SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 118: 137, 124
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect
O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-2, 6-9.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Second reading: Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19
Allelula, allelula.
God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Allelula.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

Prayer over the Offerings
O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 41: 2-3
Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion
Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 6th September 2026

TWENTY-THIRD 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 23
Divine Office ***Week 3***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 6 Sept	**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	John Brady RIP
8.30am	Michael Foley RIP
9.45am	Emma Fernandes RIP
11.15am	Eva Russo Birthday Intentions
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 7 Sept	**Feria**
9:30am	Mike Barrett RIP
Tues 8 Sept	**THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
9.30am	John McMahon RIP
Weds 9 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Mr A Manvelpillai RIP
Thurs 10 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Rehan Fernandes Birthday Intentions
Fri 11 Sept	**Feria**
9:30am	Eileen Roche RIP
Sat 12 Sept	**The Most Holy Name of Mary**
9:30am	Ryan Thomas Intentions
Sun 13 Sept	**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Rajiv & Steffi Wedding Anniversary
8.30am	Neil Roche RIP
9.45am	Baptist Fernandes Intentions
11.15am	James McHugh RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

First Reading: ***Ezekiel 33:7-9***
The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 95:1-2,6-9***
Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading: ***Romans 13:8-10***
The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbour as yourself.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 18:15-20***
Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"While the world changes, the cross stands firm."
St. Bruno

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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, Margaret O'Leary*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Lana Roche*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Daniel Harrington*

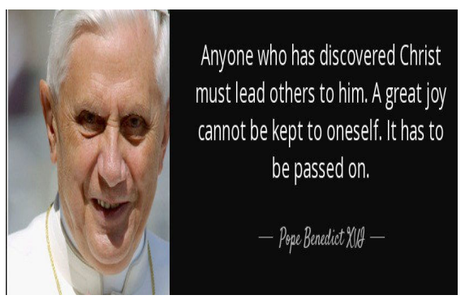
ALL RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -*John Brady*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Intentions of Eva Russo

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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for September
For the care of water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water,
a vital resource,
so that everyone may have equal access to it.





Today's Gospel passage is not an easy one. Maybe it is good to reflect on it a bit further.

So what can we learn from this passage about how to mend a damaged relationship? If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly, but privately, to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. It is even worse to gossip rather than confront a situation head on. This can poison the mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage. If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring in another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians, who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action, such as a lawsuit.

Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews. However, we know from the gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors, ate with them, and even praised them at times! Jesus refuses no one who is ready to receive pardon, healing, and restoration. The call to accountability is inevitable and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the day of judgment when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity, we must not give up mending bridges and bringing reconciliation and understanding whenever possible.

Maybe the question we should ask ourselves is whether we tolerate broken relationships or do we seek to repair them as God gives us the opportunity to mend and restore what is broken?

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.

MGR. JEREMY SAYS: thank you to everyone but especially to Fr Jude for keeping everything going so smoothly whilst he was away. No problems were awaiting his return. What a novelty but more importantly, what a great parish!

WELCOME to Jake Scicinski who will have a room in the Presbytery as a base as he is going off to seminary this month to start his training as a priest. Many of you already know him as the organist for funerals etc. It is wonderful that this parish has been able to send yet another young man for training to the priesthood. Please remember to support him with your prayers.

CONGATULATIONS to all our young people who recently received exam results—GCSE, A Levels and degrees and to all of you who have done so well. We also remember our young people going to school for the first time, those changing schools, going to university or starting in the field of work. We wish you all well and don't forget God in all these changes!!

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, Peter, at peterkingsley@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**.

CONFIRMATION 2026-27 - Young people in **Year 10 & above**, who are **registered & regularly attend Mass at this Parish**. are welcome to join our **Confirmation Preparation Programme.** Young people wishing to be confirmed must attend the **Confirmation Information Evening** with a Parent/Carer on **Monday 14th December at 7.30pm**. For further information, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk

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.**

NEW PARISH SPECIAL NEEDS INITIATIVE - We are delighted that **Gail Williams** from **Caritas** will be coming to speak at all the Masses on **3rd/4th October** as we strive to create, in collaboration with Caritas, a new SEN initiative serving those with special needs at the Parish. Thank you for keeping this new initiative in prayer, that it may bear fruit for some of the more vulnerable at the Parish.

UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME - This Programme, facilitated by **Westminster Youth Ministry** is running from **October to July** for **young adults aged 17-30**, offering a journey of **practical and spiritual formation** giving young adult Catholics the tools to **lead young people in their Parishes**. The Programme concludes with a **Pilgrimage to Lourdes**. The commitment is one Saturday each month. **Applications close on September 16th 2026** so please complete your application as soon as possible. Details at https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/upper-room-leadership-programme/ or via the Notice in the Church Porch.

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.

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 November. Please contact the Parish Office.

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 have 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**

APPLES & JARS: Does anyone have excess apples in their garden this year? Likewise old jam jars too? We would love to have them in the Presbytery to make things to sell at our Advent Fair.

JOIN WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY FOR RESONATE, which is the Diocesan monthly Young Adults Mass and Talk. The Mass is held in the historic Westminster Cathedral Crypt, followed by a live panel Q+A! The panel will bring together three different vocations in the Church: priesthood, religious life, and marriage. This evening is an opportunity to hear honest, real, faith orientated reflections from people who are living out their vocation in very different ways. Whether you are discerning your future, wondering what God is calling you to, trying to understand vocation more deeply, or simply curious and have general questions to ask then this panel is for you! **8 September 2026, Mass – 19:00, Resonate Talk – 19:45** at Vaughan House 46 Francis Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 1QN.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS AT 9.45AM FAMILY MASS - We are seeking new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider helping once every six weeks or so, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact Una Moran una@bfmconsult.co.uk or Peter Kingsley peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk Thank you.

SOUTH VALE PRE-SCHOOL admissions are now open. We have proudly supported local families for many years, offering a caring space for little ones to learn and grow. We accept Government funding from 18 months old. For more information, please contact us on Tel: 07745 860 794.

THE OVER 60's CLUB resumes this Tuesday 8th September at 1pm in the Café/Bar. All welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD: Our Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place this year on Friday 25th September after the morning Mass. Offers of cakes etc. and things to sell much appreciated.

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**