SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Jer 29: 11, 12, 14***
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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: ***Malachi 4:1-2a***

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

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

The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the LORD.

The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands.

The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth.

The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness.

The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Second reading: ***2 Thessalonians 3:7-12***

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***Luke 21:5-19***

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Ps 72: 28***
To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Prayer after Communion
We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 16th November 2025

THE 33RD 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 16 Nov	**THE 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Jim Quinn RIP
8.30am	Holy Souls
9.45am	Mr Vizy Barreto RIP
11.15am	Gregolina Pereira RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 17 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9:30am	Hector Fabron RIP
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS Peter McMahon RIP
Tues 18 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am	Paolo Zucconi RIP
Weds 19 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am	Hector Fabron RIP
Thurs 20 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am	Marjory Hoareau RIP
Fri 21 Nov	**The Presentation of Our Lady**
9.30am	Fr Willie Hannon RIP
Sat 22 Nov	**S. Cecilia**
9.30am-	Anika Huggins Thanksgiving
Sun 23 Nov	**THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Gervasio & Protasio Pereira Int's
9.45am	Margaret & Thomas Ryan RIP
11.15am	Hilario & Bernadeta De Souza 50th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving
5.30pm	Joan Boyle RIP

TODAY'S MASS



In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation. Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

First Reading: ***Malachi 3:19-20***
The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9***
Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

Second Reading: ***2 Thessalonians 3:7-12***
St. Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.

Gospel Reading: ***Luke 21:5-19***
Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave."
Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

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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

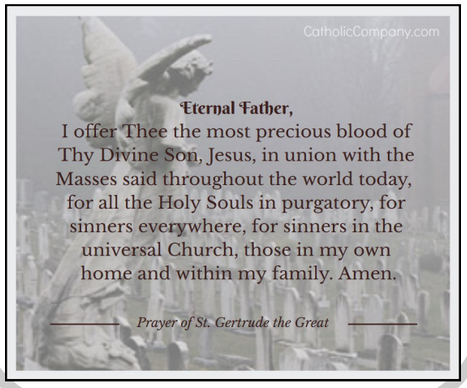
SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Dee Auriol, Fiona Power, Aaran Thayaparan, John, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Anne McShine-Jones, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert, Edward Granger, Catherine Corcoran, Ciara I, Mary O'Connell, Leslie De Lima, Paul Pereira, Nora Hunt, Mario, Maureen Chick, Larry Sicat, Naty Valmoria*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Craig Matthan Monteiro, Vanora Paloma Pereira*
RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Emily DeSouza, Peter McMahon*
RECENTLY MARRIED:-
RECENTLY CONFIRMED: *Vladmir Vinson*
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Paolo Zucconi, Jim Quinn*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of The Holy Souls & Peterpillai Family

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Eva Russo Thanksgiving for 75th Birthday

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.



We live in a very secular, non-religious world, a world which often rejects and makes fun of or rejects religion because it is not scientific yet it is often so surprising how people latch onto, and get enthralled by, all kinds of strange and weird ideas.

People read horoscopes, and use tarot cards. They may visit spiritualists or mediums. Or they buy crystals which are said to have particular properties. Or they rearrange their furniture in a particular way. Or they try yoga, or meditation, or the newest or strangest idea. They read, and believe books like the Da Vinci Code, or ideas that God was an astronaut. They believe in ghosts, and spirits, in reincarnation, previous lives, out of body experiences it goes on and on.

In this scientific world, so many people - perhaps most people - hold on to unscientific beliefs and strange ideas, which they have collected like magpies, with little thought or consideration whether the ideas fit together, or contradict one another.

Sometimes there may be some substance in some parts of some of these ideas. That's how they work. They have to have some little part that rings true in order to lead people into their fantasies. Science does not have all the answers. The world is spiritual as well as physical. There are unexplained phenomena.

And there is an explanation and an answer to our deepest human longings and our most troubling questions. There is a life beyond this life. A hope of resurrection. A God who loves us. A heavenly host who surrounds him. A guardian angel who accompanies us. There is a faith which is beautiful in both its simplicity and its consistency. It makes sense. It fits together. It stands the test of time. It is taught by an authority given to us by Christ himself.

Yet so many overlook this, or reject it. They want novelty. They want pick and mix religion. They want to choose and select, not receive what has been given. The trouble is that some people will believe almost anything, provided it is different, and strange. The great writer GK Chesterton got it exactly right: "When people cease to be believe in something, then they will believe in anything".

Today's gospel is a simple reminder that in our journey of Christian discipleship we should keep focused on the Lord and not be side-tracked which can happen more easily than we realise!

NEWS UPDATE

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF OUR PARISH PRIEST MONSIGNOR JEREMY FAIRHEAD ON SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 11.00AM FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN THE PARISH CENTRE

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.

TO ALL SERVERS: If you would like the privilege of serving at Mgr Jeremy's anniversary Mass on Saturday the 6th December, please sign the list in the sacristy.

NOVEMBER—THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
The Church always dedicates this month to 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 ones. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD:
Sunday 23rd November, The Feast of Christ the King, usual Sunday Masses. Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 11.15am Mass. Sunday 30th November—Advent Sunday.

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.

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

ADVENT FAIR 2025 Sunday 30th November planning is well underway for this event but your help and donations are needed! We need gifts for raffle prizes (wine, biscuits, other alcohol), bottles for the Tombola stall, homemade cakes, Indian snacks (onion bhajis, vegetable & meat samosas) and items for our 'New/Nearly New ' stall. Please do think what you can do to help and support this parish venture. Raffle & Tombolo donations can be dropped into the Parish Office. We usually spend the money raised at this event on improving our health and safety facilities . No books or bric a brack required, thank you.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING: Saturday 13th December from 6.30-11.30pm 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 now from the Parish Office.

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!

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 AT THE REPOSITORY a beautiful selection of Christmas cards, Church Art Calendars and Christmas artefacts are now available for purchase from the Repository after all Masses. Cash only at present I'm afraid.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At **Session 7**, on **Tuesday 18th November**, whilst continuing to practice for their First Reconciliation, the children will also be reflecting on **'The continuing Journey of Conversion'** after their First Confession. Thank you for **arriving promptly** for the start of the session, at your child's group's unique entry/exit point, at **7pm**

CAFOD is deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the recent CAFOD appeal; so far, **£1,783** has been donated. Your donations will make a real difference, helping to support communities facing poverty, crisis, or injustice around the world.

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 Community of the Church**. Please join us in the Café Bar on **Thursday 27th November at 7.30pm.**

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION
Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular donation and become a **Patron** by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at **www.rcdow.org.uk/donations** - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL—Tickets for the Christmas raffle, which will take place at the Christmas Fayre at the school on Friday 12th December, will be on sale after all masses next weekend, 22nd/23rd November 2025.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT VIGIL MASS - We are grateful to Candy White & her Team who are taking care of the **Children's Nativity** at the **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**. Children who would like to take part **must be available for both rehearsals** on **Saturday 20th December & Tuesday 23rd December** from **11-12pm**. To register your child's interest **please contact Candy at 07751 160816 / candyv2128@gmail.com**.

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 2025. Young people wishing to be confirmed must attend the **Confirmation Information Evening** with a Parent/Carer in the Parish Centre on **Monday 12th January at 7.30pm** when Registration Documents will be provided. Please note that a copy of one's Baptism Certificate (and a translation if it is not in English) is also required for Registration.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING has now finished. If you missed the dates for Primary School and Nursery applications, and for a good reason, please contact the Parish Office ASAP to make an appointment with Mgr. Jeremy.