SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 30: 3-4***
Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Collect
O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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 15:15-20***

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 119:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34.***

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!
With all their hearts they seek him.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

LORD, teach me the way of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.
Grant me insight that I may keep your law,
and observe it wholeheartedly.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Second reading: ***1 Corinthians 2:6-10***

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him' —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Cf. Matthew 11:25***
Alleluia, alleluia.
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***Matthew 5:17-37***

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do your will
the source of eternal reward.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Jn 3: 16***
God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

Prayer after Communion
Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord, that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 15th February 2026

THE SIXTH 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
Weekday Mass Readings
Ordinary time week 6, Year 2
Lent first weekdays
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2 & 4

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 15 Feb	**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Antonio Guilherme Rodrigues RIP
8.30am	Bosco Fernandes Intentions
9.45am	John Stack RIP
11.15am	Eileen Nicklen RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 16 Feb	**Feria**
9:30am	Stella Oparaji Intentions
Tues 17 Feb	**Feria**
9.30am	Fr Mike Guthrie Intentions
Weds 18 Feb	**ASH WEDNESDAY** *Fasting & Abstinence*
9.30am	Martin McDonagh RIP
12:30pm	Mickey & Margaret Power RIP
8:00pm	John Coughlan RIP
Thurs 19 Feb	**Lent Feria**
9.30am	Kevin Durcan RIP Birthday Remembrance
Fri 20 Feb	**Lent Feria**
9.30am	Pascal Murphy RIP
Sat 21 Feb	**Lent Feria**
9:30am	Holy Souls & Francis, Marianita & Family
Sun 22 Feb	**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Helen Brady RIP & Alice Cullen RIP
8.30am	Helen Brenan
9.45am	Noel Lynch RIP
11.15am	Matthew Rammelt RIP
5.30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole of Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

First Reading: ***Sirach 15:15–20***
The eyes of God see all he has made.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 119:1–2,4–5, 17–18,33–34***
Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

Second Reading: ***1 Corinthians 2:6–10***
God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 5:17–37***
I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfil them.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The devil fears hearts on fire with love of God."
St. Catherine of Siena

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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, Andras Nagy*

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *John Scullion*

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

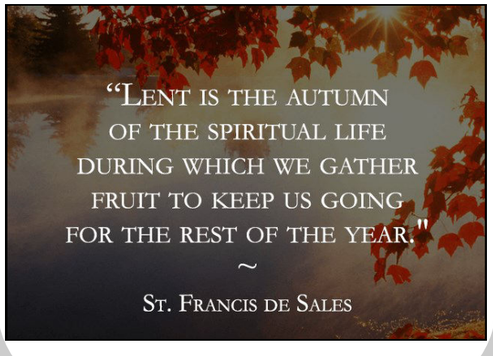
RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Eileen Nicklen*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Joel & Celina 25th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory Of Kevin Durcan

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for February
For children with incurable diseases
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



Why do people tend to view the "law of God" negatively rather than positively? Jesus' attitude towards the law of God can be summed up in the great prayer of Psalm 119: "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day."

For the people of Israel the "law" could refer to the Ten Commandments or to the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch or Torah, which explain the commandments and ordinances of God for his people. The "law" also referred to the whole teaching or way of life which God gave to his people. The Jews in Jesus' time also used it as a description of the oral or scribal law. Needless to say, the scribes added many more things to the law than God intended. That is why Jesus often condemned the scribal law because it placed burdens on people which God had not intended.

Jesus made it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life, must be fulfilled. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. It is a law of grace, love, and freedom for us. That is why God commands us to love him above all else and to follow in the way of his Son, the Lord Jesus, who taught us how to love by laying down our lives for one another.

Jesus taught reverence and respect for God's law - reverence for God himself, reverence for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbour lest wrong or hurtful desires master and enslave us. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love - love of God and love of neighbour. What is impossible to humans is possible to God who gives generously of his gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit to those who put their faith and trust in him.

