SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 26: 8-9***
Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Collect
O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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: ***Genesis 12:1-4a***

In those days: The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'
So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 33:4-5. 18-20, 22.***

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

The word of the LORD is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The LORD loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Second reading: ***2 Timothy 1:8b-10***

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Glory to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel: ***Matthew 17:1-9***

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Mt 17: 5***
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Prayer after Communion
As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People
Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire and at last attain
that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 1st March 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

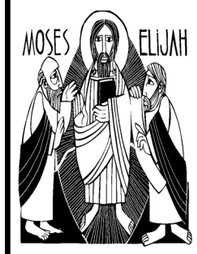
Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Mass Readings
Lent, week 2,
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 1 March	**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	John & Delia Kenny RIP
8.30am	Cathy Golden RIP
9.45am	Keith Kugaswaran RIP & Holy Souls
11.15am	Gabriella Henry RIP
5.30pm	Holy Souls & PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 2 Mar	**Lent Feria**
9:30am	Souls of Honorato, Santana & Family
Tues 3 Mar	**Lent Feria**
9.30am	Pauline & Eddie Spencer RIP
Weds 4 Mar	**Lent Feria**
9.30am	Fr Anthony Psaila's Intentions
Thurs 5 Mar	**Lent Feria**
9.30am	Mrs A Manuelpillai RIP
Fri 6 Mar	**Lent Feria**
9.30am	Souls of Conception, Alfred, Helena & Family
Sat 7 Mar	**Lent Feria**
9:30am	Conversion of Sinners
Sun 8 March	**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan RIP
8.30am	Patricia Holland RIP
9.45am	Remediana P Fernandes Good Health
11.15am	Pascal Duffy RIP & PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5.30pm	Kathleen Lynchehan RIP

TODAY'S MASS



On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word. The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

First Reading: ***Genesis 12:1-4a***
God promises Abram a great blessing.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22***
God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

Second Reading: ***2 Timothy 1:8b-10***
Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

Gospel Reading*: **Matthew 17:1-9***
Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"At his Transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendour of his beauty, to which he will shape and colour those who are his: 'He will reform our lowness configured to the body of his glory.'"
Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274)

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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, 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, Ramzan, Larry Sicat, Andras Nagy, Sheena Chambers*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Gianna Fernandes*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Tony (Attilio) Pucci, John Scullion, Peter Miroslav Holub*

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

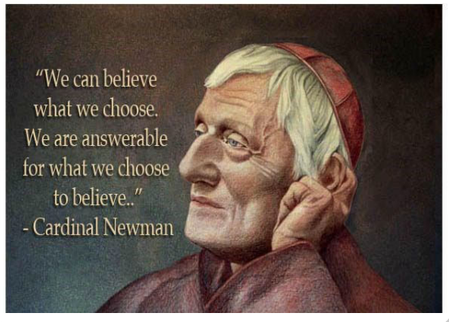
RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Gabriella Henry (4th anniversary)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Private Intention of Michelle Atayan

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Intentions of those preparing for Baptism at Easter

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for March
For disarmament and peace
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy



In today's Gospel Jesus knew that the only way to glory in God's kingdom was by yielding his will to the will of the Father. We catch a glimpse of this glory when Jesus takes three of his disciples to a lonely place on a high mountain. Jesus often went to a lonely place to pray – to seek solitude and sanctuary away from the crowds. But on this occasion, the Gospel of Luke tells us that as Jesus "was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white." (Luke 9:29). Matthew (today's Gospel) states simply that Jesus was "transfigured before them".

When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai *the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God* (St. Paul says that *the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness* -2 Cor 3:7). In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles.

What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: "*This is my beloved Son; listen to him".* The Father glorified his son because he obeyed. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again, The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory – he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory – follow me – obey my words – take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessings of my Father's kingdom – your name will be written in heaven. Jesus succeeded in his mission because he went to Calvary so that Paradise would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each of us, if we will follow in his footsteps.

Let's continue to do that this Lent. If we've already faltered or given up — let's start again. It is never too late!

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.

LENT LEAFLET & COLLECTING BOX—Have you taken yours? If not take one as you leave Mass today. There are just a few left.

THANK YOU to all of you who made Fr Peter from the charity "Let the children Live" feel so welcome in the parish last weekend. He was delighted to be with us and thank you all for your generosity. If you have a collecting box at home –keep collecting! We'll add it all up and send it to him after Lent.

