SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon
These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

Collect
O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul
give us the noble and holy joy of this day,
grant, we pray, that your Church
may in all things follow the teaching
of those through whom she received
the beginnings of right religion.
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 12:1-11***

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34:2-9
From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Second reading: ***2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18***

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Matthew 16:18***
Alleluia, alleluia.
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***Matthew 16:13-19***

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord,
accompany the sacrificial gift
that we present to your name for consecration,
and may their intercession make us devoted to you
in celebration of the sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Cf. Mt 16: 16, 18***
Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Prayer after Communion
Grant us, O Lord,
who have been renewed by this Sacrament,
so to live in the Church,
that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread
and in the teaching of the Apostles,
we may be one heart and one soul,
made steadfast in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 28th June 2026

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

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.

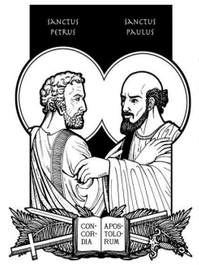
Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Mass Readings
Ordinary TimeWeek 12
Divine Office ***Week 4***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 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
Mon 29 June	**Feria**
9:30am	Paul Turnbull RIP
Tues 30 June	**First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**
9.30am	Crescencia Fernandes RIP
Weds 1 July	**THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL**
9.30am	Thomas Keane RIP
Thurs 2 July	**Feria**
9.30am	Mike Barrett RIP
Fri 3 July	**S. Thomas, Apostle**
9:30am	Allan Noronha RIP
Sat 4 July	**Of Our Lady**
9:30am	Rosemary Abrey RIP
Sun 5 July	**14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	John Boyle RIP
8.30am	Maureen Ranyard RIP
9.45am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.15am	Larry O'Leary Intentions
5:30pm	Nimal Perera RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Christ promised to remain for ever with his Church through Peter the head of the apostles. The Lord rescued Peter from the hatred of Herod and always comes to the aid of his Church against which the forces of evil will never win. Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles so that the Good News is spread throughout the whole world. Christ is with us too as we witness to his power in our lives. In this way we pray that the world may learn to believe in Jesus Christ.

First Reading: ***Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11***
Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 34:2-9***
The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Second Reading: ***2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18***
All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 16:13-19***
You are Peter; and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life;
and we have believed, and have come to know,
that you are the Holy One of God."
–St. Peter, John 6:68-69

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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, Tony Eivers*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Charlotte Rowan-Kennard, Milo Wingad*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Fiona Power, Doreen Smyth, Barbara Dunn, Sheena Chambers*

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

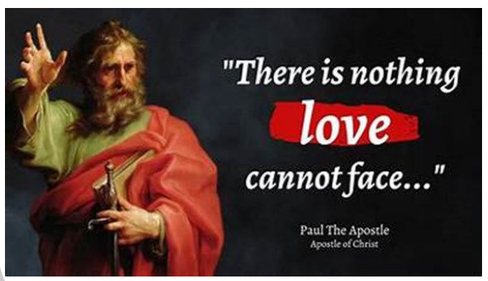
ALL RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -*Tom Kelly, Neil Cummins, Paddy Cummins, Sheila Cummins, Paul Turnbull, Crescencia Fernandes, Noeleen Bell, Allan Noronha*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Jimmy Bonner

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Marjory Hoareau

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for July
For respect for human life
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages,
recognizing it as a gift from God.



Today in many churches of the East and West the Apostles Peter and Paul are commemorated. Both were martyred in Rome in the first century. They tirelessly worked for the spread of the gospel, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. They risked their lives in the process and gladly poured out their blood in loyalty to their Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. As St. Paul so eloquently stated in his second letter to Timothy, they courageously fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7).

How firm is your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? At an opportune time Jesus tested his disciples with a crucial question: Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am? Jesus was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Through the gift of faith Peter recognized that Jesus was the "anointed one" (in Hebrew and Greek the word is translated as Messiah and Christ), and the only begotten Son of God sent by the Father in heaven to redeem a fallen human race. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Jesus then conferred on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a church that no powers could overcome.

Jesus played on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon." Abraham put his trust in God and made God's word the foundation of his life and the bedrock of his faith. Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to proclaim that Jesus was truly the Anointed One and the only begotten Son of God.

The New Testament describes the church, the people of God, as a spiritual house and temple of the Holy Spirit with each member joined together as living stones. Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks – spiritual stones. The Lord tests each of us personally with the same question: Who do you say that I am?

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.

OUT AND ABOUT ON SUNDAY? Did you know that you can still keep your Sunday obligation by joining us for the Vigil Mass (which anticipates Sunday) on Saturday evening at 6.15pm. It would be great to have you with us - you are part of our parish family and you are missed when you are not here

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 is closed on Monday 29th June 2026.

FUNERAL MASS of **Barbara Dunn** on Wednesday 8th July at 11.00am followed by burial at Braintree Cemetery on Thursday 9th July at 2pm. Reception into Church on Tuesday 7th July at 6pm. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Fiona Power** on Tuesday 14th July at 11.00am followed by burial at Clamp Hill Cemetery. 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.

THIS WEEKEND is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. There will be a retiring collection for the traditional **"Peter's Pence"** which goes largely to the charitable giving of the Holy Father.

HOLY COMMUNION may be received by Catholics at Mass, either on the tongue or in the hand. If you are receiving in the hand, please make your hands a safe place to receive the Body of Christ. One hand firmly under the other, to make a throne and hands raised up, near to the priest, will avoid the risk of dropping the Host. When receiving Holy Communion, we are not receiving a symbol of Jesus but the Body of Christ in Sacramental form. This is why receiving Holy Communion is both a beautiful and holy moment with the Lord himself. If you are not a Catholic, or you are a Catholic who does not receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing instead - just place your hands across your chest.

'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!

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 Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator**, 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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE, Wealdstone, has vacancies for a Graduate Intern and a Learning Support Assistant (both support staff posts). Full details are available from: www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk and www.blessedholyfamily.co.uk

LUMINISCENCE AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: From 1st July to (potentially) late January 2027, Westminster Cathedral will be the setting of a fully immersive world of sound and light, for four nights a week. Luminiscence is a ground-breaking take on the concept of *son et lumière*; a 360-degree video projection experience, using 24 laser projectors, which will bring the Cathedral to life in breath-taking ways with colour and imagery, culminating in a vision of what the Cathedral may one day look like fully covered in mosaics. The experience is accompanied by carefully selected music accompanied by a recorded poetic narration by Hugh Bonneville, specially scripted for the Cathedral. The performances will take place from Wednesday until Saturday each week, with one performance a night at 9.00pm from July until mid-September. Thereafter, there will be two performances a night at 7.30pm and 9.00pm. For more information & for opportunities to volunteer, go to: westminstercathedral.org.uk.