SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit
I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect
O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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: ***Amos 8:4-7***

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?'

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 113(112)***

Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
May the name of the LORD be blest
both now and for evermore!

Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

High above all nations is the LORD,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God,
who dwells on high,
who lowers himself to look down
upon heaven and earth?

Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap he raises the poor,
to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

Second reading: ***1 Timothy 2:1-8***

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Gospel Acclamation
Allelula, allelula.
Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***Luke 16:1-13***

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager." And the manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He said, "A hundred measures of oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty." Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" He said, "A hundred measures of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and write eighty." The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.' And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Ps 118: 4-5***
You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion
Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 21st September 2025

THE 25TH 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 21 Sept	**25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm SAT	Bosco Fernandes & Isabel Crasto (27th Wedding Anniversary)
8.30am	Andrew Rozario RIP
9.45am	Rowland Watts RIP
11.15am	Daniel Daley Snr. RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 22 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Thanksgiving intentions of Clare O'Sullivan
Tues 23 Sept	**S. Pius of Pietreicina (Padre Pio)**
9.30am	Beyonce Vaz Birthday Intentions
Weds 24 Sept	**Our Lady of Walsingham**
9.30am	Norah O'Toole RIP
Thurs 25 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Zarah Afonso Thanksgiving
Frl 26 Sept	**Ss. Cosmas & Damian**
9.30am	Pat Kelly RIP
Sat 27 Sept	**S.Vincent de Paul**
9.30am	Margery Horeau RIP & Germain Hoareau (50th Wedding Anniv.)
Sun 28 Sept	**26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm SAT	Linda & Terence Brown RIP
8.30am	Elizabeth (Lilly) Brosnan RIP
9.45am	Charlie Logan Intentions
11.15am	Brendan Byrne RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life. The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

First Reading: ***Amos 8:4-7***
Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 113: 1-2,4-6,7-8***
Praise be to God, who raises up the poor..

Second Reading: ***1 Timothy 2:1-8***
St. Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.

Gospel Reading: ***Luke 16:1-13***
Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If we don't teach our children the faith ,
Then the world will teach them something else.

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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, Mary McLaughlin, Anne McGovern*

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Terence Munro*

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Daniel Daley Snr., Norah O'Toole*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Intentions Of Baptist Fernandes

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory Of Anton Nicholas

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.



What does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? The steward was responsible for managing his wealthy landowner's property. The steward very likely overcharged his master's tenants for their use of the land and kept more than his fair share of the profit. When the landowner discovered the steward's dishonest practice he immediately removed him from his job, leaving him penniless and ashamed to beg or do manual work.

Before news of his dismissal became public knowledge, the shrewd steward struck a deal with his master's debtors. In discounting their debts he probably was giving up his generous commission. Such a deal won him great favour with the debtors. Since the steward acted as the landowner's agent, such a deal made his master look very generous and forgiving towards those who owned him money. Surely everyone would praise such a generous landowner as the town hero! Since the master could not undo the steward's cancellation of the debts without losing face and making his debtors resent him, he praised the steward for outwitting him and making him appear as a generous and merciful landowner.

What's the point of Jesus' parable? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behaviour but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness and generosity in his time of need and great want. Jesus immediately followed this parable with an exhortation to his followers to make use of the world's material goods, including "tainted money" (which in Hebrew means "unrighteous mammon"), to relieve those who are indebted to us for the material and physical help we give them in their time of need and want. In the Scriptures generous giving is connected with alms giving - the sharing of our financial and material resources with those in need. Those who receive alms become your friends because you are merciful to them in their time of need. And God, who sees all, rewards those who are generous in helping others.

Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need - and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. Let's ask the Lord to fill our hearts with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what we have with others.

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.

