SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 27: 8-9***
The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

Collect
Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
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: ***Jeremiah 20:10-13***

Jeremiah said:
I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!
'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'
say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.
'Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him.'
But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame has covered my face.
To my own kin I have become an outcast,
a stranger to the children of my mother.
Zeal for your house consumes me,
and taunts against you fall on me.

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

But I pray to you, O LORD,
at an acceptable time.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn towards me.

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the LORD attends to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the seas and everything that moves in them.

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

Second reading: Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

Gospel Acclamation: ***John 15:26b, 27a***
Alleluia, alleluia.
The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord,
and you also will bear witness.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
and grant that, cleansed by its action,
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 144: 15 or
The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Prayer after Communion
Renewed and nourished
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion
may be our sure pledge of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 21st June 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

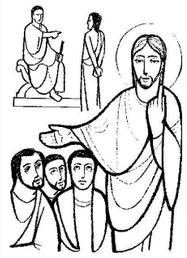
Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Mass Readings
Ordinary TimeWeek 12
Divine Office ***Week 4***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 21 June	**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	William Joy Jnr. RIP
8.30am	Kitty Sullivan RIP
9.45am	Maureen Ranyard RIP
11.15am	Germaine Duffner Intentions
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 22 June	**Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More**
9:30am	Private Intention
11.30am	**FUNERAL MASS** Charles Chellathurai RIP
Tues 23 June	**Feria**
9.30am	Margaret Togher RIP
Weds 24 June	**S. John The Baptist**
9.30am	Vincent De Lima RIP
11.00am	**FUNERAL MASS** Greta Pushong RIP
Thurs 25 June	**Feria**
9.30am	Fr Anthony Meredith RIP
Fri 26 June	**Feria**
9:30am	Maureen & Brian Cooper 55th Wedding Anniversary
Sat 27 June	**S. John Southworth**
9:30am	Holy Souls
Sun 28 June	**SS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Ann McGovern. RIP
8.30am	Lorna Jayamanne RIP
9.45am	Tom & Patrick Kelly RIP
11.15am	Neil, Paddy & Sheila Cummins RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

First Reading: ***Jeremiah 20:10-13***
Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 69:8-10,14,17,33-35***
God responds to the prayers of those in need.

Second Reading: ***Romans 5:12-15***
Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 10:26-33***
Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Sin is energy in the wrong channel"
St Augustine of Hippo
(see 2nd Reading)

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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, 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, Paul Pereira, Nora Hunt, Mario, Maureen Chick, Ramzan, Larry Sicat, Andras Nagy, Sheena Chambers, Tony Eivers*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Zephora Raffaele Azavedo, Sofia Rose Centra, Wiktoria Rzeczkowska*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Fiona Power, Doreen Smyth, Charles Chellathurai, Greta Pushong, Barbara Dunn*

RECENTLY MARRIED:- *Frazer & Pansy*

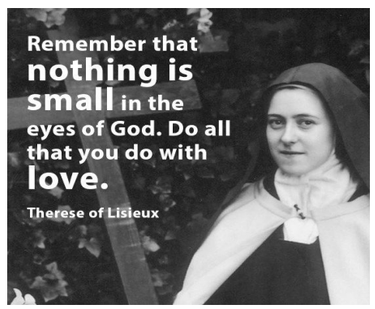
ALL RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: - *Fr Anthony Meredith, Rose Taylor (3rd)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Peter Sng

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Nellie & Bobby Graham

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for June
For the value of sports
Let us pray that sports may be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth so the world might grow in compassion.



What does fear have to do with the kingdom of God? Fear is a powerful force. It can lead us to panic and flight or it can spur us to faith and action. The fear of God is the antidote to the fear of losing one's life. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want! Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord. (Psalm 34:4,9,11)

What is godly fear? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but spiritual - the loss of one's heart, mind, and soul to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of cowardly fear and sinful pride that refuses to do what is right, good, and just -especially in the face of opposition and evil.

Do you trust in the power of God's love and truth that can conquer every fear and form of evil and wrongdoing? Jesus willingly embraced the cross for our sake to atone for our sins and to free us from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Do you believe in the power of his cross and victory over death, despair and sin?

When Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God he met opposition and hostility from those who refused to believe in him. He tells his disciples that they must expect the same treatment if they are to live and to proclaim the reign of God. There is both a warning and a privilege in his statement. Just as Jesus had to carry his cross, so the disciples must carry their cross and not try to evade it. To suffer for the faith is to share in the work of Christ. As one hymn states: 'Lift high the Cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod'.

The Holy Spirit gives us power and grace to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Do you trust in God's grace to carry your cross for Jesus' sake?

