SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 104: 3-4***
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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: ***Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b***

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 34(33)***

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

The LORD turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,
and rescues him in all his distress.

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

Second reading: ***2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18***

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***Luke 18:9-14***

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 19: 6***
We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion
May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 26th October 2025

THE 30TH 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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For children, download a weekly sheet:
http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/

Masses and Intentions
THIS WEEK

Sun 26 Oct	**30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm *SAT Vigil*	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
Mon 27 Oct	**Ferla**
9:30am	Spencer Coomarewel & Holy Souls
Tues 28 Oct	**Ss. SIMON & JUDE**
9.30am	Madonna Thoms Thanksgiving
Weds 29 Oct	**BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE**
9.30am	Suzana D'Souza 50th Birthday
11:00	FUNERAL MASS Anne McGovern
Thurs 30 Oct	**Ferla**
9.30am	Kathleen Randall RIP
Fri 31 Oct	**Ferla**
9.30am	McDermott, Fee & Bonner Families RIP
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS Vincent Rouse RIP
Sat 1 Nov	**Of Our Lady**
9.30am-	Conceicao Fernandes RIP
Sun 2 Nov	**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Leo & Olga Barco RIP
9.45am	Hania Anderson RIP
11.15am	Teresa Hukowski & Sean Prunty RIP
5.30pm	All Souls

TODAY'S MASS



In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. In theory, if anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

First Reading: *Sirach 35:12-14,16-18*
God hears the prayer of the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 34:2-3,17-18,19, 23*
The Lord hears and answers the cry of the poor.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18*
Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:9-14*
Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."
St. Clare 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, Larry Sicat*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Elizabeth Albin, Samuel Sugas, Aari Sugas, Siara Gomes*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Anne McGovern, Kitty Sullivan, Vincent Rouse, Emily DeSouza*

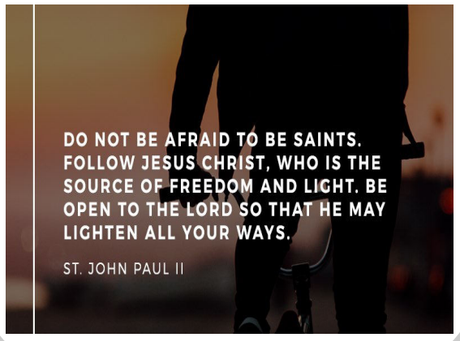
RECENTLY MARRIED:-

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Conceicao Fernandes*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Baptist Fernandes Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Florida's 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.



In our spiritual lives one of the more difficult journeys we have to make is that from pride to humility. We often rebel against the idea of humility: our notion of humility can suggest someone who has too little self-esteem or who allows themselves to be down-trodden. In reality, true humility is a recognition of who we are before God: made in his image and precious in his sight, but also in need of his mercy because of our fallen human nature.

The journey from pride to true humility is one that the Pharisee in today's Gospel needs to make. His point of departure is, "I thank you God that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and especially that I am not like this tax-collector here". His destination, however, needs to be that of the tax-collector, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

It was easy for the Pharisee to fall into the temptation of thinking he was better because in some ways he really was a good man. He fasted twice a week, whereas Jewish law asked to fast only once a year. He paid tithes, giving away 10% of all his income, whereas Jewish law required one to tithe 10% of grain and firstborn of the flock. However in spite of this goodness the Pharisee needed to cultivate humility because he lacked compassion for others. Sometimes even our goodness – when we achieve it under our own steam rather than relying on the grace of God – can harden us to the suffering and needs of our neighbours. The Pharisee had never experienced a dramatic fall in his life so he was proud.

Pride, however, comes before a fall. And often a fall is what it takes for someone to lose their pride and realize that they are human the same as everybody else. When it comes to sin and grace we are all on the same playing field. None of us, then, deserves or earns heaven; rather, it is a gift from God to us won by Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection.

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. Please note the Parish Office will be closed from Monday 27th October to Monday 3rd November 2025.

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

FUNERAL MASS of Vincent Rouse on Friday 31st October at 11am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Kitty Sullivan on Thursday 6th November at 6pm followed by repatriation to Cork, Ireland. 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

BETHANY MASS Monday 24th November at 7.30pm for all those who feel the pain of bereavement but especially remembering all who have died in the past year and whose funerals have been from the parish.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT VIGIL MASS - Many thanks to those who have come forward offering to help facilitate this year's Children's Nativity at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Further information about how your children can participate will be provided in the coming weeks.

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 11.30am** will be followed by a **Celebration in the Parish Centre**. All are welcome!

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025-26 - At **Session 5**, on **Tuesday 4th November**, the children will be reflecting about how we can **'repair our relationship with God'**. Two of the four Catechist Groups will also be enjoying a Tour of the Church 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— Come along and bring a friend. You don't need to be Catholic! Please note there is no club on Tuesday 28th October due to half term holidays. Back on Tuesday 4th November when we will have soup and a roll!!

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.**

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.

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.

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 **November's Baptism Preparation** you will need to **complete** the **Baptism Application Form** (in the Pack) & **return it to the Parish Office by Monday 24th November.**

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

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.

GUNNERSBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SIXTH FORM Open Evening at 5pm to 7pm on Tuesday 4th November. Register on school website to attend.

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCIENCE COLLEGE SIXTH FORM - Open Evening at 5:30pm on Thursday 13th November.