SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Gal 6: 14***
We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered.

Collect
O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son
should undergo the Cross to save the human race,
grant, we pray,
that we, who have known his mystery on earth,
may merit the grace of his redemption in 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: ***Numbers 21:4b-9***

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 78(77)***

Response:
Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Give ear, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and utter hidden lessons of the past.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

When he slew them, then they sought him,
repented and earnestly sought God.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Yet they deceived him with their mouths;
they lied to him with their tongues.
For their hearts were not steadfast towards him;
they were not faithful to his covenant.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger,
and did not stir up all his rage.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Second reading: ***Philippians 2:6-11***

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia.

Gospel ***John 3:13-17***

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May this oblation, O Lord,
which on the altar of the Cross
cancelled the offence of the whole world,
cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Jn 12: 32***
When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion
Having been nourished by your holy banquet,
we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ,
to bring those you have redeemed
by the wood of your life-giving Cross
to the glory of the resurrection.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 14th September 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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 14 Sept	**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
6.15pm SAT	Roger & Steffi (Anniversary)
8.30am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.45am	Baptist Fernandes Intentions
11.15am	Peter Sammon RIP
5.30pm	Genowefa & Hieronim Cendrowicz RIP
Mon 15 Sept	**Our Lady of Sorrows**
9.30am	Daniel Daley Snr. RIP
Tues 16 Sept	**Ss.Cornelius & Cyprian**
9.30am	Loy Fernandes Private Intention
Weds 17 Sept	**S. Robert Bellarmine**
9.30am	Mystica Fernandes Thanksgiving
Thurs 18 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Michael Fahey RIP
Fri 19 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Arnold Pinto RIP
Sat 20 Sept	**S. Andrew Kim Taegon & Comps.**
9.30am	TerezhinaCarvalho RIP
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

TODAY'S MASS



"God gave his only Son."
The cross is the sign of salvation because when he was lifted up on the tree of the Cross Jesus drew everyone to himself. He humbled himself even to the death of a criminal on the Cross to show his love for his Father and each one of us. Now we acclaim Jesus as Lord to the glory of the Father.

First Reading: *Numbers 21:4b–9*
Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he or she was healed.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 78*
Do not forget the works of the Lord.

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:6–11*
Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped.

Gospel Reading: *John 3:13–17*
As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross."
St. Leo the Great, pope (400-461 A.D.)

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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*

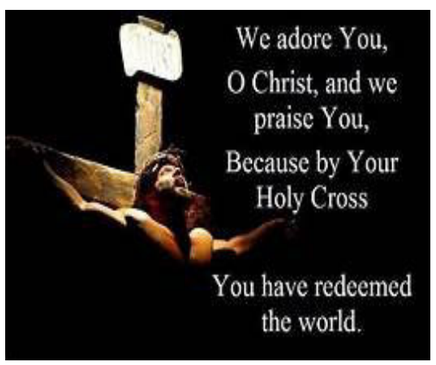
RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Conor Costello & Aoife Sexton*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Daniel Daley Snr., Michael Fahey, Terezinha Carvalho, James McHugh*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory Of Grace & Peter Pillai

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory Of Michael Fahey

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.



The Cross has always been central to Christian faith. Today's celebration is very ancient; its origins are associated with St Helena, the mother of Constantine, the Roman Emperor who embraced Christianity as the religion of the empire. Helena journeyed to the Holy Land where she established churches in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Legend has it that she brought back to Rome some of the wood of the cross of Christ. The title of today's celebration echoes the attitude of Christian faith in Helena's 4th century. It is a very different attitude from the one we have taken for granted for many centuries. In the 4th century, the Cross was Christ's glorious trophy, carried by the Risen Lord as a symbol of his Paschal (Easter) Mystery, his victory over all evil, even death itself. In the Middle Ages, however, as appreciation of the Paschal Mystery faded, the Cross became associated with the human sufferings of the Saviour. The familiar crucifix was seen as an invitation – as it certainly is – to repentance and conversion. Today's liturgy teaches us that the truths that inspired these two different views can be brought together.

In the gospel reading from John, Jesus tells Nicodemus that 'the Son of Man must be lifted up', to open the way for humanity to eternal life with God. John's gospel describes the Cross with overtones of the coming triumph – '*When I am lifted up', Jesus declares at the Supper, 'I shall draw all things to myself'* (John 12:32); Pilate's notice attached to the Cross proclaims Jesus as 'King'; the 'blood and water', so solemnly described flowing from his open side, are a life-giving flood for the human family.

The liturgy of the Mass today strikes a wonderful balance. Emphasis upon the Easter Mystery as a triumph that never forgets that the horror of the Cross was the pathway to glory. Also an emphasis upon the human sufferings of the Crucified Lord that does not eclipse the glorious light of the Resurrection. And our gospel reading assures us that the Cross is not something demanded by an angry God (as many are tempted to think) but the expression of God's love – 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son', to be our 'way' from the darkened world we have made to the glory we are to share with him.

NEWS UPDATE

HARROW DEANERY JUBILEE PILGRIMGE to St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON
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

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.

COFFEE/TEA & Refreshments available after the 9.45am & 11.15am mass in the café/bar. Do come along.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025-26 - Thank you to all those who enrolled their children on our FHC Programme last week. Parents/Carers are reminded that this coming week's session, **'Handing on our Faith'** is for **Parents/Carers only**. Thank you for making **childcare arrangements** well in advance and for arriving promptly. Children are not permitted to attend. Enrolment on this year's FHC Programme is now closed.

SYCAMORE is an informal course about the Catholic faith and its relevance to life today. At the next session in the Café Bar on **Thursday 18th September at 7.30pm** we will be reflecting on the **Power of Prayer**. All are welcome!

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!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Friday 26th September, 10am to 12:30pm, in the Bar/Cafe. Raffle & cake stall. All very welcome. Come along and support this very worthy cause.

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.

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.**

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.

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**

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/

READING AT 5.30PM MASS - A space has become available for a new reader at the 5.30pm Mass. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at **peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk**. Training will be provided.

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

THE SVP GROUP would like to thank everyone who supported their Bacon & Egg rolls last Sunday. A total of £700 was raised which will go towards helping the most needy in our community.

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

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

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.

SIGNING FORMS ETC. Please <u>always</u> 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.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING will take place in the autumn on specific dates. We will publish the dates shortly. Please wait until the times and do not come beforehand.

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.