SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 26: 7-9***
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Collect
Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading: ***Acts 1:12-14***

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 27: 1, 4, 7-8***

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple.

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.'

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

Second reading: ***1 Peter 4:13-16***

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Cf. John 14:18***
Alleluia, alleluia.
I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.
I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***John 17:1-11a***

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Jn 17: 22***
Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 17th May 2026

SEVENTH 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 7
Divine Office
Easter Week 7

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 17 May	**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Nellie & Bobby Graham RIP
8.30am	Bosco Fernandes Intentions
9.45am	John Rorke Intentions
11.15am	Spencer Coomarewel RIP & Holy Souls
5:30pm	John Regan RIP & PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 18 May	**Easter Ferla**
9:30am	Lourthunayaki Kaithampillai RIP
Tues 19 May	**Easter Ferla**
9.30am	Conversion of Sinners
Weds 20 May	**Easter Ferla**
9.30am	Helen Golden RIP
Thurs 21 May	**Easter Ferla**
9.30am	Liam & Margaret McCarthy RIP
Fri 22 May	**Easter Ferla**
9:30am	Helen Malani RIP
Sat 23 May	**Easter Ferla**
9:30am	Dorothy Coomarewel & Family Intentions
Sun 24 May	**PENTECOST SUNDAY**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Conversion of Sinners
8.30am	Dan Sullivan RIP
9.45am	Naty Valmoria Get Well Intentions
11.15am	Dorothy Coomarewel & Family Intentions
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden.
The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

First Reading: ***Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14***
After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the apostles return to Jerusalem and gather in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 27:1,4,7-8***
The Lord is our salvation.

Second Reading: ***1 Peter 4:13-16***
If you suffer for Christ, you will be blessed.

Gospel Reading: ***John 17:1-11a***
Jesus prays for his disciples.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Come, Holy Spirit. Spirit of truth, you are the reward of the saints, the comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor, treasure to lovers, food for the hungry, comfort to those who are wandering; to sum up, you are the one in whom all treasures are contained. Come!"
St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

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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: *Christopher Herson*

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

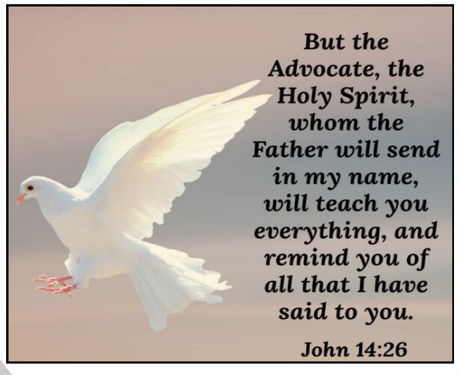
RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Helen Golden (4th)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Intentions of Denroy Peters

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Chris Cooney

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.



In his Last Supper discourse with his beloved disciples Jesus speaks of his glory and the glory of his Father. What is this glory? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here and the willing offering of his life for us. How does the cross reveal this glory? In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of Jesus' redemptive sacrifice which cancels the debt of sin and reverses the curse of our condemnation (Romans 8:1). Jesus gave his Father the supreme honour and glory through his obedience and willingness to go to the cross for our sake. In times of defence the greatest honour belongs not to those who fought and survived but to those who gave the supreme sacrifice of their own lives for their fellow citizens. The Lord Jesus freely and willingly offered up his life out of obedience to his Father and love for us.

Jesus speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation - the eternal Word who became flesh for our sake (John 1:14) - and the Cross of Christ which won for us pardon, freedom, and new life in the Holy Spirit. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son to set us free from slavery to sin, guilt, and condemnation. His sacrificial death brings us new life - the abundant life of peace and joy which God wishes to share with each one of us. There is no greater proof of God's love for each and every person on the face of the earth than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love - a love that is merciful, sacrificial, and generous beyond measure.

