SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit: ***Ps 95: 1, 6***
O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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: ***Isaiah 9:1b-4***

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 27:1,4, 13-14***

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,
to enquire at his temple.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second reading: ***1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17***

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel Acclamation
Allelula, allelula.
Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom
and healed every affliction among the people.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***Matthew 4:12-23***

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon
Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

Prayer after Communion
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

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St. George's Catholic Church, Sudbury

Sunday 25th January 2026

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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
Ordinary time week 3, Year 2
Divine Office
Psalter Week 3

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 25 Jan	**3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Humphrey Liew RIP
8.30am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.45am	Joseph Konrath RIP
11.15am	Kathleen Halpin RIP
5.30pm	Donato Centra RIP
Mon 26 Jan	**Ss. Timothy & Titus**
9:30am	Bhardwaj Family Intentions
Tues 27 Jan	**S. Angela Merici**
9.30am	Allan Noronha RIP
Weds 28 Jan	**S. Thomas Aquinas**
9.30am	Catriona Mulchrone
Thurs 29 Jan	**Feria**
9.30am	Tom & Mary Morgan RIP
Fri 30 Jan	**Feria**
9.30am	Alfonso Ledo RIP
Sat 31 Jan	**S. John Bosco**
9:30am	Brenda Carey RIP
Sun 1 Feb	**4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Una McHale RIP
8.30am	Margaret Thompson RIP
9.45am	Michael Morgan
11.15am	Joe Davenport Snr. RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

First reading: ***Isaiah 9:1b-4***
The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 27:1,4,13-14***
The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

Second Reading: ***1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17***
Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 4:12-23***
Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."
St. Therese of Lisieux

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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, Ramzan*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Joel Moro-Afful, Jovan Afful, Jeriah Afful Adu-Yeboah, Andre Richardson*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Mike Barrett, Hannah O'Leary*

RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Karlene & Alexis*

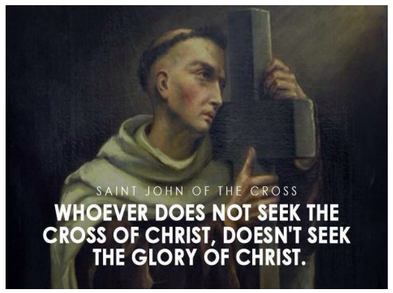
RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Eric Duffner, Kathleen Halpin, Una McHale (1st), Humphrey Liew (2nd), Leona Tavernier (1st)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Baptist Fernandes Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory Of Eric John Duffner RIP

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for January
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 to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Jesus chose as his closest friends and co-workers those who were ready to follow as his disciples and he gave them an unusual mission – "to catch people for the kingdom of God". In the choice of the first we see a characteristic feature of Jesus' work: he chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position or power or fame in society. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special marks of education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these individuals, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to be his disciples and co-workers, we must not think we have nothing to offer him in exchange. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom.

Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. St. Paul says, *"But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing"* (2 Corinthians 2:15).

All of this asks each of us whether we show others around us the joy of the gospel and whether we pray for our neighbours, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love.

PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

MY LORD Jesus Christ,
I believe that Thou art truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I believe that in Holy Communion I shall receive Thy sacred body and Thy precious blood.
My faith in Thy real presence in the Holy Eucharist is firmly founded on Thy word, O eternal Truth. My Saviour and my God,
with the angels who surround Thy altar-throne, I bow down in humble adoration before Thy Majesty. Amen.

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.

THIS WEEKEND is Week Two of our Planned Giving Campaign where we continue looking at ourselves as a parish community, what time each of us has to give, what talents and also what treasure in our financial giving. Please do take this Sunday's leaflet home with you and reflect on all that is there and has been said at Mass.

FUNERAL MASS of Michael (Mike) Barrett on Friday 6th February at 11.00am followed by burial at Carpenders Park Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

WELCOMERS - We are seeking **new volunteers** to join our team of helpers **welcoming people to Mass.** For further details or to express an interest please contact our Welcomers Coordinator, **Lucille Thomas**, at **lucille.thomas@gmail.com**. The commitment would involve welcoming approximately once a month.

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.

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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At **Session 1** of **Part 2** of the FHC Programme, on **Tuesday 27th January**, the children will be reflecting on what it means to be **Catholic Christians**. Please note the **entry point for** all the children at **Session 1** is the front door of the **Parish Centre**. Thank you for ensuring the children **arrive promptly** for the start of the session at **7pm**. Thank you for picking up the children from their usual Catechist Small Group pick-up points at the end of the session.

ALL THE DECORATIONS HAVE COME DOWN however, it might be a surprise that Christmastide doesn't formally end until 2nd February, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple or, more commonly, 'Candlemas'. All the churches in Rome, and in Catholic countries and homes, still keep the Crib up until Candlemas. You should have taken down the cards and decorations on twelfth night (Epiphany) but the Crib can stay until 2nd February as the focus of our family prayer and daily devotions.

SO THERE IS STILL TIME to visit our Crib. Do please take the opportunity to look at our beautiful crib, and maybe for a moment before it, offer a prayer. All Crib offerings (donations) made will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society, for their important work with children. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this cause.

LOOKING AHEAD: CANDLEMAS (The Presentation of the Lord) falls on Monday 2nd February. Mass with Blessing of candles at 9.30am.

ST. BLAISE—BLESSING OF THROATS on Tuesday 3rd February at the end of the 9.30am Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2026 - Thank you to all the prospective Confirmation Candidates, in Year 10 & above, and their Parents/Carers who joined us for the recent Confirmation Information Evening, **collecting all the documents** needed for **Registration**. At the **Confirmation Registration Evening**, on **Monday 26th January at 7.30pm** registration will only be possible for those who bring along the **correct documentation** (including photocopy of **baptism certificate & passport photo**). Please note that **26th January** is also the **deadline for applications** on this year's Programme. If you require any further information, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

MASS FOR THE SICK On Saturday 7th February 2026 we will be holding our Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2pm, celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. To help us with planning for the Mass and the anointing, **tickets must be booked in advance via the Parish Office.** Please email Mary on sudbury@rcdow.org.uk to book tickets. Tickets are in three categories:
1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
2. Walking sick who require anointing
3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

Please confirm in your email the category for which you would like a ticket. Booking closes on Wednesday 4th February 2026.

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 5th February** at **7.30pm** when we will be reflecting on **The Christian Vocations.**

HELPING WITH HOSPITALITY - Might you consider helping with **teas & coffees** after the **9.45am** Family Mass. For further details, or to express an interest, please contact Peter, at **peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.** The commitment would be no more than once a month.

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.**

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of February. Please contact the Parish Office.

WORLD LEPROSY DAY Sunday 25 January 2026. Today we mark **World Leprosy Day,** a time to pray for and stand in solidarity with people affected by leprosy around the world. We remember the work of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, inspired by John Bradburne, who devoted his life to caring for those with leprosy at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe. Please keep the people of Mutemwa in your prayers and consider supporting this vital work through prayer, awareness, or donation. www.johnbradburne.com, Tel: 07979 187498, Post: JBMS, PO Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0YB, Email: Info@johnbradburne.com

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.

