SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 97: 1-2***
O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 6:1-7***

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R.22***

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp;
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

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.

Second reading: ***1 Peter 2:4-9***

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Gospel Acclamation: ***John 14:6***
Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***John 14:1-12***

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

Prayer over the Offerings
O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5***
I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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St. George's Catholic Church, Sudbury

Sunday 3rd May 2026

FIFTH 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
Weekday Mass Readings
Easter Week 5
Divine Office
Easter Week 5

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 3 May	**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	George Hillier RIP
8.30am	Kit Sullivan RIP
9.45am	Fatima Ferdinando RIP
11.15am	Boguslawa Kubica RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 4 May	**The English Martyrs**
9:30am	Spencer Coomarewel RIP & Holy Souls
Tues 5 May	**Easter Feria**
9.30am	Juan Watine Thanksgiving
Weds 6 May	**Easter Feria**
9.30am	Conversion of Sinners
Thurs 7 May	**Easter Feria**
9.30am	Naty Valmoria Get Well Intentions
Fri 8 May	**Easter Feria**
9:30am	Charlie Logan RIP
11:00am	**FUNERAL MASS** Michael Alan Scott RIP
Sat 9 May	**Easter Feria**
9:30am	Reparation of Sins
Sun 10 May	**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Felix, Gilbert & Lionel Lyons RIP
8.30am	Charlie Logan RIP
9.45am	Eddie Rozario Intentions
11.15am	Joseph Wright RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



"Christ is our Way, Truth and Life"

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God.
God has poured out all these gifts on us through the Holy spirit. We are to devote ourselves to roclaiming God's Word revealed in Christ, and to trust that Christ always has a special love and care for us.

First Reading: ***Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7***
The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19***
The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

Second Reading: ***1 Peter 2:4-9***
Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

Gospel Reading: ***John 14:1–12***
Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God."
St. Faustina

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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: *Zoe D'Costa, Chloe Turner*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Michael Alan Scott, Noel Gill, Lilian Ann Moran, Christopher Herson*

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

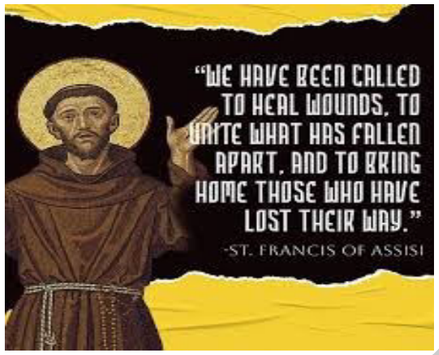
RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Lois Yves Hoareau

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Nimal Perera

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for May
That everyone might have food
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



As much as we try to avoid it, we all inevitably encounter troubles and trials, and sometimes more than we think we can handle! Jesus knew that his disciples would have to face adversity and trials after he left them to return to his Father. Jesus assured them that his departure is for their good, in order to secure a place for them in God's house – a place of refuge, peace, and everlasting happiness. If the Father's home in heaven is our destination, how can we find our way without a map or a guide? The scriptures speak of the way that leads to peace and union with God. *You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. You shall walk in all the way which the Lord your God has commanded you* (Deuteronomy 5:32-33).

Jesus proclaims: *I am the Way*. The Lord does not simply give counsel and direction. He personally is the *Way*, and we cannot miss it if we follow him. He leads and guides us personally every day. The Lord Jesus also is the *Truth*. Many can say, "I have taught you the truth." Only Jesus can say, *I am the Truth*". Moral truth cannot be conveyed in words alone; it must be conveyed in example. Jesus embodies the truth in his person. Jesus also is the *Life*. He not only *shows us the path of life* (Psalm 16:11); he gives the kind of life which only God can give – eternal and abundant life.

Jesus shows us the true aim and purpose for our life – what we were created for – and what we should strive for with all of our strength and being. What is that purpose? To *know* God. What is the best thing in life, bringing more joy, contentment, life and happiness, than anything else? Knowledge of God! One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the living God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the knowledge of God as our *Father*. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as *our* Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us completely, unconditionally, and perfectly for our good.