Jesus offers us eternal life. What is eternal life? It is more than simply a life without end or an eternal state of being. Science and medicine look for ways to extend the duration of human life - but God offers us something vastly greater and more surpassing than a simple extension of physical life. Eternal life is qualitative more than quantitative. To have eternal life is to have the very life of God within us. When we possess eternal life we experience here and now something of God's majesty, glory, and holiness which he shares with us. Through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit, God fills us with the abundant fruit of his peace, joy and love.

Jesus also speaks of the knowledge of God. Jesus tells his disciples that they can know the only true God. Knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally and be united with God in a personal relationship of love and friendship. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from other religions, is the personal and experiential knowledge of God as our eternal Father - the one who knew us before creation (Ephesians 1:4 and Romans 8:29) and who knit us in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13 and Jeremiah 1:5). 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 Christ 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. Do you hunger to know God personally and to be united with the Father in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through the unity of the Holy Spirit who dwells with us? The Lord Jesus invites each of us to enter more deeply into a personal relationship of love and oneness of mind, heart, and spirit with the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who created us in love for love.

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our young children who received Holy Communion for the First time during the last two weekends. They were all wonderful celebrations and we pray that they may all continue in the faith of the Church and receive Holy Communion regularly. Thank you to all our catechists and parents who have supported them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR all our young adults who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 6th June in both the morning and afternoon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Pentecost Sunday 24th May
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 31st May
Corpus Christi Sunday 7th June
The Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 12th June
Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul Sunday 28th June

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF PENTECOST when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the Apostles and indeed all of us in the Church.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

THE FAMILY of the late **Chris Cooney** - Mary, Michael, Louise, Jack and Misha - wish to thank everyone for their help, support and kind wishes at this sad and very difficult time. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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!

WHAT A GENEROUS SCHOOL & PARISH! GOOD NEWS - LET THE CHILDREN LIVE! was our Lent charity and we are delighted to advise we have raised £10,887 so far! This sum is made up of £3,156 raised by our Confirmation Candidates on their Sponsored Walk and £7,731 raised from Lent Appeal boxes (parishioners & children at St George's School) and collection. Please know that it's not too late to return your box (we gave out 400 of these so many of them must be still sitting at home!). Above all –**thank you for your generosity.**

PRIEST TRAINING FUND — THANK YOU! Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection. We have raised **£2,403** 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.

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

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.

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!

CONFIRMATION 2026 - At **Session 8**, on **Monday 18th May** at the **Sent Forth in the Spirit** Session, **Fr. Dan Daley** will be helping the Confirmation Candidates reflect on their vocation in life and we shall be offering some ideas about how we can practically make use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit after Confirmation. Thank you for **arriving promptly** for the start of the session at 7.30pm.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The **FHC Evaluation Session (for Parents/Carers only)** takes place on **Tuesday 9th June at 7pm** followed by the **FHC Celebration Mass on Sunday 14th June at 9.45am** when all the children, who have made their FHC at the Parish this year, dress-up again in their FHC outfits to celebrate. **Might you like to help with the FHC Programme in 2026-27?** For further information, please contact our **Catechetical Coordinator**, Peter Kingsley, at **peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk**.

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.**

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.

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

EXAMINATION TIME: We pray for our young people sitting their examinations at this time. If you are finding it a bit stressful - utilise your faith! Say a prayer, asking for the intercessions of Blessed Mary, Seat of all Wisdom, who unties knots! There is even a special saint for exams—St Joseph of Cupertino. You'll find prayers to him in a basket at the back of the church.

GETTING MARRIED: couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church are kindly asked to give **at least six months' notice**. If you are a **parishioner**, regularly attend Mass here, or would like the parish to assist with your marriage preparation and paperwork (whether the wedding is in the UK or elsewhere), please contact one of the priests as early as possible.

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.

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

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 10:30am to 4:30pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

ON THURSDAY 21st May please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, or via www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE, Harrow Weald is looking to appoint a Gardener on a Casual/As & When basis. Please see advert in the folder in the Church Porch for further details.