SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit: ***Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6***
I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect
O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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: ***Acts 10:34a, 37-43***

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 118:1-2. 16-17. 22-23.***

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

The LORD's right hand is exalted.
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second reading: ***Colossians 3:1-4***

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Paschal Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation: ***1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a***
Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel: ***Matthew 28:1-10***

After the Sabbath, towards the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.' So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***1 Cor 5: 7-8***
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 5th April 2026

EASTER SUNDAY



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
Easter Week
Divine Office
Easter Week 1

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 5 April	**EASTER SUNDAY**
8.30am	Mickey Power RIP
9.45am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.15am	Arama Rabbie & Anduwa Maria Arama RIP
5:30pm	**No Mass**
Mon 6 April	**Easter Monday**
9:30am	Mary McLaughlin RIP
Tues 7 April	**Easter Tuesday**
9.30am	Nimal Perera RIP
Weds 8 April	**Easter Wednesday**
9.30am	Holy Souls
11.00am	**FUNERAL MASS** Anne McShine-Jones RIP
Thurs 9 April	**Easter Thursday**
9.30am	Anne McGovern RIP
11.00am	**FUNERAL MASS** Bernard Timon RIP
Fri 10 April	**Easter Friday**
9:30am	Leo Barco RIP
11.00am	**FUNERAL MASS** Maria Doyle RIP
Sat 11 April	**Easter Saturday**
9:30am	Bridie Dillon RIP & Evelyn Maloney RIP
Sun 12 April	**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Kevin Moroney RIP
8.30am	Olga Barco RIP
9.45am	Catherine & Corneilius O'Connor RIP
11.15am	Mary Kiernan RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). Our Easter faith is based on the disciples witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

First Reading: ***Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43***
Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23***
Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:1-4*
Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel Reading: ***John 20:1-9***
Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and alleluia is our song."
Pope Saint 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, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, 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, Tony Eivers*

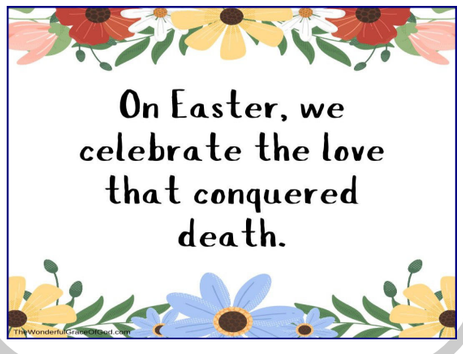
RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Maria Doyle, Anne McShine-Jones, James (Jim) Galvin, Bernard Timon, Chris Cooney*
RECENTLY MARRIED:-
RECENTLY CONFIRMED:
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Olga Barco (16th), Mary Kiernan, Hugh Singarayer*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Lishoy & Lawson Cardozo Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Lionel Alfred Stonehouse

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for April
For priests in crisis
Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.





If Christ is not risen, then our faith has no meaning. Easter, not Good Friday, is the climax of Holy Week. The resurrection is not just an appendix to Jesus' death, it is a "proof" of his divinity.

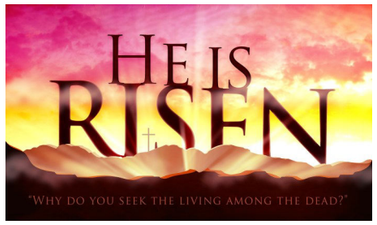
Jesus leads the way by going through death to a life that can never be taken away from him again. "We know that Christ, being raised from death, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." And that life is shared with us. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance", says Jesus.

The message of Easter is first communicated by the empty tomb. The death of Jesus was an observable and observed fact by both friends and enemies. No one saw the resurrection. It did not involve resuscitation of a corpse.

The first witnesses that something had happened were women. And what they saw was not Jesus but his empty tomb. They were puzzled and alarmed. Then Peter and the Beloved Disciple go to investigate. They find the empty tomb as the women reported. Peter just sees a loss, the absence of a body. But the other disciple sees with the eyes of one who loves and he sees a void filled with the presence of the Risen One.

The Beloved Disciple sees the empty tomb and believes. He sees what cannot be literally seen. He suddenly understands the teaching of Scripture and the words of Jesus that he must "rise from the dead". Every disciples who loves Jesus is one who sees – and believes– with all his or her heart in a Risen Lord. Let us this Easter join them in faith and praise of our Risen Lord.

NEWS UPDATE



HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome to anyone who is new or a visitor.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped make our Holy Week so special and prayerful . Our servers, readers, welcomers, stewards, cleaners, flower arrangers - just to mention a few.

THANK YOU to all who gave so generously last weekend to our collection for **Easter Flowers** (You'll agree the church looks beautiful this weekend) and who gave to the **Holy Places** collection on Good Friday.

EASATER EGG HUNT for our children after the 9.45am Mass today.

THE FINAL BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS takes place today at 9.15am in the Parish Centre.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS—please note that there is NO evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS to our adults who were baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

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 from Friday 27th March to Monday 13th April 2026.

FUNERAL MASS of **Muriel Anne McShine-Jones** on Wednesday 8th April at 11.00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Bernard Timon** on Thursday 9th April at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Maria Doyle** on Friday 10th April at 11.00am followed by burial at Alperton Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

MEMORIAL MASS of **Peter McGrath** (former headteacher of St George's School) on Thursday 16th April at 9:30am. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. RSVP via WhatsApp to Pauline on +44 7946 758 724.

COLLECTION OF LENT APPEAL BOXES - Thank you to all who have been using their 'Let the Children Live' collection boxes during Lent. If you have not already done so, please return your filled collection boxes as soon as possible.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES will be distributed after all Masses next weekend, 11/12 April. If you are a UK tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your contribution (this can increase your donations by 25p in the £ at no extra cost to you), forms will be available for completion. **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. Envelopes can also be collected from the Parish Office, Monday to Friday from 10am to 2pm, from Tuesday 14th April.

SVP COLLECTION OF FOOD FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS - Collection 25/26th April. Any cash donated would be used to buy food for our beneficiaries.

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 May. Please contact the Parish Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At **Session 9** of Part 2 of the FHC Communion Programme, on **Tuesday 14th April**, we will be reflecting on how **Jesus is the Bread of Life.** Thank you for arriving in **good time** for the start of the session, at your child's unique **Catechist Group Entry/Exit point,** so the Catechists can **begin promptly at 7pm**.

CONFIRMATION 2026 - At **Session 5**, on **Monday 13th April**, the Confirmation Candidates will be experiencing **Prayer, Praise and Adoration.** Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at **7.30pm.**

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 **April's Baptism Preparation** you will need to **complete** the **Baptism Application Form** (in the Pack) & **return It to the Parish Office by Monday 27th April 2026.**

INTEREST IN BECOMING A CHRISTIAN? If you are interested in becoming a Christian we would be delighted to accompany you on this journey. Please **speak to one of the clergy** or **email our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk**, so we can provide further information. If you were baptised but have not yet received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in confirmation we would also be happy to support you on this journey.

SOUTH VALE PRE-SCHOOL summer registration is now open. We are based in St George's church Youth Centre. Free childcare places for children from 18 months. Tel: 07745 860 794 for further details.

CHURCH CANDLES must always be placed on a candle stand (and NOT beside a particular statue on the wood) as this poses a fire risk. Recently we have had to move candles from St Anthony's shelf on a number of occasions. Please ONLY use candles that are supplied in the church.

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. There is a basket in the Church Porch for you to drop them off. Thank you for your donations and generosity.

ST. GEORGE'S OVER 60'S CLUB is now closed and will re-open on Tuesday 14th April at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