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.

OUR FIRST COMMUNION children received their certificates last weekend and **OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** will receive their certificates this weekend. Well done to all of you, but please remember this is a beginning not the end!!

THIS SUNDAY there will be a sale of **olive wood items** made by Christians in the Holy Land. Please take a look as all proceeds go to help them especially in this difficult period.

FUNERAL MASS of Charles Chellathural on Monday 22nd June at 11.30am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. . May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Greta Pushong on Wednesday 24th June at 11.00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Doreen Smyth** on Thursday 16th July at 11.00am followed by burial at Carpenders Park Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Wednesday 24th June: The Nativity of St John the Baptist: Mass at 9.30am
Sunday 28th June: St Peter & St Paul, Apostles: usual weekend Mass times. There will be a retiring collection for the traditional **"Peter's Pence"** which goes largely to the charitable giving of the Holy Father.

HAVE YOU STOPPED AND LOOKED to see how beautiful our gardens are in front of the church? These come with hard work. It a chance for us to thank Alice who looks after the plants and flowers and Ray who does the lawns and hedges. So, a big Thank You to both of them!

DO YOU REMEMBER SOME OF OUR PAST ASSISTANT PRIESTS? Harrow must have a magnet as there are two of them coming back to work in the Harrow Deanery (where Fr Jeremy is the Dean). Fr Julio Alboronz is going to be parish priest of St William of York, Stanmore and Fr Tony Thomas is going to be parish priest of St. Luke's, Pinner. We wish them well and God's blessing on their new ministries.

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!

SERVING AS A PARISH CATECHIST - Opportunities are available to **help with Catechesis at the Parish,** serving alongside a team of experienced Catechists. For further information about **Baptism Preparation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation or RCIA Catechesis**, please contact our **Catechetical Coordinator**, Peter, at **peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.**

A DAY FOR PARISH CATECHISTS - The **Diocese of Westminster** is offering a **Day for Parish Catechists** taking place at the **SPEC Retreat Centre (Pinner)** on **Saturday 3rd October from 10am-4pm.** For **further information** & to **buy tickets (£10)** please contact **catadmin@rcdow.org.uk.**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS - To protect children & vulnerable adults at the Parish, the Diocese of Westminster requires all volunteers to complete **Safeguarding Training every 2 years**. The training can be accessed online at https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/. On registration, you will be directed to the correct pre-allocated course based on the role. Thank you for completing **"Level 3 Safeguarding training for Clergy, Staff and DBS Volunteers in the Diocese of Westminster"** as and when required.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT 2026-27 - Children beginning **Year 3 in September**, who are **registered and regularly attending Mass at this Parish**, are welcome to enrol on our **FHC Preparation Programme** in **September. Enrolment Packs** will be available to collect from the back of church from **Sunday 5th July**. If you require further information relating to First Holy Communion preparation, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION 2026-27 - Those in **Year 10** and above who are **registered & regularly attend Mass at this Parish** are welcome to join our Confirmation Preparation Programme **beginning in December 2026**. Further details will be provided in the Autumn.

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 6th July 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.

ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR - Saturday 4th July 2026. Raffle tickets on sale after all masses this weekend. All proceeds go towards the school PSA.



THE KNIGHTS of St COLUMBA have organised a tour of the **relics of St Edmund Campion** St Edmund was a famous Jesuit at the time of the persecution of Catholics in England during the reformation and beyond. He was eventually martyred for his Catholic faith. His relics will come to St George's on **TUESDAY 7th JULY** at 9:30am Mass. Thank you to the Knights of St Columba for this initiative.

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.

A MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS Requesting a Mass intention is a powerful way to place what matters most to us into God's loving care. It is also a wonderfully practical way of supporting the mission and ministry of the Church, enabling Priests to continue their pastoral work and the Gospel to be proclaimed. The Mass offering recommended by the Diocese is £10, or whatever you can afford. Every intention is welcomed with prayer and gratitude, just contact the Parish Office for available dates.

'GOOD NEWS'... LOTS OF WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AROUND THE PARISH IN RECENT WEEKS Our CCTV has been massively upgraded which helps us with both security and Safeguarding. The fences around the perimeter have all been painted too. Work is now underway on the renovation of the kitchen area in the hall and disabled toilet in the Parish Centre. This is all made possible through your generosity. Thank you to everyone!

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.

SVP BINGO NIGHT - Saturday 4th July at 7:30pm. Parish Centre. Cash prizes. Raffle. Tea and coffee. £10 per book. All proceeds go towards the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

PLEASE PRAY AND FAST on Tuesday 23rd June 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.

