangements well in advance.** Thank you for carefully completing the Enrolment Form and bringing it along, together with a copy of your child's **Baptism Certificate** & **£30 contribution**.

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**.

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST TRAINING - We are delighted that Mary Crowley will be joining us to facilitate **two training sessions** taking place in the Café Bar on **29th September & 6th October** at **7.30pm**.

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 on **Saturday 11th October**. To book your place please contact Peter at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk **by Tuesday 30th September 2025**. Further information at: https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/jubilee-days-for-catechists-2025/

BAPTISM PREPARATION - **Baptism Preparation** sessions at the Parish provide **essential** formation for Parents/Carers as they prepare for this important Sacrament. If you are expecting a baby, or would like your baby baptised, please **pick up a Baptism Pack** from the **Parish Office**. To attend **this month's Baptism Preparation** you will need to **complete** the **Baptism Application Form** (in the Pack) & **return it to the Parish Office by Monday 22nd September.**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND AT ST. GEORGE'S ...27th–28th September.
There are still some spaces available for the **Marriage Encounter Weekend** taking place 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.
For more information and to book please go to www.wwme.org.uk

THE VATICAN has announced that Blessed Carlo Acutis' canonisation will be held on 7th September, alongside Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. This follows the initial postponement on the announcement of Pope Francis' death. The canonisation of these two young saints, one from the early twentieth century, the other the first twenty-first century saint, is an occasion of great joy. There will be a Eucharistic Festival on Saturday 11 October with Cardinal Vincent Nichols in Westminster Cathedral including Veneration of a Relic of the newly canonised St Carlo Acutis.

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

TEA/COFFEE in the Café Bar resumes next week after 9:30am mass on Friday 5th September and 9:45am and 11:15am masses on Sunday 7th September. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 9.45am mass. This resumes next week. If you have young children, this is for them (It's not for the very young i.e. its not a creche) but for children to be given an interest in the message of the gospel of a Sunday and take away a good message. If you come with children why not come to this Mass as it is especially tailored for you and your family?

ST. GEORGE'S OVER 60'S GROUP will be back on Tuesday 9th September at 1pm. in the Café Bar. All welcome—come along and bring a friend. You don't need to be Catholic!

GOOD NEWS During the summer we completed two building/maintenance projects. The first was stage 2 & 3 of the repair and restoration of the Presbytery windows. Secondly we have replaced a number of doors—the two big double doors in the hall and the door to the hall kitchen. Also one of the doors to the youth club/nursery. These had grown rotten over the years. All of this is keeping the parish up to scratch. More small projects are proposed for the Autumn.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING will take place in the autumn on specific dates. We will publish the dates shortly. Please wait until the times.

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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE UPDATE! The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an Easy Action tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!