SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42***
All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Collect
O God, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.
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 6:1a, 4-7***

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146(145)

Response: ***My soul, give praise to the LORD.***

It is the LORD who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets prisoners free.

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger.

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

Second reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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

Gospel: ***Luke 16:19-31***

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

Prayer over the Offerings
Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 118: 49-50***
Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Prayer after Communion
May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 28th September 2025

THE 26TH 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 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
Mon 29 Sept	**Ss. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels**
9.30am	Keith Kugaswaran RIP & Holy Souls
Tues 30 Sept	**S. Jerome**
9.30am	Remediana Fernandes Thanksgiving
Weds 1 Oct	**S. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Lisieux)**
9.30am	Kieran & Nuala Maher RIP
Thurs 2 Oct	**Holy Guardian Angels**
9.30am	Annabelle Rorke Intentions
Fri 3 Oct	**Feria**
9.30am	Kay Clark RIP
Sat 4 Oct	**S.Francis of Assisi**
9.30am	Peter Golden Jnr RIP
Sun 5 Oct	**27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm SAT	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Kitty & John Calnan RIP
9.45am	Teresa Hukowski RIP
11.15am	Mr Rogers RIP
5.30pm	Mr & Mrs Kevin & Roseanne McLennan Intentions

TODAY'S MASS



A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

First Reading: ***Amos 6:1,4-7***
God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 146:7-10***
Happy are those who find solace in God, the help of the poor.

Second Reading: ***1 Timothy 6:11-16***
St. Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

Gospel Reading: ***Luke 16:19-31***
Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It would be considered a theft on our part if we didn't give to someone in greater need than we are".
St. Francis of Assisi

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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: *Autumn Jordan*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Terence Munro, Peter McGrath*

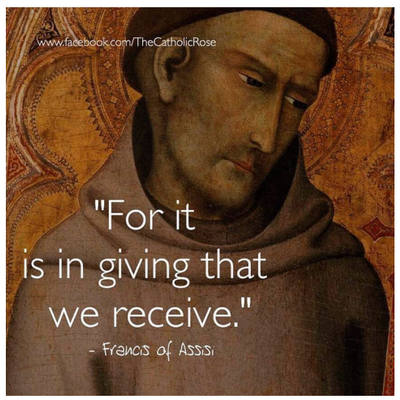
RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Tsering & Joanna*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Peter Golden Jnr.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Intentions of Betty & Wency Pereira on their 25th Wedding Avvniversary

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Thanksgiving Intentions of Shuell De Souza

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for October
For collaboration between different religious traditions
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



Today Jesus gives us the vivid and moving parable of the rich man and Lazarus. It is story full of memorable images: we can picture the rich man in all his purple finery; poor and hungry Lazarus with his sores being licked by the dogs; the flames and the torment that the rich man endures; and Lazarus in peace in the bosom of Abraham.

In addition to this rich imagery, this parable is memorable for another reason. If we reflect for a moment on all the other parables in the Gospels, we realise that none of the protagonists are named: not even the most famous, such as the Prodigal Son or the Good Samaritan. There may be a reason for this: the fact that these characters are nameless emphasises the universality of the parables' moral implications. It is curious, then, that in today's parable Jesus specifically gives one of the characters – the poor man – a name. Why does he do this?

One possibility is that Jesus wishes to reverse the world's normal attitude to wealth and poverty. Money and riches usually denote status; our culture teaches us to revere the well off and aspire to emulate their lifestyles. Because the rich man in today's parable is unnamed, we recognise the essential lack of humanity in his outlook.

Those who are poor – whether materially, physically, or intellectually – are more likely to be marginalised by the wider society. By naming the poor man in today's parable –Lazarus – Jesus gives a face and a voice to someone who might otherwise go unnoticed. He personalises Lazarus, restores his dignity. It is easy to walk past a nameless beggar; more difficult to do so if we know the name by which we acknowledge his personhood.

On 29 September, the Diocese of Westminster celebrates its 175th anniversary, marking the appointment of Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman as its first Archbishop in 1850. The Diocese has since grown from a community emerging from centuries of suppression into a vibrant, diverse Church shaped by history, resilience, and God's grace.

The Cardinal highlights two dimensions of this celebration: gratitude for the Diocese's past, where despite wars, social change, and challenges, parish and school life flourished; and thanksgiving for today's international Catholic community, united not by culture but by shared love for Christ.

He recalls the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in England and Wales and honours the leadership of successive Archbishops, clergy, religious, and laity who sustained the Church. Finally, he prays for God's continued blessing, invoking the saints and archangels to intercede for greater faithfulness and joy in the Lord.

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 the Cardinal has written a Pastoral Letter on the 175th Anniversary of the founding of our Diocese. Copies are available from the back of the Church.

WELCOME this weekend to Canon John O'Leary, the Rector of the Seminary, who will be celebrating the 11.15am Solemn Mass. We are very grateful for his help at this time.

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is taking place this weekend here at St. George's on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September. Please keep in your prayers the married couples experiencing the weekend, and the couples and priest presenting the weekend.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of Peter McGrath, former Headteacher of St George's School (1968-1990), who passed away recently in Ireland. May he rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025-26 - This Sunday at **9.45am** is the **Enrolment Mass** when the FHC Children, Parents/Carers & Catechists make a public commitment to this year's Preparation Programme. At **Session 1 on Tuesday 30th September at 7.30pm** we will be reflecting on **Relating to God and One Another**. Thank you for ensuring you and your child arrive **promptly** at the Parish Centre for the start of the session at 7pm.

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. Come along and bring a friend. You don't need to be Catholic!

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING & DBS RECHECKS – Those at the Parish who volunteer with children and/or vulnerable adults are reminded that **Refresher Training** needs to be completed **every two years.** Training can be accessed online at **https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/**. **DBS Rechecks** are required **every three years**. If you have not yet completed your recheck please do so as soon as possible, carefully following the instructions provided by email during the summer.

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**.

A DAY WITH MARY at St George's Church, Sudbury on Saturday 25th October. Commences at 9:30am with entry procession of Our Lady. Full details on yellow leaflets at the back of the church.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING DATES:
Secondary School & Grammar schools:- 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.

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

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 **October's Baptism Preparation** you will need to **complete** the **Baptism Application Form** (in the Pack) & **return it to the Parish Office by Monday 20th October.**

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.

ST ANSELM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL is seeking to recruit a Site Supervisor. Full details can be found at **https://mynewterm.com/jobs/102230/EDV-2025-SACPS-79602**

VACANCY Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School & Nursery NW10 8PP is seeking to recruit a caretaker. Please contact Ms Sharyf on 0208 961 5037 for further information. For an application form, please visit www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER IS CAFOD *Family Fast Day* Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call **0303 303 3030**. You can also **text CAFOD to 70560** to donate £10 or scan the QR code below:-