SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Rev 21: 2***
I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

Collect
O God, who from living and chosen stones
prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,
increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed,
so that by new growth your faithful people
may build up the heavenly Jerusalem.
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: ***Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12***

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side. And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46(45)

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken;
God will help her at the dawning of the day.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

The LORD of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the LORD,
the awesome deeds he has done on the earth.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

Second reading: ***1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17***

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation
Allelula, allelula.
I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,
that my name may be there for ever.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***John 2:13-22***

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here
and grant that by it those who seek your favour
may receive in this place
the power of the Sacraments
and the answer to their prayers.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Cf. 1 Pet 2: 5***
Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

Prayer after Communion
O God, who chose to foreshadow for us
the heavenly Jerusalem
through the sign of your Church on earth,
grant, we pray,
that, by our partaking of this Sacrament,
we may be made the temple of your grace
and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 9th November 2025

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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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Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 10 Nov	**S.Leo the Great**
9:30am	Holy Souls
Tues 11 Nov	**S. Martin of Tours**
9.30am	David & Isabel Turnbull RIP
Weds 12 Nov	**S.Josaphat**
9.30am	Rosamma Mathew RIP
Thurs 13 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am	Gertrude Kenny RIP
Fri 14 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am	Reparation of Sins
Sat 15 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am-	Intentions of Clare O'Sullivan
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

TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel is composed of two parts, Jesus' action in the Temple and Jesus' predictions about the Temple's destruction. The time of year is the sacred feast of Passover. If the many pilgrims to Jerusalem during Passover were to have animals for the sacrificial rituals of the feast, it was necessary to sell cattle in the Temple and to change the unclean Roman money. By denouncing this, Jesus is cutting to the core of the Temple cult. The story is really about Jesus' fate, not the Temple's fate, revealing that Jesus, not the Temple, is the focus of God's presence on earth. Although this is the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is already speaking of his coming death and Resurrection.

First Reading: ***Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12***
I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple towards the east.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps. 46:2-3,5-6,8-9***
God is our refuge and our strength.

Second Reading: ***1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17***
You are the temple of God.

Gospel Reading: *John 2:13-22*
He spoke about the temple of his own body.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Hope has two lovely daughters, anger and courage...Anger at the way things are and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.
St. Augustine

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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: *Emily DeSouza, Peter Paul McMahon*

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

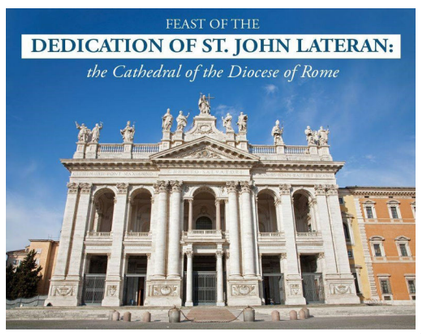
RECENTLY CONFIRMED: *Valdimier Vinson*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *May Walsh, David & Isabel Turnbull, Madaleena Dias, Peter Dias*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory Of Isobel & Susan Scannell

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory Of James McHugh

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.



Most people probably think that St Peter's is the Pope's main church in Rome. But actually it is the Church of St John Lateran which is the cathedral, and hence the Pope's church, as Bishop of the Diocese of Rome. On the façade of the basilica there is an inscription in Latin which reads, *"the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world".* We tend to forget that the Pope is primarily a Bishop, a first among equals, and that this church has a special and symbolic importance for the whole Church. The first church building on this site was built in the 4th century when the Emperor Constantine gave land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That church, and others which replaced it, suffered over the centuries from fire, earthquakes and war but it remained the church where popes were consecrated until they returned from exile in Avignon, in the south of France. When the Avignon papacy formally ended and the Pope could return to Rome, the Lateran Palace and the basilica were in a serious state of disrepair. The Popes took up residency at the Basilica of St Mary in Trastevere and later at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. Eventually, the Palace of the Vatican was constructed and has been the pope's formal residence until now.

The present Lateran basilica was erected in 1646. It ranks first among the four major basilicas in Rome (with St Peter's, St Mary Major's and St Paul's Outside the Walls) as the Ecumenical Mother Church. On top of its facade are 15 large statues representing Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist and 12 Doctors of the Church. Underneath its high altar are the remains of a small wooden table on which tradition claims St Peter celebrated the Eucharist. St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist are regarded as co-patrons of the cathedral, the chief patron being Christ the Saviour himself, as the inscription at the entrance of the Basilica indicates, and as is the tradition in the patriarchal cathedrals. The Basilica remains dedicated to the Saviour, and its titular feast is the Transfiguration. Its full title then is Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John Baptist and John Evangelist in the Lateran.

Celebrating the dedication of the Pope's cathedral today is a way of expressing the unity of the whole Church with the Pope, the Bishop of Rome. And the union of each local church with this church is an expression of the unity of all churches both with Rome and with each other.

NEWS UPDATE



THIS SUNDAY 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.

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 Emily D'Souza who is known by many from her time as a parishioner at St George's. Funeral at St Josephs Catholic Church, 191 High Street, Harrow Weald on Monday 17th November at 10am. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Peter Paul McMahon on Monday 17th November at 11am followed by burial at North Sheen Cemetery. May he 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.

LOOKING AHEAD:
Sunday 23rd November, The Feast of Christ the King
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 .

BLESSING OF GRAVES:-
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

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 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.

A THANK YOU letter has been received from Macmillan Cancer Support and is available to view in the Church porch. Thank you again to everyone who helped raise such vital funds for Macmillan.

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.

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION Is next week. The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to **73** retired priests, at a cost of **£1,270,000**. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can 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. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At **Session 6**, on **Tuesday 11th November**, the children will be learning about the **'The Sacrament of Reconciliation'.** Thank you for **arriving promptly** at your child's **unique entry/exit point** so the Catechists can begin the session at **7pm**. Thank you, also, for helping the children learn the **Act of Contrition** off by heart as they prepare to make their First Confession in December.

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**.

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 **Creation, Fall, Salvation**. Please join us in the Café Bar on **Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm.**

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING DATE:
Primary / Nursery schools:- Thursday 13th November 2025 at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.