SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 65: 1-2***
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, Alleluia.

Collect
May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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 2:14, 22-33***

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11***

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord.'
O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the LORD before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Second reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Luke 24:32
Allelula, allelula.
Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.
Allelula.

Gospel: ***Luke 24:13-35***

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.'

And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Prayer over the Offerings
Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Lk 24: 35***
The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 19th April 2026

THIRD 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
Weekay Mass Readings
Easter Week 3
Divine Office
Easter Week 3

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 20 April	**Easter Feria**
9:30am	Sirisena Godage RIP
Tues 21 April	**Easter Feria**
9.30am	Delphine De Lima RIP
Weds 22 April	**Easter Feria**
9.30am	Anne McGovern RIP
Thurs 23 April	**ST GEORGE, PARISH PATRON**
9.30am	Tony Rammelt RIP
Fri 24 April	**Ss. ERKENWALD & MELLITUS**
9:30am	Sharleen Levin RIP
Sat 25 April	**St MARK**
9:30am	Mary McLaughlin RIP
Sun 26 April	**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	John Scullion RIP
9.45am	Neil Cummins RIP
11.15am	Spencer Coomarewel RIP
5:30pm	Liam Carbery Birthday Intentions

TODAY'S MASS

Christ feeds us"



"Christ is our Eucharist — a day's food for a day's journey. We meet him as pilgrims and strangers and recognize him in the breaking of bread. He is our ransom and our gift.. It is this that gave St George his strength to fight for Christ and endure Martyrdom"

First Reading: ***Acts 2:14,22-33***
Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11***
God will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: ***1 Peter 1:17-21***
You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Reading: ***Luke 24:13-35***
Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let us sing alleluia here on earth, while we still live in anxiety, so that we may sing it one day in heaven in full security."
St Augustine Of Hippo

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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

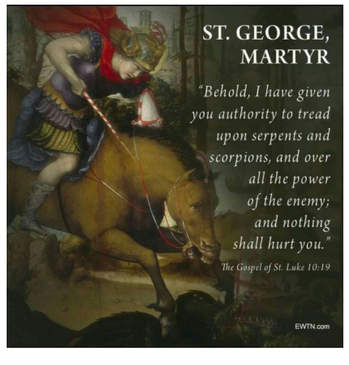
SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Dee Auriol, Christopher Browne, Fiona Power, John, Aaran Thayaparan, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert, Martha Conway, Edward Granger, Ciara I, Mary O'Connell, Leslie De Lima, 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: *Chris Cooney*
RECENTLY MARRIED:-
RECENTLY CONFIRMED: *Kingsley Kaluarachchi, Marvin Kaluarachchi , Gyorgyi Gulyas, Raphael Odamtten*
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Intentions of Lavina Fernandes, Epifania Sardinha & Antonio Fernandes

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Intentions of Baptist Fernandes

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 Emmaus story has profound implications on individual Christians in their experience of the Risen Jesus. The disciples of Jesus were going back to their own village after his death and burial, as they had found no meaning in staying on in Jerusalem. Their master, whom they had followed with great hope, for three years, was no more alive. Although they thought he was the promised Saviour and that he would rise again after his death, he was still not seen anywhere. Now, the best option for the disciples would be to leave the town that shattered all their hopes, and resume their former life, forgetting about Jesus.

But the Lord, who had chosen them to be his disciples, would not leave them. As they walk away from him, he walks along with them. As their minds were downcast, and their hopes and dreams shattered, he causes their hearts to burn within and their eyes to open to the reality of the resurrection. Once they recognized the Lord in the breaking of bread, their joy was limitless. They returned to tell others that the Lord was alive indeed.

The Emmaus story reminds us of the two most important elements of our Christian faith: the 'Word of God' and the 'Breaking of the Bread'. For the disillusioned disciples, listening to the Sacred Scripture was the first step to their experience of the Risen Lord. *"Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"* . The Word of God continues to be active and alive in the ongoing life of individual Christians, with its powerful and life-giving force. When our dreams and hopes are shattered, when we are discouraged by the apparent absence of the Lord, it is the Word of God that refreshes, renews and comforts us. The Scriptures have answers and solutions to our every problem.

The second important element of Christian faith, where we encounter the Risen Jesus, is the Breaking of the Bread. *"When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him...".* Jesus gives himself to us in the Mass!

It is in the Mass, which makes present for us the sacrifice of Calvary, that we are able to know, love and participate in the life of Jesus in the fullest manner. The divine power in the Blessed sacrament is the source that enables us to give ourselves entirely to God, until our last breath, as our self sacrifice for him.

Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering to share the story with others.

NEWS UPDATE



THURSDAY 23rd APRIL Is the Solemnity of St. George, the Patron of the Parish—and of England. Mass as usual on Thursday at 9.30am. If you look over the front door of the presbytery you'll see some Latin words ***"Sante Georgi adsis pro Anglia"*** which means*: "St George be present for England"*. May that be our prayer at this time that he may guide and intercede for us, our parish and our country. THE SOLEMN MASS on SUNDAY 19th APRIL will also be a celebration of St George.

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.

FUNERAL MASS of **Chris Cooney** on Friday 1st May at 11am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium. May he Rest in Peace.

THE ROSARY will be said in the church each evening, Monday to Friday, at 6pm throughout the month of May.

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

NEXT SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place after all masses. This fund supports those in training and the on-going enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. Thank you for your 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.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND AT ST. GEORGE'S this weekend in the Parish Centre. Please keep the engaged couples in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please also remember in your prayers the team presenting the weekend - two married couples and one priest. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - This coming **Tuesday 21st April** at **7pm** is the **FHC Practicalities Session** for **Parents/Carers ONLY** as we look forward to the First Holy Communion of the children in the coming weeks. Thank you for making **childcare arrangements well in advance so you are free to attend.**

CONFIRMATION 2026 - At **Session 6**, on **Monday 20th April**, **Mgr. Jeremy** will be helping us reflect on the **'Role of the Celebrant at Confirmation'**. Candidates are welcome to start drafting their 'Letter to the Celebrant' before the session (using the handout provided last week) and should be prepared to **speak to Mgr. Jeremy about their Confirmation Name** during the session. 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.**

CALLING NEW CATECHISTS & HELPERS - We are delighted when new people come forward wishing to help with our **First Holy Communion** & **Confirmation Programmes**. These Programmes are fruitful thanks to the generous help of **volunteers from the Parish**. Might you consider **offering to help serve our children & young people** alongside a group of experienced Catechists? For further information, or to meet to speak about opportunities for helping in other ways at the Parish, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

THE 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 1.00pm. Everyone welcome—and not just Catholics!

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.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES The remainder of these are now in the Parish Office. If you didn't collect yours over the past weekends, that's where they'll be, so do come and collect yours as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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.

CELEBRATE TRUST is excited to announce two new webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. **Confident parenting in a world of screens. 29th April @ 8pm** Worried about the impact of phones and social media on your teen? A helpful webinar with Kate Duroux from Care for the Family, offering practical advice for supporting teenagers growing up in a digital world. **Raising teenagers in a Catholic family. 2nd June @ 8pm** As children enter adolescence, parenting can feel brand new. Mike and Alicia from the Messy Family Project share faith-filled wisdom and practical tools to help parents guide their tweens and teens with patience, modelling, and stronger relationships. **To reserve your place, book now by visiting https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting**

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES THIS YEAR Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026, Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026. Further information is available at **https://www.adaywithmary.org/**