SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Lk 2: 16***
The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Collect
O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
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 3:2-6, 12-14***

The Lord honoured the father above the children,
and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons.
Whoever honours his father atones for sins,
and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure.
Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children,
and when he prays he will be heard.
Whoever glorifies his father will have long life,
and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.
O son, help your father in his old age
and do not grieve him as long as he lives;
even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence;
in all your strength do not despise him.
For kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
and against your sins it will be credited to you.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 128(127)***

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Second reading: ***Colossians 3:12-21***

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Gospel Acclamation
Allelula, allelula!
May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find a home with you.
Allelula!

Gospel: ***Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23***

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Prayer over the Offerings
We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,
humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph,
you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Bar 3: 38***
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Prayer after Communion
Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,
most merciful Father,
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,
so that, after the trials of this world,
we may share their company for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 28th December 2025

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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 A
Weekay Mass Readings
Christmas
Divine Office
Psalter Week

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 28 Dec	**THE HOLY FAMILY**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Maria Brigida Desa & Roque Francisco Fernandes 50th Wedding Anniversary
8.30am	Jimmy Bonner RIP
9.45am	Theoni & Gray Kennady RIP
11.15am	Thomas Dolan RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 29 Dec	**S THOMAS BECKET**
9:30am	Michael Moran RIP
Tues 30 Dec	**6TH OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**
9.30am	Cheryl Rozario Intentions
Weds 31 Dec	**7TH OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**
9.30am	John Regan RIP
Thurs 1 Jan	**SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD**
12 noon	Walter Vales & Family Thanksgiving
Fri 2 Jan	**Ss. BASIL & GREGORY NAZIANZEN**
9.30am	Anthony Hennessy RIP
Sat 3 Jan	**HOLY NAME OF JESUS**
9:30am	Myrus Fernandes Thanksgiving
Sun 4 Jan	**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Nancy Quinn RIP
8.30am	Lola Silverman & Josephine RIP
9.45am	Alejo Ramirez Jnr. RIP
11.15am	Mary Griffin RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS

"Christ in the human family"



God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as a model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which the human society is built. A good Christian family life is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.

First Reading: ***Sirach 3:2-7,12-14***
Honor to one's parents will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5***
Happy are those who follow the Lord's ways.

Second Reading: ***Colossians 3:12-21***
Do all things in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 2:13-15,19-23***
In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"On this day, let us ask for the intercession of the Holy Family that we may have the strength and courage to stand against all those who seek to destroy the life of traditional families."
Pope St. John Paul II

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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, Noel Gill, Christopher Browne, Dee Auriol, Fiona Power, John, 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, Ciara I, Mary O'Connell, Leslie De Lima, Paul Pereira, Nora Hunt, Mario, Maureen Chick, Larry Sicat*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Lyra Rose Mae Castillo, Zephyr Billy James Castillo*

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Jimmy Bonner, Thomas Dolan (4th), John Regan (2nd)*

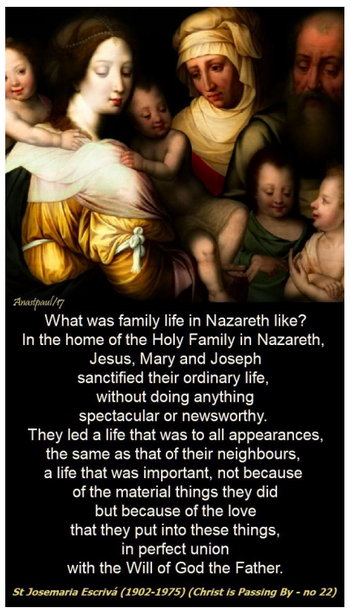
BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Nimal Perera

