SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8***
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
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: Exodus 17:8-13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121(120)

Our help Is In the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Our help Is In the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

Our help Is In the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade
at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night.

Our help Is In the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

The LORD will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The LORD will guard your going and coming,
both now and for ever.

Our help Is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Second reading: ***2 Timothy 3:14-4:2***

Beloved, Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Gospel Acclamation
Allelula, allelula.
The word of God Is living and active,
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***Luke 18:1-8***

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." '

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Prayer over the Offerings
Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 32: 18-19***
Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion
Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 19th October 2025

THE 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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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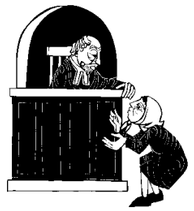
For children, download a weekly sheet:
http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/

Masses and Intentions
THIS WEEK

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
Mon 20 Oct	**Ferla**
	Donnelly & Doab Families
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS Mary McLaughlin
Tues 21 Oct	**Ferla**
9.30am	Apolinario Menezes RIP
Weds 22 Oct	**S. John Paul II**
9.30am	Santom T Joseph RIP
Thurs 23 Oct	**Ferla**
9.30am	Socorinha & Walter Thanksgiving
Fri 24 Oct	**Ferla**
9.30am	Sean Joyce RIP
Sat 25 Oct	**Of Our Lady**
9.30am-	Mary Barry & Caroline Grogan RIP
10.00am	DAY WITH MARY
Sun 26 Oct	**30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm SAT	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Clare O'Sullivan Intentions
9.45am	Watts & Ledo Families RIP
11.15am	Melinda Peter RIP
5.30pm	Octaviano Pereira RIP

TODAY'S MASS



While today's parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers.

First Reading: ***Exodus 17:8-13***
Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8***
The Lord is the Guardian of Israel.

Second Reading: ***2 Timothy 3:14—4:2***
Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

Gospel Reading: ***Luke 18:1-8***
Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The one who prays most receives most.'
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

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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, Anne McGovern, Kitty Sullivan, Kathleen Carroll, Vincent Rouse*

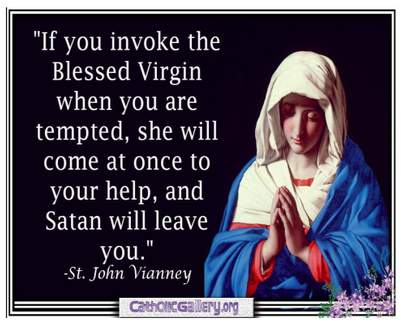
RECENTLY MARRIED:-

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Sean Joyce (18th), Apolinario Menzes (3rd), Theoni Kennady (1st), Gray Kennady (9th), Sarath Perera (1st).*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory Of Sheridan Family

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Baptist Fernandes Intentions

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.



A very typical human situation: a corrupt judge, pestered by a persistent widow, finally gives in to her, not because he is won over to acting justly, but because she is going to 'worry him to death'. The story was all too common in the world that Jesus knew. The widow who cannot get a fair hearing, probably concerning her inheritance, represents 'the poor' with whom Jesus identifies. He is certainly not likening his Father to the judge of the parable, but using the parable as the basis of an 'even more so' argument, such as we find in other parables. Having caught their attention with his ironical little story, Jesus is presented by Luke as emphasising the trust in God that should motivate the prayer of his disciples.

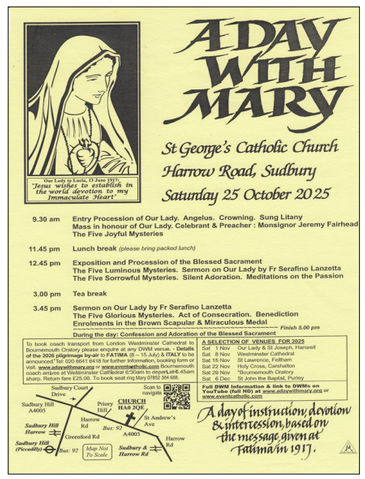
If the first concern of a lively faith is being alive to God's action in our lives, our prayer should begin and end in recognition that our lives have their real meaning in the unfolding of the plan conceived before all ages in the loving designs of God. This plan - the great virtue of Christian hope assures us - will certainly be realised; and in its realisation, all things will be turned to good. Of course, our personal needs and the concerns of those dear to us should be brought constantly before God in our prayer; but this should be done in the knowledge that these things are part of the plan of God, revealed in all its mercy and generosity in the coming of the Saviour, and realised through a providence that touches every detail of our lives and those who are dear to us. Prayer, Jesus is teaching us, is a living out of our faith; and, at the same time, our faith grows and matures through our life of prayer.

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 underneath the photo of Pope Leo.

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 next 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.

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.

NOVEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY:
All Saints: Sunday 2nd November
All Souls' Day: Monday 3rd November.
Blessing of Graves:-
Alperton Cemetery 1st November at 12 noon
Northwood Cemetery 8th November at 2pm
Carpenders Park-9th November at 1:30pm
Greenford Cemetery-9th November at 3pm
Pinner New Cemetery 15th November at 2pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025-26 - At **Session 4**, on **Tuesday 21st October**, the children will be reflecting about **how we affect those around us**. Two of the four Catechist Groups will also be enjoying a Tour of the Church during Session 4 (the others during Session 5). If this affects your child's group we will send information in advance via email. Thank you for arriving **promptly** at your child's group's **unique entry/exit point**, for the start of the session at **7pm.**

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!

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT VIGIL MASS - In recent years at the **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** there has been a Children's Nativity **facilitated by gifted volunteers at the Parish**. This is a wonderful opportunity to help the children, in the run-up to Christmas, learn about its real meaning. If you might consider helping this year please contact our Catechetical Coordinator at **peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk** for further information.

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 Light of Christ**. Please join us in the Café Bar on **Thursday 30th October at 7.30pm.**

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.

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.

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 <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.

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.

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE, Wealdstone has a limited number of places in our current Year 7. If you would like to apply for one of these places for your Year 7 daughter, please contact admissions@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NORTH FINCHLEY - 'Into the Sixth' Open Evening - Thursday 6 November 6-8pm. You can register to attend via this link **'Into the Sixth' Open Evening Registration**