SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***1 Pt 2: 2***
Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Collect
God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 2:42-47***

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. ℟1

R. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

1. Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the LORD say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

R. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

2. They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
but the LORD was my helper.
The LORD is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and salvation
in the tents of the righteous.

R. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

3. 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.

R. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Second reading: ***1 Peter 1:3-9***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation: ***John 20:29***
Alleluia, alleluia.
You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***John 20:19-31***

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
they may attain unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Cf. Jn 20: 27***
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 12th April 2026 **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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
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Divine Office
Easter Week 2

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 13 April	**Easter Ferla**
9:30am	Ann McGovern RIP
Tues 14 April	**Easter Ferla**
9.30am	Charlie Logan RIP
Weds 15 April	**Easter Ferla**
9.30am	Lorraine Murray RIP
Thurs 16 April	**Easter Ferla**
9.30am	Hugh Singarayer RIP & Memorial Mass of Peter McGrath RIP
Fri 17 April	**Easter Ferla**
9:30am	Misbon & Polita Fernandes Wedding Anniversary Intentions
Sat 18 April	**Easter Ferla**
9:30am	Mary McLaughlin RIP
Sun 19 April	**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Mary McLaughlin RIP
8.30am	Bosco Fernandes Intentions
9.45am	Michael O'Connor RIP
11.15am	Pauline Brennan RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS

"We do not see yet we believe"



God has created a new human family through his raising of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is our belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ which becomes the source of Christ's life within us. We do not see yet we believe. Our faith overcomes our doubts and we acknowledge the power of the risen Christ.

First Reading: ***Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47***
The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24***
God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading: ***1 Peter 1:3-9***
We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel Reading: ***John 20:19-31***
Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"'Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."
St. Augustine

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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

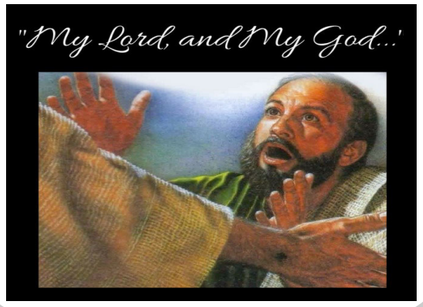
SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Noel Gill, Christopher Browne, Dee Auriol, Fiona Power, John, Aaran Thayaparan, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert, Edward Granger, Ciara I, Mary O'Connell, Leslie De Lima, Paul Pereira, Nora Hunt, Mario, Maureen Chick, Ramzan, Larry Sicat, Andras Nagy, Sheena Chambers, Tony Eivers*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Kingsley Kaluarachchi, Marvin Kaluarachchi , Gyorgyi Gulyas, Raphael Odamtten*
RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Maria Doyle, Anne McShine-Jones, Chris Wheeler, James (Jim) Galvin, Bernard Timon, Chris Cooney*
RECENTLY MARRIED:-
RECENTLY CONFIRMED: *Kingsley Kaluarachchi, Marvin Kaluarachchi , Gyorgyi Gulyas, Raphael Odamtten*
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Leo Barco (25th), Joan Boyle (1st)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Maurice Foley

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Jack & Rose Taylor

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.



The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

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. Please note the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 27th March to Monday 13th April 2026.

WHAT A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER this year. Thanks to all who made huge efforts to help in so many ways. Let us remember that Easter continues now until Pentecost. A special thank you to our Flower Team and to all of you who contributed to the flower collection and to the lilies. The memorial book is available for you to see.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all throughout the church who have received the Sacraments of initiation this Easter, especially those from our own Parish.

THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH TEAM, Mgr. Jeremy, Fr Jude & Peter, for all the kind Easter cards and gifts. We are all very grateful.

THIS SUNDAY is 'Divine Mercy Sunday' and is the culmination of the novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus, a devotion mystically given to St. Faustina (Maria Faustina Kowalska), and is based upon an entry in her diary stating that anyone who participates in the Mass and receives the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist at this time is assured by Jesus of full remission of their sins.

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.



ST GEORGE'S DAY falls this year on the 23rd April. Mass at 9.30am. (There will also be Mass in school for all the children)

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.

SVP COLLECTION OF FOOD FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS - Collection 25/26th April. Any cash donated will 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 July. Please contact the Parish Office.

ST. GEORGE'S OVER 60'S CLUB will re-open THIS Tuesday , 14th April, at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES will be distributed after all Masses this 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.

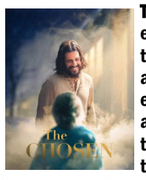
CATENIAN ROSARIES FOR THE WORLD If you have one too many rosary's at home and wish to help spread Our Blessed Lady's message of Love, Peace and Hope, we are collecting unwanted rosary's to donate them to people in Australia, Africa and Prison Chaplains in England and Wales. Even broken rosary's are accepted.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

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.

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.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 17th – 24th July 2026. Registration is now open at https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/registrationform/ 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.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: https://retrouvaille.org.uk or call +44 797 338 0443



THE CHOSEN is the first ever episodic television drama about the life of Jesus. The Chosen allows us to see him through the eyes of those who knew him and aims to be historically and culturally accurate. It's available to view free of charge on The Chosen App. To watch on your home computer, iPad or mobile phone use this link: https://watch.thechosen.tv/ You can also watch it on Netflix, Amazon Prime or YouTube.

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW: The Catholic Mass 101: learn every part of the Mass and what it means with Fr. Mike Schmitz. This is a great watch for anyone and everyone: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RS8NrJ0Y508