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Nimal Perera

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for January 2026
For Prayer With The Word Of God
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Like all godly parents, Joseph and Mary raised the child Jesus in the fear and wisdom of the Lord. Joseph was given a unique task as the guardian and protector of Mary and of Jesus. What can we learn from the example and witness of Joseph? Joseph is a man of God, a man of unquestioning obedience and willing service. He is a man of prayer and a man of God's word. Through faith he recognized the hand of God in the mystery of the Incarnation — the Son of God taking flesh as the son of Mary. Joseph is a man of action, diligent in the care of his family and ready to do the Lord's bidding. Joseph fearlessly set aside his own plans when God called him to "take to the road" and to leave his familiar surroundings — his home, friends and relatives, and the security of his livelihood in order to pursue a hidden mission God entrusted to him as the guardian of the new-born King. God has a plan for each of us. With the plan God gives grace and the assurance of his guiding hand and care. This is Good News for a New Year!



NEWS UPDATE

May the birth of the Saviour bring joy to your hearts and peace to your lives, now and for the New Year of 2026

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Thursday 1st January
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God



Sung Mass at 12 noon

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.

THIS SUNDAY THERE IS A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP (now Apostolic Administrator). If you wish to read the full text copies are available at the back of the church.

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 Friday 19th December 2025 until Wednesday 7th January 2026.**

WHAT A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS at St George's! Everything we could have wanted. So many people came to Mass and of course we have to thank especially those who came to help beforehand: cleaning, flower arranging, decorating—doing very ordinary tasks to make sure everything ran smoothly,, behind the scenes and in the sacristy and beyond. And then there were lots of people who helped during the services: our children's nativity play, welcomers, those who gave out mince pies, musicians, servers, cleaners up afterwards(!).

THANK YOU to all our children who performed in our nativity tableau at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Christmas eve. You did a wonderful job. And thanks **to all who helped and made this possible.**

MGR JEREMY & PETER THANK ALL OF YOU in the parish for your cards and gifts this Christmas. It really makes us feel appreciated and loved by you all.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB: Offerings made at the Christmas Crib this year will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society, who help families in need. Thank you for your generosity.

PRESENTS UNDER THE TREE is something we do every year for the **Catholic Children's Society**. We ask you to wrap the present up, indicate if it is for a boy or girl and the age group. Then put it under the tree! All of these are incredibly gratefully received. **Thank you to all those who have already delivered presents.**

A SOLEMN MASS FOR THE CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR IN WESTMINSTER DIOCESE WILL be celebrated by Cardinal Nichols, on Sunday 28th December at 12.00 noon at Westminster Cathedral.

A NEW ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER was announced just before Christmas. Pope Leo has appointed Bishop Richard Moth, at present bishop of Arundel and Brighton (in the south—Surrey & Sussex). He will formally take up his appointment on 14th February 2026. Please pray for him as he prepares to come to Westminster.

THANK YOU TOUR PRIESTS who have helped out over the last months trying to keep our Mass schedule going. We are grateful to all of them.

A CONTINUED THANK YOU TO SAVILLES, FUNERAL DIRECTORS who have sponsored our church Christmas tree and all the mince pies after the Christmas Eve Masses.

OVER 60's CLUB has finished now for 2025; back on Tuesday 13th January 2026!

READING AT 6.15PM VIGIL MASS - We are seeking a new Lector to read on the **1st Saturday of the Month**. If you might consider helping, please contact our **Catechetical Coordinator** at **peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk**.

SYCAMORE is an informal course about the Catholic faith and its relevance to life today. All are welcome to join us in the Café Bar on **Thursday 8th January 7.30pm** when we will be reflecting on **The Holy Eucharist.**

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 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Part 2 of the FHC Programme begins with a **Session for Parents/ Carers only** in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 13th January at 7pm.** Thank you for ensuring you make **childcare arrangements** well in advance so you are able to attend.

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 **January's Baptism Preparation** you will need to **complete** the **Baptism Application Form** (in the Pack) & **return it to the Parish Office by Monday 26th January 2026.**

SOUTH VALE PRE-SCHOOL admissions open for January 2026. We are now taking children from 18 months old. Funded places available. For more information, please contact us on Tel: 07745 860 794.

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!!

