# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

**Entrance Antiphon:** ***Rv 5: 12; 1: 6***
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**Collect**
Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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 Samuel 5:1-3***

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122(121)**

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.***

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.***

Jerusalem is built as a city
bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.***

As it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.***

**Second reading:** ***Colossians 1:12-20***

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**Gospel Acclamation**

***Allelula, allelula.***
***Blessed Is he who comes In the name of the Lord!***
***Blessed Is the coming kingdom of our father David!***
***Allelula.***

**Gospel:** ***Luke 23:35-43***

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

**Prayer over the Offerings**
As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice
by which the human race is reconciled to you,
we humbly pray,
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** ***Ps 28: 10-11***
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Prayer after Communion**
Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

## Sunday 23rd November 2025

# CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

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**
***Readings Year C***

**Weekay Mass Readings**
***Week 334year 1***

**Divine Office**
***Psater Week 2 week 34***

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

## Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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| **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 |
| **Mon 24 Nov** | **S. Andrew Dung-Lac & companions** |
| 9:30am | Martin McAnulty RIP |
| **Tues 25 Nov** | **S. Catherine of Alexandria** |
| 9.30am | Francisco Silveira & Perpetua Gomes 25th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving |
| **Weds 26 Nov** | **Of Requiem** |
| 9.30am | Wellington Fernandes Birthday Intentions |
| **Thurs 27 Nov** | **Of Requiem** |
| 9.30am | Bowe Family Intentions |
| **Fri 28 Nov** | **Of Requiem** |
| 9.30am | Denis O'Donnell RIP |
| **Sat 29 Nov** | **Of Requiem** |
| 9.30am- | Anika Huggins Thanksgiving |
| **Sun 30 Nov** | **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** |
| 6.15pm *Sat Vigil* | Patrick & William Donohue RIP |
| 8.30am | Bosco Fernandes Intentions |
| 9.45am | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| 11.15am | Xaverina Pereira RIP |
| 5.30pm | Rebello Family Intentions |

## TODAY'S MASS



Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.

**First Reading:** ***2 Samuel 5:1-3***
David is anointed king.

**Responsorial Psalm:** ***Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5***
Enter the house of the Lord rejoicing.

**Second Reading:** ***Colosslans 1:12-20***
A hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.

**Gospel Reading:** ***Luke 23:35-43***
Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"If we wish to have Christ as our king we must be consistent. We must start by giving him our heart."*
St. Josemaria Escriva

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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:** *Sarah Ruspi, Kayleigh Marie Coyle*

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** *Catherine McHugh*

**RECENTLY MARRIED:-**

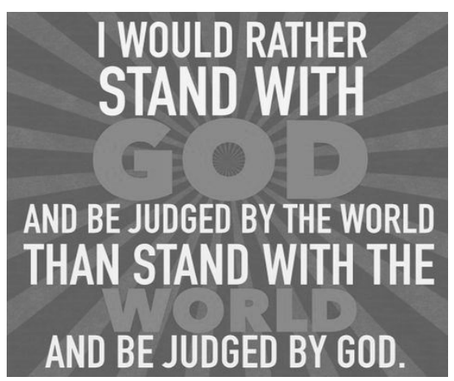
**RECENTLY CONFIRMED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -** *John Edwards*

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**
*Intentions of Baptist Fernandes*

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
*Intentions of Anne Geaghan*

**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.




What is the significance and meaning of Jesus' kingship for us? Kingship today seems outdated and useless, especially in democratic societies where everyone is supposed to be treated equal and free. Many rulers in past ages claimed they had sovereign authority to rule by divine edict. But God did not give his people Israel a king at first. Why? Because God alone was their King and they needed no other. Nonetheless, God relented and chose David as King over Israel with the promise that God would raise up through David's royal line a Saviour who would establish an everlasting kingdom of righteousness and peace that would endure for all ages.

The Jews understood that the Messiah ("Anointed One") would come as God's anointed King to restore paradise and establish God's reign of peace for them. They wanted a Messianic King who would free them from strife and division and from foreign oppression. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messiah and Ruler for Israel. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus claimed to possess.

As Jesus was crucified on the cross alongside two criminals who were thieves, one mocked him for his claim to divine kingship. But the other thief recognized through the eyes of faith that Jesus was truly God's Anointed King and Saviour. He petitioned Jesus to treat his poor soul with mercy and pardon, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). Jesus not only granted him forgiveness, but a place with him in his everlasting kingdom. " Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Jesus died not only as King of the Jews, but as King of all nations and Lord of the universe. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world was accomplished through his atoning death on the cross and his resurrection on the third day. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters. That is why the Father exalted his Son and raised him in glory over the heavens and the earth. In the Book of Revelation Jesus is called *King of kings and Lord of lords*. He now sits in glory at the right hand of the Father in heaven - and from his throne he rules as Lord over all

Do you recognize Jesus Christ as your Sovereign King and Redeemer?



# 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



## ADVENT FAIR

Lots of stalls and Christmas gifts
Sunday 30th November 2025
9.15am—1.00pm in the Parish Centre
*See you there!*

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

**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.

**KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN.** We pride ourselves at St George's on keeping the church open each day from dawn to dusk. As the nights get darker we will be locking the Church around 4.00pm. As usual it will open each day around 8.00am.

**FUNERAL MASS** of Catherine McHugh, who is known by many from her time as a parishioner at St George's, at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill on Wednesday 26th November at 11am. May she rest in peace.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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**.

**THANK YOU** for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office, and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You can become a **Patron** by setting up a regular donation by completing section 4 on the envelope form. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

**CELEBRATORY GIFT FOR MONSIGNOR JEREMY** - As a **sign of appreciation**, as we celebrate Mgr. Jeremy's 30 Years of Priesthood, the Parish is organising a **collection** that Mgr. Jeremy will be able to put towards a gift of his choice. To make your contribution you can scan the QR code or visit https://pay.collctiv.com/mgr-jeremy-fairheads-30th-anniversary-66258. A cash collection will be taken up after all masses on the weekend of the 5th/6th December for those who are unable to use the QR code or link. Thank you.

**KEEPING THE CHURCH WARM...**please, please shut the door after you when you come in. We can't afford to heat the Harrow Road as well!!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION -** The **Rehearsal for First Reconciliation** is taking place in the church this coming **Tuesday 25th November at 7pm**. Children are to attend the rehearsal **with a Parent/Carer.** Please continue practicing at home, using the Reconciliation Leaflet, as the children prepare to receive God's Mercy, through the Sacrament of Confession, for the first time this Advent.

**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 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.

**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!

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

**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.