SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit
Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
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: ***Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14***

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 24***

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The LORD's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading: ***1 John 3:1-3***

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation:
Allelula, allelula.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***Matthew 5:1-12a***

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: **Mt 5: 8-10**
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion
As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 2nd November 2025

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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.

Sunday Cycle
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Week 31 year 1

Divine Office
Psalter Week 3 week 31

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 2 Nov	**THE 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
Mon 3 Nov	**ALL SOULS' DAY**
9:30am	Ray Lorenzato RIP
Tues 4 Nov	**S.Charles Borromeo**
9.30am	Nimal Perera RIP
Weds 5 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am	Parnell Fernandes Thanksgiving
Thurs 6 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am	Mary Walsh RIP
6.00pm	FUNERAL MASS Kitty Sullivan RIP
Fri 7 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am	Bernard & Brian Thomas Birthday Intentions
Sat 8 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am-	Souls of Nicolau & Manuel RIP
Sun 9 Nov	**THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Freeda Andrade Birthday Intentions & Wellington Fernandes & Freeda Andrade Wedding Anniversary
8.30am	John & May Walsh RIP
9.45am	Baptist Fernandes Intentions
11.15am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5.30pm	Alicia Thomas Birthday Intentions

TODAY'S MASS



Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. These can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

First Reading: ***Revelation 7:2-4,9-14***
John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials worship the Lamb.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6***
Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be rewarded.

Second Reading: ***1 John 3:1-3***
We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 5:1-12***
Jesus teaches what it means to be Blessed.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"What saint has ever won his crown without first contending for it?"
St. Jerome

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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: *Siara Gomes*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Kitty Sullivan, Emily DeSouza*

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

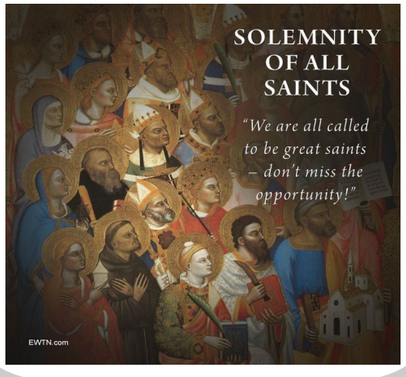
RECENTLY CONFIRMED: *Valdimier Vinson*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Ray Lorenzato, Nimal Perera, Hania Anderson, Margaret Nunn, Julianne Murphy, Sheila & Alan Cox*

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 November
For the prevention of suicide
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



The Solemnity of All Saints is a well known feast-day, but do we understand its significance in the life of God's Church? God's ultimate plan was to create a family that would share in the boundless love and joy that is the life of the Trinity. The "Communion of Saints" that is essential to the faith we profess in the Creed each Sunday is the ongoing realisation of that plan. Today we celebrate the reality of that family. Although we have not reached the end of our journey, where we "shall see God as he really is", we already have a genuine fellowship with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all those who have completed the journey, a fellowship that has been an encouragement in the life of the pilgrim Church since the beginning.

The Gospel reading today, the Beatitudes with which Matthew opens the Sermon on the Mount, can help us set aside the palms and haloes and think of the saints as friends and fellows who have made the journey before us. This summary of Jesus' teaching gives expression to the heart and spirit of the life to which Jesus calls us. True happiness, Jesus declares, will be found by those for whom their relationship with God means more to them than earthly goods – a "poverty of spirit", a "meekness" and "gentleness" after the example of Jesus, a "hunger for justice" that shapes what we do according to the values of the Kingdom, in sum "a pure (i.e. an undivided) heart". These are the ideals that have inspired the saints honoured by the Church, and those countless others known only to God. Today's historical studies make it clear that the saints honoured by the Church have struggled against difficulties of temperament and character; but in the end they gave over to God, as the Holy Spirit taught them the lessons of the Beatitudes.

As we make the same journey, let us recognise that we shall take into eternal life hearts that have been shaped by the quality of our response to the challenges of life.

Though the hearts of all God's family will be filled with joy, some will be narrow hearts and some will be great and generous hearts.

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.

OPENING & CLOSING Following the recent clock change we will be closing the Church once it is dark at 4.00pm. The normal opening hour is still 8.00am.

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 Souls' Day: Monday 3rd November Mass at 9.30am

NOVEMBER—THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
This month the Church always dedicates to the prayer for the departed and we are encouraged to join with this intention as it is a sign of love towards those who have gone before us. We believe that our prayers and Masses aid and support those who have died into the presence of the Father.
At the back of church (in front of the baptistry gates) you will find three things: 1. Lists for you to write the names of your departed loved one. 2. Envelopes into which you can put these lists together with any offering you wish to make. 3.A leaflet titled "Preparing for my Funeral". It might seem maybe a long way off or something we don't really want to think about but it is good Christian stewardship to choose the hymns and readings for your own funeral. It stops all the agonising of your family and friends as to what you might have wanted.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER all free days (feria) will be a Mass of Requiem for all remembered here.

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER whilst being the Feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica is also **Remembrance Sunday**. The Mass at 11.15am will be a Solemn Requiem for all who died in the two World Wars in the last century and for all who have died of war and violence ever since, right up to the present moment.

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
St Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green 23rd November at 3pm

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.

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.

GOOD NEWS this last week we have had a new boiler installed in the parish centre. The old one was always 'playing up' so lets hope this new one does the job!

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 11.00am** will be followed by a **Celebration in the Parish Centre**. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING: Saturday 13th December from 7.00pm-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.

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—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! On Tuesday 4th November we will be serving soup and a roll!!

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 <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.