SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 16:15
As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect
O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
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: Isalah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:
'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:10-14.

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain.

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy.

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing!

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Second reading: Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation
Allelula, allelula.
The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever. Allelula.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,
they may bring ever greater holiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 83: 4-5
The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Prayer after Communion
Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 12th July 2026

FIFTEENTH 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 15
Divine Office ***Week 3***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 13 July	**S. Henry**
9:30am	Mike Barrett RIP
Tues 14 July	**Ferla**
9.30am	Mary Gaura RIP
11.00am	**FUNERAL MASS** Fiona Power RIP
Weds 15 July	**S. Bonaventure**
9.30am	Hugh Ransome Williams RIP
Thurs 16 July	**Ferla**
9.30am	James Griffin RIP
11.00am	**FUNERAL MASS** Doreen Smyth RIP
Frl 17 July	**Ferla**
9:30am	Leo & Olga Barco RIP
Sat 18 July	**Of Our Lady**
9:30am	Kyle Comerford RIP
Sun 19 July	**16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Margaret Fitzgerald RIP
8.30am	James & Catherine Nolan RIP
9.45am	Albinas Stankevicius RIP
11.15am	Maria Lazarus RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

First Reading: ***Isalah 55:10-11***
The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 65:10-14***
A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

Second Reading: ***Romans 8:18-23***
Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 13:1-9***
Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"He who can preserve gentleness amid pain, and peace amid worry and multitude of affairs, is almost perfect"
St. Francis de Sales

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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, Sheena Chambers, John Craig, Brendan Murphy, Claude Isaacs*

RECENTLY MARRIED:-

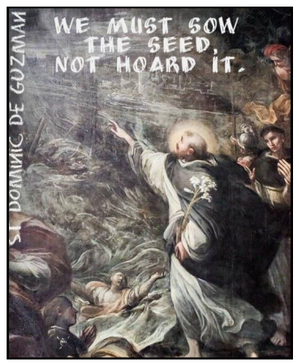
ALL RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -*Tony Rammelt, James Griffin, Teresa Isaacs*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Stefan Lazarus

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Martin McDonagh

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.



Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used parables – short stories and images taken from everyday life – to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skilful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words.

However, Jesus told his disciples that not everyone would understand his parables. Did Jesus mean to say that he was deliberately confusing or hiding the meaning of his stories from his listeners? Very likely not. Jesus was speaking from experience. He was aware that some who heard his parables refused to understand them. It was not that they could not intellectually understand them, but rather, their hearts were closed to what Jesus was saying. They had already made up their minds to not believe. God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom – that which is hidden to the spiritually blind – to those who hunger for God and humbly submit to his truth.

What can makes us ineffective or unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the heavenly treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say. The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach them with the conviction that we already know the answer, then we, too, may look but not see, listen but not understand. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart that is ready to believe and willing to submit.

One lesson from this parable is clear: the harvest is sure to come. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Today we are asked once more to be hungry for God's word and not to allow anything to keep us from submitting to this Word with joy and trusting obedience.

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 **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.

FUNERAL MASS of **Brendan Murphy** on Thursday 23rd July at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA - Appeal 15/16 July This is a small charity we have supported in previous years. The Charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. A representative will talk briefly at all the Masses this weekend about their work and a retiring collection will be taken up to support them. For further information about EVC please visit their website:- http://www.evcuganda.org

THANK YOU Stephen Dunn and family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make Barbara's funeral Mass and the reception afterwards such a blessed and memorable occasion. So many visitors remarked on what a wonderful parish community we have here—thank you all again for your kindness and support.

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.

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.

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 21st September 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 Thank you to all who supported our bingo night last Saturday. £860 was raised to help those in need in the Sudbury area.

OVER 60'S GROUP: The next meeting at 1pm on Tuesday 14th July will be the last one before the summer break. They will be back again in September.

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.

JOB VACANCIES for this month, across the Diocese can be viewed via this link : https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE BEING LEGALISED Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11th September. *Right To Life UK* has launched an *Easy Action* tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons. Your voice matters. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: **https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote**

A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world,
preserve in us the work of your mercy,
so that, ever honouring the mystery of our salvation,
we may merit to obtain its fruits.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.