God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. The Lord loves righteousness and hates wickedness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrong-doing. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us, and decide in our heart to obey the Lord. Do you seek to understand the intention of his law and to grow in wisdom of his ways?

Jesus promised his disciples that he would give them the gift of the Holy Spirit who writes God's law of love and truth on our hearts. The Holy Spirit teaches us God's truth and gives us wisdom and understanding of God's ways. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, strengthens us in temptation, and transforms us, day by day, into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Merciful Saviour and Humble Lord. There is great blessing and reward for those who obey God's commandments and who encourage others, especially the younger generations, to love, respect, and obey the Lord. Do you trust in God's love and allow his Holy Spirit to fill you with a thirst for holiness and righteousness in every area of your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with a burning desire and reverence for God's life-giving word so that you may grow day by day in the wisdom and knowledge of God's love, truth, and goodness.

NEWS UPDATE



Wednesday 18th March. Masses with the imposition of ash at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 8.00pm

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. Please note the Parish Office will be closed Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026.

AS LENT BEGINS please take one of our Lent Leaflets home with you together with a collecting box for our lent Charity. This leaflet will help you prepare for and understand all the aspects and opportunities available in Lent.

THANK YOU for returning your palm crosses for burning to make the ash used on Ash Wednesday. THIS WEEKEND is the last opportunity to return your crosses. Afterwards it will be too late!

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE INFORMATION: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics, in addition to the usual Fridays, when we abstain from meat. For us members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from the age of 18 until the age of 60 (unless you have a medical condition). When fasting, a person may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquid, for example water, may be taken at any time. Abstinence from meat on these days is binding on those over 14 years old. Hope this reminder is helpful.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will begin in church on Friday 27th February after the 9.30am Mass and will continue on every Friday during Lent.

SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON-LINE ON THE LENTEN SUNDAY GOSPELS the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. It's free of charge and begins on Tuesday 17th Feb at 7.00pm and six consecutive Tuesdays (7-8:15pm) on YouTube live. Register: comeandsee.org/lent26

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.

THANK YOU to those parishioners who have completed and returned our Week 3 Planned Giving Campaign leaflet. As this is a parish wide renewal, we would encourage all parishioners to complete and return the form. We want to ensure your contact details and Gift Aid details are up to date. **Thank you for your continued support of our parish and we pray for God's blessing on us all as we move forward with our parish vision.**

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:
1st Sunday of Lent - 22nd February
St Joseph -19th March
The Annunciation of the Lord 25th March

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 Welcome's Coordinator, **Lucille Thomas**, at **lucille.thomas@gmail.com**. The commitment would involve welcoming approximately once a month.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2026 - 'Meet the Team', on Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm, provides the opportunity for **Parents/Carers** to hear about how **best to support their son/daughter** as they prepare for their Confirmation, **meet their Small Group Catechists** and receive **further information** about the **specific dates & times** for their Small Group. Thank you for **letting us know in advance** if, for any reason, a Parent/Carer is unable to attend this important meeting. Please note, **registration on this year's Programme is now closed.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At Session 4 of Part 2 of the FHC Communion Programme, on **Tuesday 24th February**, the children will be reflecting about how **The Eucharist is our Family Meal.** Thank you for arriving **promptly** for the start of the session at **7pm** at your **Catechist Group Entry/Exit point.** Please note that, **during Session 4**, there is also a special **Tour of the Church for Parents/Carers** led by John Sexton, beginning **in the Church at 7.05pm** (whilst the children are enjoying their session with the Catechists).

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 26th February** at **7.30pm** when we will be reflecting on **The Social Teaching of the Church.**

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.

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 **February's Baptism Preparation** you will need to **complete** the **Baptism Application Form** (in the Pack) & **return it to the Parish Office by Monday 23rd February 2026.**

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.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU from Toni to all parishioners who contributed to her leaving gift. "Thank you all for my incredibly generous gift. I am so grateful for all the cards and well wishes I have received. I really appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness". Toni

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.