FUNERAL MASS of Terence Munro on Friday 10th October at 11am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA National Tour of the relics of St. Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret will be at St George's on Thursday 25th September at the 9:30am Mass.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Friday 26th September, 10am to 12:30pm, in the Bar/Cafe. Raffle & cake stall. Entrance fee £3.00 to include refreshments. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes much appreciated. All very welcome. Come along and support this very worthy cause.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025-26 - Thank you to the Parents/Carers who joined us for the '**Handing on our Faith**' Session last week. Please remember that this coming Tuesday there is a meeting just for Catechists & Helpers. Those participating on this year's Programme (Children, Parents/Carers & Catechists) are reminded to **please attend** the **FHC Enrolment Mass** on **Sunday 28th September at 9.45am.** Please note that enrolment on this year's Programme is now **closed.**

SYCAMORE is an informal course about the Catholic faith and its relevance to life today. Those interested in learning about the faith are welcome to attend. At the next session we will be reflecting on **Finding True Freedom**. Please join us in the Café Bar on **Thursday 2nd October at 7.30pm.**

ST. GEORGE'S OVER 60'S CLUB Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the Café Bar in the Parish Centre at 1pm. Everyone welcome—come along and bring a friend. You don't need to be Catholic!

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**.

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 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**

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 in 2026.** Young people wishing to be confirmed must attend the **Confirmation Information Evening** with a Parent/Carer on **Monday 12th January at 7.30pm**. For further information, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION have an important ministry at the Parish, assisting the Priest with the administration of Holy Communion at Mass and taking the Eucharist to the Sick & Housebound. Might you consider helping in the future? A **Training & Formation Day** for those currently helping & those wishing to help in the future is taking place on **Saturday 22nd November from 9.30am-1pm. To register your interest** please email our Pastoral Assistant, Peter, at **peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk**. Parish Clergy can provide further information.

NEW YEAR YOUTH EVENT IN PARIS - The 48th **European Youth Meeting** with the Taizé community, **for young people aged 18-35**, will take place in Paris and the Île-de-France region from **28 December 2025 to 1 January 2026**. An opportunity to grow in faith with tens of thousands of young adults from around the world. Information can be found at https://www.taize.fr/en/paris-2025-26. To express an interest please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

A DAY WITH MARY has been booked for St George's on Saturday 25th October. More details to follow shortly.

SOUTH VALE PRE SCHOOL located in the Church car park; Admissions are open for Children aged between 2-4 years old. **15-30 hours free childcare.** Tel: 07745 860 794 or email: southvalepreschool@yahoo.co.uk

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING DATES:
Secondary School:- Thursday 9th October 2025 at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.
Primary/ Nursery Thursday 13th November 2025 at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.
Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) Forms and Parish Supplementary forms are now available from the back of church. Make sure you complete these before you come. Having a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by one of the priests means exactly what it is. You need to be at Mass every Sunday. Please don't encourage the clergy to be dishonest....

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.

LOST PROPERTY we recently found what looks like a Yale front door key (with a Tesco clubcard fob attached) in church. If it is yours, you can collect it from the Parish Office.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING/MORNING We have received details from a number of schools regarding their Open Evening / Open Morning for children looking to apply for a place in September 2026. All necessary details can be found on the school websites:- www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk, www.cvms.co.uk, www.salvatoriancollege.com and www.sjoa.herts.sch.uk.

CARDINAL WISEMAN SECONDARY SCHOOL If you were unable to attend their Open Evening but would like to visit the school for a tour on either the 23rd, 24th or 25th September at 10am, please email MiglioriniM@wiseman.ealing.sch.uk with your preferred date and they we will arrange this for you.

THE ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST is recruiting for Clerks for two school boards in Rickmansworth. More information is available at https://www.eteach.com/careers/ascatonline/

ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH, Wembley Park, warmly invites you to a special Mass for people with learning disabilities, their families, and friends, celebrated by Fr. Albert Ofere. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 8th November, at 2:00 PM at English Martyrs Church, Chalkhill Road, Wembley, HA9 9EW. Refreshments after in the parish hall.