# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

**Entrance Antiphon:** ***Cf. Is 48: 20***
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to
the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Collect**
Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 8:5-8, 14-17***

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm:** ***Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20***

***Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.***

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!'

***Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.***

'Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God:
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam.

***Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.***

He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

***Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.***

Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love.

***Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.***

**Second reading:** **1 Peter 3:15-18**

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

**Gospel Acclamation:** **John 14:23**
***Allelula, allelula.***
***If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,***
***and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.***
***Allelula.***

**Gospel:** **John 14:15-21**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me.

Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

**Prayer over the Offerings**
May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** ***Jn 14: 15-16***
If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever,
alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion**
Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

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## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

## Sunday 10th May 2026

# SIXTH 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 6***
**Divine Office**
***Easter Week 6***

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

## Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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| **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 |
| **Mon 11 May** | **Easter Feria** |
| 9:30am | Josephine Walsh RIP |
| **Tues 12 May** | **S. Pancras, Martyr** |
| 9.30am | Paul Turnbull RIP |
| **Weds 13 May** | **Our Lady of Fatima** |
| 9.30am | Dorothy Coomarewel & Family Int's. |
| 11:00am | **FUNERAL MASS** Noel Gill RIP |
| **Thurs 14 May** | **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** *HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION* |
| 9.30am | Jason Christian 21st B'day Intentions |
| 11:00am | **FUNERAL MASS** Lilian Ann Moran RIP |
| 8.00pm | Thanksgiving & Intentions of S. Dias |
| **Fri 15 May** | **Easter Feria** |
| 9:30am | Nellie Graham RIP |
| **Sat 16 May** | **Easter Feria** |
| 9:30am | Margaret Power RIP |
| **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 |

## TODAY'S MASS

### "The Holy Spirit restores us to life"



*After the resurrection the Lord promised that he would send the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The spirit of Christ is the source of our joy and helps us to great things in the Lord's name. We are healed by the Spirit and called to take part in the healing mission of the Church.*

**First Reading:** ***Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17***
The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

**Responsorial Psalm:** ***Psalm 66:1-7,16,20***
Sing praise to God, all the earth.

**Second Reading:** ***1 Peter 3:15-18***
Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

**Gospel Reading:** ***John 14:15-21***
Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The nation doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are."*
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

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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:** *Noel Gill, Lilian Ann Moran, Christopher Herson*

**RECENTLY MARRIED:-**

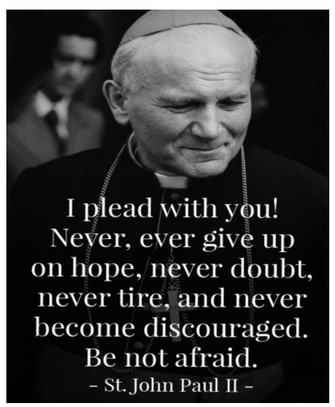
**RECENTLY CONFIRMED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -** *Nellie Graham RIP*

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**
*In Memory of Joanne Goh RIP*

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

**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.




What makes us both truly human and truly like God? Love which is unselfish, undying, and wholly directed to the good of others. It is love that unites us in an unbreakable bond of fidelity and fellowship with others. Jesus loved his own until the very end of his passion and death on the cross. From the very beginning of creation God said: it is not good that man should be alone (Genesis 2:18). We were created in love for love – to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. Saint John Henry Newman said: *We love because it is our nature to love, and it is our nature because God the Holy Spirit has made it our nature.* Jesus speaks to his disciples of the inseparable bound of love between himself and the Father, and of their love for humankind. In Jesus we see the fullness of God's love and how God's love is directed to our well-being. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him (1 John 4:9).

How do we know that God truly loves each of us? In the cross we see the proof of God's love for us and the incredible price God was willing to pay for our redemption. Jesus gave up his life that we might have life – abundant, everlasting life with God – a life of love and unity with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit forever. Through the cross Jesus opened a new way of relationship for us as adopted sons and daughters of God – his beloved children (Romans 8:14-17). Jesus calls his disciples to walk in his way of love through obedience to the will of the Father. True love is more than sentiment or good intentions. As important as these may be they are not the proof of sincere love. True love for God is expressed in obedience and obedience is expressed in love. Jesus promised to give his followers the best of gifts, the Holy Spirit, as their Counsellor and Helper. How does the Holy Spirit help us? Counsellor is a legal term for one who defends someone against an adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life.

The Holy Spirit is also the Giver of life – the life of God – and the One who guides us in the way of truth. We can never stop learning because the Spirit leads us more and more into the knowledge of God's love and truth.

Jesus also promised his followers the gift of peace. Peace is more than the absence of conflict or trouble. Peace includes everything which makes for our highest good. Trust in God, faith in his promises, and obedience to his word lead us to peace and safety in God's presence. That is why we as Christians need not fear or be troubled by anything for nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. This is indeed not only hope but Good News!!



# NEWS UPDATE

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN RECEIVING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND**




**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.

**THE FEAST OF THYE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** is this coming **Thursday, 14th May** and is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. The Ascension of Jesus into heaven is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me". Jesus does not open the way to us just by rising from the dead: he has to return to the Father. Ascension is a feast of hope: it is our hope that the Lord will return to us, as he went. Our hope is that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope is that we will take our place in heaven, where Jesus the Lord sits, at the Father's right hand. Please do your very best to attend Mass on this Holy Day. Our Mass times are **9.30am & 8.00pm**. If these are not convenient, try a Catholic church near to your work or college or a church in our Deanery.

**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.

**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
Ss. Peter and Paul Sunday 28th June

**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. 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - We keep all the FHC children in prayer at this important time in their journey of faith, as they receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Parents & Carers are reminded that this year's FHC Programme concludes with the **FHC Evaluation Evening** on **Tuesday 9th June at 7pm** followed by the **FHC Celebration Mass** on **Sunday 14th June** at **9.45am**.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**MOVING INTO EXAMINATION TIME:** We pray for our young people preparing to sit 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.

**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!

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.