LENT DISCUSSION GROUP "WE DARE TO ASK" ON WEDNESDAY DURING LENT: SESSION 2 a discussion for all who would like to rediscover the value of one's Baptismal Vocation. 10.30am in the Café/Bar. All welcome. By the way you don't need to have come last week to attend.

RISEtheatre

WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE RISE THEATRE COMPANY coming to St George's on Friday 13th March to perform their 'Passion Play' at 7:30pm. A fast-paced, emotionally impacting & "spine tingling" performance. Tickets are limited and are on sale from the Parish Office at £10 per Adult and £6 per Child, 11-16 years. The performance is not suitable for children under 11 years old.

FUNERAL LITURGY of **Peter Miroslav Holub** on Thursday 5th March at 12.00pm at West London Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **John Scullion** on Monday 9th March at 11.00am followed by repatriation for burial in Glasgow. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Tony (Attilio) Pucci** on Tuesday 17th March at 11.00am followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

GOOD NEWS WITH THE CHURCH ROOF For many years there has been a persistent leak over the pews (4th row back from of the statue of St Joseph). Well, it is now mended.

GOOD NEWS AGAIN. We have had it confirmed that a new assistant priest will be coming to St George's to start in a month or so. He is called Fr Jude. Please pray for him as he prepares to come and be with us. We are not quite sure when he is arriving but certainly before Easter.

THIS EASTER we have 4 adults being baptised and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for them as they continue this last stage. How about saying a rosary for them?

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT on 15th March is also in this country traditionally "Mothering Sunday" when we give thanks for Our Holy Mother the Church, The Blessed Virgin and our earthly mothers. There will be flowers blessed for children to give their mothers but only at the 9.45am and the 11.15am Masses.

MEET ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH On Tuesday 10th March at 6:30pm – at St Joseph's, Wembley when the new Archbishop will say Mass for the Brent and Harrow deaneries to which everyone is invited. No tickets required.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
St Patrick -17th March
St Joseph -19th March
The Annunciation of the Lord 25th March
Palm Sunday – Holy Week commences 29th March
Maundy Thursday - 2nd April
Good Friday - 3rd April
Holy Saturday - 4th April
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 5th April
St George - 23rd April

PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2026/2027 will soon be available. Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order and those who are using our card machine. This saves us printing costs. **PLEASE** do let us know:

- If you are new to the parish and wish to use planned giving envelopes for the first time
- If you wish to change from planned giving envelopes to a Standing Order (i.e. direct through your bank).
- You wish to contribute by Standing Order.
- You are a standard tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your contribution (this can increase your donations by 25p in the £ at no extra cost to you).
- You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.

Please note if you have a Gift Aid in place and your circumstances have changed (I.e. you are no longer paying tax), it is your responsibility to inform the Parish Office. Please address all queries to:- sudbury@rcdow.org.uk. Planned Giving Envelopes not used or collected last year will not be printed this year.

CONFIRMATION 2026 - At **Session 1**, on **Monday 2nd March**, the Confirmation Candidates will be reflecting on **The Purpose of Confirmation.** Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at **7.30pm.** Two of the Catechist Groups (in addition to those Candidates unable to attend their Faith-in-Action visit on 28th March) will be receiving a **handout** with further information about their **Faith-In-Action visit** at Monday's session.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At **Session 5** of Part 2 of the FHC Communion Programme, on **Tuesday 3rd March**, the children will be reflecting about how **Jesus celebrates the Last Supper.** Thank you for arriving **promptly** for the start of the session at **7pm** at your child's unique **Catechist Group Entry/Exit point** so the Catechists can begin their session on-time with all the children in the group.

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 12th March** at **7.30pm** when we will be reflecting on **How to Pray.**

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!

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 17th – 24th July 2026. Registration is now open **https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/registration-form/** or via the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173. If you would like to sponsor or fundraise for an Assisted Pilgrim, member of the medical team or volunteer, then please also contact the Pilgrimage Office for further details.

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 March. Please contact the Parish Office.

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 **March's Baptism Preparation** you will need to **complete** the **Baptism Application Form** (in the Pack) & **return it to the Parish Office by Monday 16th March 2026.**

CATENIAN ROSARIES FOR THE WORLD If you have one too many rosary's at home and wish to help spread Our Blessed Lady's message of Love, Peace and Hope, we are collecting unwanted rosary's to donate them to people in Australia, Africa and Prison Chaplains in England and Wales. Even broken rosary's are accepted. A basket will be placed in the Church Porch for you to drop them off. Thank you for your donations and generosity.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm. The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the Parish Office on sudbury@rcdow.org.uk giving the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email). Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every FRIDAY in Lent after the 9.30am Mass