SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Ps 129: 3-4***
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Collect
May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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: ***2 Kings 5:14-17***

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.'

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 98(97)***

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

O sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

The LORD has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel.

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise.

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second reading: ***2 Timothy 2:8-13***

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel Acclamation
Allelula, allelula.
In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***Luke 17:11-19***

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 33: 11***
The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Prayer after Communion
We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 12th October 2025

THE 28TH 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 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
Mon 13 Oct	**S. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**
	Lucille Thomas Intentions
Tues 14 Oct	**S. Callistus**
9.30am	Shanthi Bastiampillai RIP
Weds 15 Oct	**S. Teresa of Jesus**
9.30am	Marie McAdam RIP
Thurs 16 Oct	**S. Margaret Mary Alacoque**
9.30am	Marie McAdam RIP
Fri 17 Oct	**S. Ignatius of Antioch**
9.30am	Gerry Harrington RIP
Sat 18 Oct	**S. LUKE**
9.30am	Noella Rodrigues RIP
Sun 19 Oct	**29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm SAT	Brendan, Peggy, Silvester & Michael Sheridan RIP
8.30am	Bosco Fernandes Intentions
9.45am	Johann D'Cunha Birthday Ints.
11.15am	Theoni & Gray Kennady RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

First Reading: ***2 Kings 5:14-17***
Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4***
Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

Second Reading: ***2 Timothy 2:8-13***
Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

Gospel Reading: ***Luke 17:11-19***
Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault."
St. John Henry Newman

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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: *Elizabeth Albin, Samuel Sugas & Aari Sugas*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Mary McLaughlin, Charlie Logan, Anne McGovern, Kitty Sullivan*

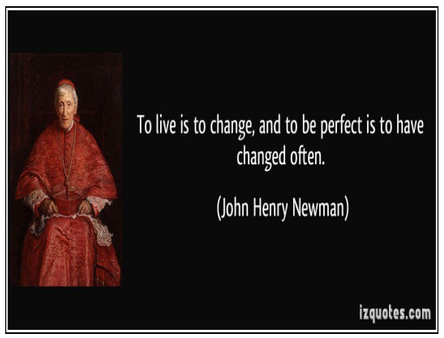
RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Tsering & Joanna*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Jerry Ryan (9th Anniversary)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory Of Jerry Ryan

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory Of Jerry Ryan

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.



What can adversity teach us about the blessing of thanksgiving and the healing power of love and mercy? The Book of Proverbs states: A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity (Proverbs 17:17). When adversity strikes you find out who truly is your brother, sister, and friend. The Gospel records an unusual encounter between two peoples who had been divided for centuries. The Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with one another even though Samaria was located in the central part of Judea. Both peoples were openly hostile whenever their paths crossed. In this Gospel narrative we see one rare exception - a Samaritan leper in company with nine Jewish lepers. Sometimes adversity forces people to drop their barriers or to forget their prejudices. When this band of Jewish and Samaritan lepers saw Jesus they made a bold request. They didn't ask for healing, but instead asked for mercy.

The word mercy literally means "sorrowful at heart". But mercy is something more than compassion, or heartfelt sorrow at another's misfortune. Compassion empathizes with the sufferer. But mercy goes further - it removes suffering. A merciful person shares in another's misfortune and suffering as if it were his or her own. And such a person will do everything in his or her power to dispel that misery.

Mercy is also connected with justice. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), a great teacher and scripture scholar, said that mercy "does not destroy justice, but is a certain kind of fulfilment of justice. ..Mercy without justice is the mother of dissolution; (and) justice without mercy is cruelty." Pardon without repentance negates justice.

So what is the significance of these ten lepers asking for mercy? They know they are in need of healing, not just physical, but spiritual healing as well. They approach Jesus with contrition and faith because they believe that he can release the burden of guilt and suffering and make restoration of body and soul possible. Their request for mercy is both a plea for pardon and release from suffering. Jesus gives mercy to all who ask with faith and contrition.

Why did only one leper out of ten return to show gratitude? Gratefulness, another word which expresses gratitude of heart and a thankful disposition, is related to grace - which means the release of loveliness. Gratitude is the homage of the heart which responds with graciousness in expressing an act of thanksgiving. The Samaritan approached Jesus reverently and gave praise to God.

If we do not recognize and appreciate the mercy and help shown to us we will be ungrateful and unkind towards others. Ingratitude is forgetfulness or a poor return for kindness received. Ingratitude easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others, as well as to other vices, such as complaining, grumbling, discontentment, pride, and presumption. How often have we been ungrateful to our parents, priests, teachers, and neighbours? Do you express gratitude to God for his abundant help and mercy towards you and are you gracious, kind, and merciful towards your neighbour in their time of need and support?

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.

FR JEREMY is away on Pilgrimage with a number of parishioners this week. Please contact the Parish Office with any urgent matters.

THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS will now be Monday—Friday 10.00am-2.00pm. Outside these hours, urgent matters can be directed to the Presbytery.



SLEEP-IN SUNDAY! Is Sunday, 26th October. British Summer Time ends and the clocks fall back one hour, to GMT, so you get an extra hour under the duvet, refreshed and ready for Sunday morning Mass!

FUNERAL MASS of Mary McLaughlin on Monday 20th October at 11am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Anne McGovern on Wednesday 29th October at 11am followed by burial in Greenford Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025-26 - Session 3, this coming **Tuesday 14th October**, is for the children **with a Parent/Carer.** Catechists will be teaching the children, in their Small Groups, about **'the meaning of sin and its affects'**. Thank you for arranging **childcare for any other children** well in advance so that you are able to provide the support needed. Thank you for arriving **promptly** at your child's group's **unique entry/exit point**, 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 **The Meaning of Love**. Please join us in the Café Bar on **Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm.**

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.

NOVEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY:
All Saints: Sunday 2nd November
All Souls' Day: Monday 3rd November.
Blessing of Graves, Alperton Cemetery 12 noon, on Saturday 1st November.

OTHER GRAVE BLESSINGS DURING NOVEMBER
Northwood Cemetery 8th November at 2pm
Pinner New Cemetery 15th November at 2pm
Clamp Hill—to be confirmed
Carpenders Park—to be confirmed

ADVENT FAIR 2025 Sunday 30th November planning is underway for this event but help is needed. Please do think what you can do to help and support this parish venture. We usually spend the money raised on improving our health and safety facilities.

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:
Primary / Nursery schools:- 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.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING: Saturday 13th December from 7.00-11.30pm in the Parish Centre. With Dinner, Live Band, Dancing, Bar, Raffle etc. Adults £20, Children (5-12 yrs) £10, under 5yrs free. Tickets on sale soon.

A LOST PROPERTY BOX will be at the back of the Church this weekend. Please have a look and take home anything that belongs to you.

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL HAMMERSMITH Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 16th October 4pm to 6pm including presentation in the chapel at 4pm. The closing date for receipt of application forms is Thursday 27th November 2025. Further details are available from the school website www.sacredhearthigh.org.uk