SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 53: 6, 8
See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Collect
Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly.
For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength
when men doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.
Through such works you have taught your people
that the one who is righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your sons with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 86:5-6. 9-10. 15-16.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second reading: Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

Gospel: *Matthew 13:24-43*

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " '

He put another parable before them, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable. 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.'

All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: 'I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.'

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Prayer over the Offerings
O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 110: 4-5
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer after Communion
Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 19th July 2026

SIXTEENTH 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.

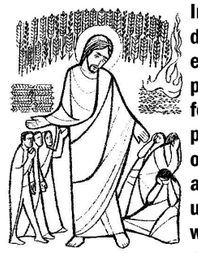
Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Mass Readings
Ordinary TimeWeek 16
Divine Office *Week 4*

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 20 July	**Feria**
9:30am	Rosalina & Emidio Pereira
Tues 21 July	**Feria**
9.30am	Nellie & Bobby Graham RIP
11.00am	**FUNERAL MASS** John Craig RIP
Weds 22 July	**S. Mary Magdalene**
9.30am	Piedade & Remediana Fernandes Thanksgiving
Thurs 23 July	**S. Bridget of Sweden**
9.30am	Sean Faughey RIP
11.00am	**FUNERAL MASS** Brendan Murphy RIP
Fri 24 July	**S. Sharbel Makhluf**
9:30am	Vincent Isaacs RIP
Sat 25 July	**S. James**
9:30am	Mike Barrett RIP
Sun 26 July	**17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Mary & Michael Hughes RIP
9.45am	Watts & Ledo Families RIP
11.15am	Ann Tuohey RIP
5:30pm	Mariea & Thomas Pereira RIP

TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

First Reading: *Wisdom 12:13,16-19*
God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:26-27*
The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:24-43*
Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Patience is the companion of wisdom"
St Augustine of Hippo

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

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:-*Ann Neylon*

ALL RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -*Sean Faughey (3rd), Bobby Graham, Mary Hughes*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Bernie Marren

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Margaret Coughlan

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.



A common reaction when things in our lives don't go as planned is to quickly make changes without fully considering the consequences. When the farmer first realized that weeds were growing in the midst of his wheat he could have immediately began to get rid of the weeds so as to protect the wheat. But as Jesus points out, pulling out the weeds would also mean pulling out the wheat. Jesus calls them to be patient. Patience is a virtue that seems to be seen less and less today. The patience to wait for the right moment to speak or act is not always easy. Waiting for God to answer our prayer can be frustrating. We expect ourselves and others to act quickly in making decisions. The pressure is on for the quick fix, not the well thought out solution or resolution.

One of the first lesson we learn when it comes to planting is that it takes time. When we plant a seed we aren't going to see the plant, bush or tree mature for quite a while, sometimes years. Like the mustard seed in the parable, the seed is so small yet grows into a beautiful flower, spreading shrub, or mighty tree. It's hard to believe when we look at the seed to envision how with patience we will see the growth. The same is true in our spiritual lives. We might have experienced some conversion and we look at our lives and realize how much we have to change. That realization can become almost overwhelming and lead us to think that it is impossible to make all these changes. When the changes don't happen right away we can become frustrated and discouraged. God is patient with us and we would do well to imitate Christ by cultivating the virtue of patience. With patience we can walk the road of conversion, and progress in the spiritual life.

Patience does seem to be lacking in society today. We like "fast food", instant news and films via the internet, online banking, a quick response to our emails and texts. We have grown too accustomed to getting things taken care of quickly, and patience has faded into the background. A rediscovery of patience is necessary in our lives. It is patience that is needed for us to see the Kingdom of Heaven that is in our midst. God's presence slowly becomes more evident in our lives, and the answer to prayers involves our slowly uniting our prayers with the will of God. Sometimes our vision of the Kingdom is small, but as we patiently grow in faith it becomes more and more evident in our lives. The three parables teach us that the Kingdom of God is here, and it will take time for it to become fully established. Meanwhile, we have the need to be patient and attentive to how God is working within us and in the world.

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. **Please note the Parish Office will be closed for the summer from Monday 20th July to Thursday 3rd September 2026.**

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

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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUMMER. We wish everyone going away on holiday a time of relaxation and refreshment and a safe travel. For those who are here the Mass Schedule will stay the same as usual. There will be no music at any of the Masses in August so we wish all our singers an equal time of rest from their ministry. During August there will also be a simple Newsletter.

AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THE HOLIDAY SEASON: If you are a Reader, Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Counter, Musician, Cleaner or help out in any way in the parish and are going away, please arrange cover for your duties. This will help us enormously with the smooth running of the Masses and for all that we do together. Thank you in advance.

GOOD NEWS Work is going on to improve the parish buildings for which the whole parish is responsible. Recently the small kitchen attached to the main hall has been refurbished—and what a good job they did! Just at the moment the builders are refurbishing our disabled toilet (sorry, it's a bit out of action at the moment). Soon we should have our new contactless machines making it easier for you to use your card in the Repository and the Parish Office.

NEW DRIVERS & ESCORTS FOR PARISH MINIBUS - A huge thank you to Stefan who has been co-ordinating the Parish Minibus Service for the last couple of years but is moving away from the Parish. In order for the Parish to keep this service going in the future it will be necessary to find new Drivers and Escorts. Those generously offering to help will be required to complete a DBS for Vulnerable Adults with the Parish and a little Online Training supporting them in this new ministry accompanying people to Mass. If you might consider helping in the future, please contact the Parish Team at sudbury@rcdow.org.uk.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING - Children who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to serve, along with those wishing to refresh or refine their skills, are welcome to join us for this year's introduction to Altar Serving taking place at the Parish on Saturday 12th September at 2pm.

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND AT ST. GEORGE'S ...26th–27th September. We warmly invite married couples to take part in a Marriage Encounter Weekend here at St. George's on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September 2026. This special weekend is a chance to reflect, reconnect and grow closer as a couple—no matter how long you've been married. It offers a unique opportunity to deepen your love and strengthen your married commitment. For more details and to book go to http://www.wwme.org.uk

THE OVER 60's CLUB has finished now for the summer. Back again in September.

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.

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**