NEWS UPDATE

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN RECEIVING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT



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



MOBILE PHONES: If your phone happens to ring during Mass, rest assured...it is not the Lord! When God calls, He tends to be a bit more subtle, and rarely uses a ringtone. Please switch off or silence your mobile phone before entering the church. Heaven may be open 24/7, but let's keep the pews peaceful and prayerful. And remember, if you want to speak to God, it's usually done on your knees, with hands joined, not via Bluetooth!!

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 on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th May 2026.

FUNERAL MASS of **Michael Alan Scott** on Friday 8th May at 11.30am followed by burial in Carpenders Park Cemetery. May he Rest in Peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Noel Gill** on Wednesday 13th May at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he Rest in Peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Lilian Ann Moran** on Thursday 14th May at 11.00am followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green. May she Rest in Peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Christopher Patrick Andrew Herson** on Tuesday 26th May at 11.00am followed by cremation at a later time. May he Rest in Peace.

MAY is the Month traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. Many families have discovered the importance of the prayer of the Rosary. Why not give it a go either by yourself or with your family? If you are interested in becoming part of the 'Rosary at Home' initiative, where a statue of Our Lady of Fatima is brought to your home for a period as you say the Rosary each day, please contact Cheryl on 07941 002 161. In addition the Rosary will be said in the church each evening, Monday to Friday, at 6pm throughout the month of May. Everyone welcome.

CATENIAN ROSARIES FOR THE WORLD A huge thank you to everyone who so generously donated rosary's. We have received 3,000 rosaries so far!

PRIEST TRAINING FUND — THANK YOU!
Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. We have raised £1,788 so far, which is a wonderfully generous amount to forward to the Diocese. The collection is still open and envelopes are available in the pews and at the back of the church. You can also donate using the QR code on the poster in the porch. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and for those men who have offered themselves for formation and are in training at this time. If you think you might have a vocation, or just want to know more, please speak with Mgr Jeremy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Ascension Day Thursday 14th May—Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 9:30am and 8pm
Pentecost Sunday 24th May
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 31st May
Corpus Christi Sunday 7th June
The Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 12th June
Ss.Peter and Paul Sunday 28th June

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you for keeping all those looking forward to receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion this week in prayer. Parents & Carers are reminded that the Rehearsal for the FHC Mass on Saturday is on Tuesday & the Rehearsal for the FHC Mass on Sunday is on Wednesday. Full details should already have been received by email. Thank you for **arriving in good time for your child's rehearsal** so we can begin the Rehearsal on time at 7pm.

CONFIRMATION 2026 - The Confirmation Candidates will receive the forgiveness of their sins anew in the **Sacrament of Confession** at the **Confirmation Reconciliation Service** in church on **Monday 11th May.** Candidates are reminded to **take a little time to reflect** on what they would like to bring to the Priest beforehand using the **Examination of Conscience** provided to them in the leaflet handed out at the end of the last session. Thank you for arriving **promptly** for the start of the Reconciliation Service that begins at **7.30pm.**

THE REPOSITORY has lots of Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards in stock at present. Please come and take a look.

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 our next **Baptism Preparation** you will need to **complete** the **Baptism Application Form** (in the Pack) & **return it to the Parish Office by Monday 1st June 2026.**

MASS STIPENDS Masses at St George's are now fully booked until January 2027. Masses are booked on a first come, first served basis.

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE! was our Lent charity and we are totting up all the different funds raised. We will let you know the full total soon.

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.

SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION - We have received the following message from the foodbank. "Thank you for your amazing donation! It's just been weighed and came in at just below a tonne - which is extraordinarily generous. I can't tell you what an impact that will have! Please pass on our huge thanks to everyone involved."

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.

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. Please ONLY use candles that are supplied in the church.

COLLECTION OF LENT APPEAL BOXES - If you still have one, please bring it back ASAP so we can tally up our amount and let our Lenten charity 'Let the Children Live' have our giving.

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!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHRISTIAN OR JUST DISCOVERING MORE? 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.

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.