SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Est 4: 17***
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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: ***Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4***

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

And the LORD answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95(94)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Second reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Gospel Acclamation
Allelula, allelula.
The word of the Lord remains for ever
and this word is the good news that was preached to you.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***Luke 17:5-10***

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty." '

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Lam 3: 25***
The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion
Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 5th October 2025

THE 27TH 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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http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/

Masses and Intentions
THIS WEEK

Sun 5 Oct	**27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm SAT	Hanna Magda RIP & 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
Mon 6 Oct	**S. Bruno**
	Kay & Ray Lorenzato Intentions
Tues 7 Oct	**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary**
9.30am	Holy Souls
Weds 8 Oct	**Feria**
9.30am	Denise Thomas Thanksgiving
Thurs 9 Oct	**S. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**
9.30am	Conversion of Sinners
Fri 10 Oct	**S. Paulinus of York**
9.30am	Elizabeth Pais RIP
11.00	FUNERAL MASS
	Terence Munro RIP
Sat 11 Oct	**S. John XXIII**
9.30am	Teresa Hukowski RIP
Sun 12 Oct	**28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm SAT	Raul Pereira RIP
8.30am	Susan Sullivan Intentions
9.45am	Jeff & Charmaine Intentions
11.15am	John English RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less.

First Reading: ***Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4***
The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps. 95:1-2,6-7,8-9***
Sing joyfully to God, our salvation.

Second Reading: ***2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14***
St. Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the Spirit of faith Timothy received.

Gospel Reading: ***Luke 17:5-10***
Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Whoever seems to himself to have understood the Scriptures in such a way that he does not build up that double love of God and neighbour has not yet understood.
Saint Augustine

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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: *Autumn Jordan*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Terence Munro, Peter McGrath, Mary McLaughlin, Charlie Logan, Anne McGovern*

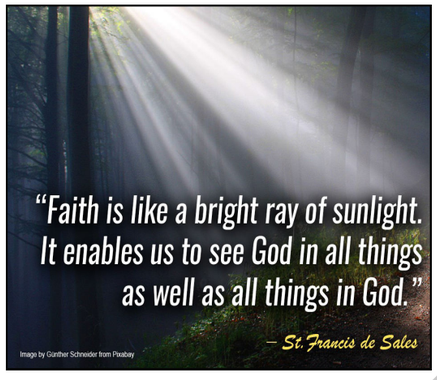
RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Tsering & Joanna*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Elizabeth Pais, Kitty Calnan, Maurice Foley (1st Anniversary)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory Of Nimal Perera

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory Of Nimal Perera

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.



How strong is your faith in God and how can you grow in it? Faith is not something vague, uncertain, undefinable, or something which requires a leap of the imagination, or worse, some kind of blind allegiance. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, truthful, certain, and real. To have faith is to believe and trust in someone or something. We believe in the power of electricity even though we can't visibly see it with the naked eye. We know we can tap into that power and use it to do things we could not do by our own human power. Faith in God works in a similar way.

When God reveals himself to us he gives us the "assurance" and "conviction" that his power and presence and glory is just as real, and even more real, than our experience of the natural physical world around us Things around us change, but God never changes. He is constant, ever true to his word, and always faithful to his promises. That is why we can have the greatest assurance of his unconditional love for us and why we can hope with utter conviction that he will give us everything he has promised. Jesus is God's visible proof that his word is reliable and true - his love is unfailing and unconditional - and his power is immeasurably great and unlimited.

What did Jesus mean when he said to his disciples that our *faith can move trees* and *mountains* as well The term "mountain remover" was used for someone who could solve great problems and difficulties. Don't we often encounter challenges and difficulties which seem beyond our power to handle? What appears impossible to human power is possible to those who believe in God's power. Faith is a gift freely given by God to help us know God personally, to understand his truth, and to live in the power of his love. God expects more from us than we can simply do by ourselves. That is why Jesus gives us the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who helps us to grow strong in faith, persevere in hope, and endure in love.

Faith in God is the key for removing obstacles and difficulties which keep us from doing his will. We belong to God and our lives are no longer our own. Our joy and privilege is to follow the Lord and to serve in the power of his love and goodness. For our faith to be effective it must be linked with trust and with obedience - an active submission to God and a willingness to do whatever he commands. So let us trust in the grace and strength which God freely gives to us so that we may truly do his will.

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.

FUNERAL MASS of Mary McLaughlin on Monday 20th October at 11am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she 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 - At Session 2, on Tuesday 7th October, the children will be reflecting on **How we affect those around us.** Thank you for arriving **promptly** for the start of the session with your child's **Making Things Right coursebook**, at your child's group's **unique entry/exit point**, 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 **The Meaning of Love**. Please join us in the Café Bar on **Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm.**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING A very big Thank You to all who came to the coffee morning, to those who sent donations and to those who worked very hard on the morning itself. £973.11 was raised—a fantastic amount. Thank you again for helping the wonderful Macmillan Nurses.

BINGO NIGHT The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) are holding a **BINGO NIGHT** on Saturday 1st November in the Parish Centre. Doors open 7pm. Bar, tea, coffee, cakes, raffle. £10 per book, pay at the door. Proceeds will go towards helping those in need in the local area.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! - On Saturday 6th December the Parish will be celebrating **Mgr. Jeremy's 30th Anniversary of Ordination** to the **Sacred Priesthood. Mass at 12pm** will be followed by a **Celebration in the Parish Centre.** Further details will be provided in due course.

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.

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST TRAINING - We are delighted that Mary Crowley will be joining us to facilitate a second **training session** in the Café Bar on **Monday 6th October** at **7.30pm**.

A LOST PROPERTY BOX will be in the Church Porch this weekend. Please have a look and take anything that belongs to you.

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE has a vacancy for a part-time student services administrator. Full details are available from the school website https://www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk/

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER WAS 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:-