SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Ps 47: 10-11***
Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Collect
O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
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: ***Zechariah 9:9-10***

Thus says the Lord: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14.***
I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

I will extol you, my God and king,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD supports all who fall,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Second reading: ***Romans 8:9, 11-13***

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Matthew 11:25***
Alleluia, alleluia.
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***Matthew 11:25-30***

At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 33: 9
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Prayer after Communion
Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 5th July 2026

FOURTEENTH 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
Weekay Mass Readings
Ordinary TimeWeek 14
Divine Office ***Week 2***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 6 July	**S. Maria Goretti**
9:30am	Paul Bowe RIP
Tues 7 July	**Feria**
9.30am	Mike Barrett RIP
6.00pm	Reception of Barbara Dunn RIP
Weds 8 July	**Feria**
9.30am	Francis Denning RIP
11.00am	**FUNERAL MASS**
	Barbara Dunn RIP
Thurs 9 July	**Feria**
9.30am	Hannah O'Leary RIP
Fri 10 July	**Of the Precious Blood**
9:30am	Ann Neylon RIP
Sat 11 July	**S. Benedict**
9:30am	Jade Thomas Intentions
Sun 12 July	**15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Mary McLaughlin RIP
8.30am	Helena Treanor RIP
9.45am	Baptist Fernandes Intentions
11.15am	Tony Rammelt RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. He calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

First Reading: ***Zechariah 9:9-10***
The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14***
A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

Second Reading: ***Romans 8:9,11-13***
Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 11:25-30***
Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"God's precepts are light to the loving and heavy to the fearful"
St. Thomas Aquinas

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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, Rio Costello-Boyce*

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

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

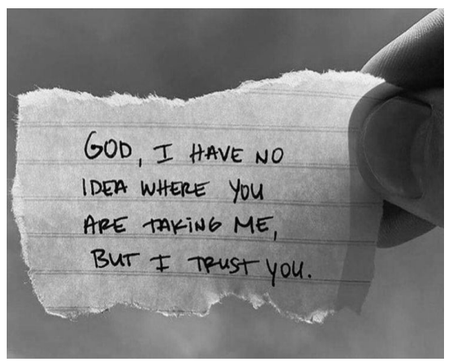
ALL RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -*Noeleen Bell (10th)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Francis & Philomena Rowan

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

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.



In the Gospel today Jesus thanks the Father in heaven for revealing to his disciples the wisdom and knowledge of God. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father and Lord of earth as well as heaven. He is both Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and at the same time goodness and loving care for all his children. All fatherhood and motherhood is derived from him (Ephesians 3:14-15).

Jesus' prayer also contains a warning that pride can keep us from the love and knowledge of God, crushing the heart, making it cold and indifferent towards God. It also closes the mind to God's truth and wisdom for our lives. Jesus contrasts pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are like "babes" in the sense that they see purely without pretence and acknowledge their dependence and trust in the one who is greater, wiser, and more trustworthy.

Jesus makes a claim which no one would have dared to make: He is the perfect revelation 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. Jesus also promises that God the Father will hear our prayers when we pray in his name. That is why Jesus taught his followers to pray with confidence, *Our Father who art in heaven .give us this day our daily bread.* What a wonderful gift—let's not forget it!!

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 **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.

FUNERAL MASS of **John Craig** on Tuesday 21st July at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

THIS WEEKEND 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.



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.

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 attend Mass at this Parish**, are welcome to join our FHC Preparation Programme. **Enrolment Packs** are available to collect from the back of church. **Parents/Carers** should bring their completed **Enrolment Form**, **photocopy of Baptism Certificate** & **£30 Contribution** to the **FHC Enrolment Evening** on **Tuesday 8th September at 7pm**. Please note that the **FHC Enrolment Evening** is for **Parents/Carers only.** Thank you for making **childcare arrangements well in advance** so you are able to successfully enrol your child. If you require further information relating to First Holy Communion preparation, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator 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.**

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all our parishioners who purchased olive wood carvings from the Good Shepherd Carvings Company, originally from Bethlehem, last weekend. Through the sale of olive wood carvings they support Christian families in the Holy Land, for whom this craft is a vital source of income. By helping sell their work here, we contribute to keeping families employed and rooted in their homeland. A total of £1,950 was raised from the sales; thank you again for your generosity.

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.

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 August. 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.

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.

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 visit: westminstercathedral.org.uk.

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE, Wealdstone, has a vacancy for a Key Stage 3 Pastoral Support . See: www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk and www.blessedholyfamily.co.uk for further details.

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH RECEIVED THE PALLIUM FROM POPE LEO XIV during Mass in St Peter's Basilica on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Bishop Richard was among thirty five metropolitans from around the world to receive the pallium, a white woollen band marked with six black crosses, symbolising a metropolitan archbishop's pastoral office, communion with the Successor of St Peter, and care for the faithful entrusted to him. During the rite, the Holy Father described the pallium as a sign of unity, communion with the Apostolic See, charity and strength in ministry. He said it reminds every shepherd to carry those entrusted to them, like lambs of the Lord's flock, and to give themselves generously in service of the Gospel.



THE MONTH OF JULY: THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS: July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. signs of the Sacraments through which we are cleansed, nourished, and drawn into the life of God. The Precious Blood is the Blood which Jesus, the Saviour, shed for us on Calvary out of love. It is the Blood of his Risen and glorified Body, now seated in glory at the right hand of the Father. It is also the Blood made present for us at every Mass, when the words of Consecration are spoken. Through the Precious Blood of Christ, we come to know the depth of God's mercy. We are forgiven, strengthened, and renewed in grace. His Blood gently washes and heals the soul, drawing us closer to eternal life and reminding us how deeply we are loved. During this month of July, may we grow in gratitude for the gift of our salvation and turn with renewed trust to Jesus, who poured out his life for us. Precious Blood of Jesus, help us to love you more and more.