SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Sir 36: 18
Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Collect
Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1-4. 9-12.
The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Second reading: Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34
Alleluia, alleluia.
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 35: 8
How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer after Communion
May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
Through Christ our Lord.

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St. George's Catholic Church, Sudbury

Sunday 13th September 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH 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.

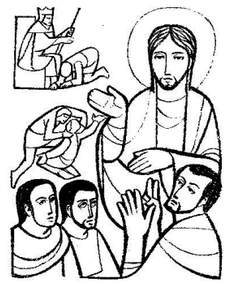
Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Mass Readings
Ordinary TimeWeek 24
Divine Office ***Week 4***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 14 Sept	**EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
9:30am	Eileen Devlin RIP
Tues 15 Sept	**Our Lady of Sorrows**
9.30am	Daniel Daley Snr. RIP
Weds 16 Sept	**Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian**
9.30am	Benjamin Thomas Intentions
Thurs 17 Sept	**Feria**
9.30am	Mystica Fernandes Thanksgiving
Fri 18 Sept	**Feria**
9:30am	Michael Fahey RIP
Sat 19 Sept	**Of Our Lady**
9:30am	Reparation of Sins
Sun 20 Sept	**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Reethamma Varghese RIP
8.30am	Andrew Rozario RIP
9.45am	Rowland Watts RIP
11.15am	Terzinha Carvalho RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In today's parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

First Reading: ***Sirach 27:30-28:7***
Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 103:1-4,9-12***
A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: ***Romans 14:7-9***
We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 18:21-35***
Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Keep close to the Catholic Church at all times, for the Church alone can give you true peace, since she alone possesses Jesus, the true Prince of Peace, in the Blessed Sacrament "
St. Padre Pio

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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: *Barbara McCann*

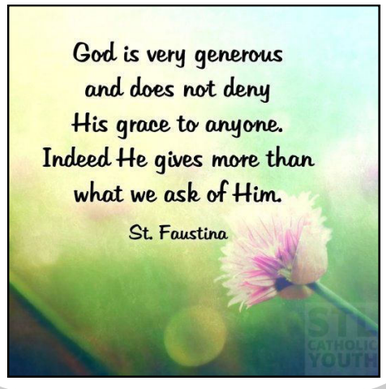
ALL RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -*James McHugh (10th), Michael Fahey (6th)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Private Intention

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Intentions of Baptist Fernandes

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.



The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant raises the frightening prospect that pardon already granted by God could be revoked. The king who forgave his servant his debt meant it. But when the servant went out and failed to forgive his fellow servant, the king revoked the pardon. By his action the servant had shown that he did not appreciate and therefore was unworthy of the pardon he had been given. Is this a good analogy of how God deals with us? That actually seems to be the point of the parable. "**So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart**" (Matthew 18:35). In other words, when God gives us His word of forgiveness, everything is not over yet. The deal is finally concluded only when we are able to go out and forgive those who sin against us. The free grace of God's forgiveness needs our response of forgiving our neighbour to be finally ratified. Isn't that a frightening thought? "**Forgive your neighbours the wrong they have done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray**" (Sirach 28:2).

Why do we find it hard to forgive others even though that is the only way to anchor God's forgiveness? I think the reason is because we fail to appreciate and celebrate our own forgiveness. Like the ungrateful servant in the parable, we focus on the 100 denarii our neighbour owes us rather than the 10,000 talents we owe to God, which God has graciously cancelled.

Let us think about this in proportion. A denarius is a labourer's daily wage. So his fellow servant owed him 100 days pay, which could be paid back in a couple of months. But this same servant owed his master 10,000 talents. A talent was equal to 6,000 denarii. So he owed his master the equivalent of 60,000,000 denarii. For a labourer working 5 days a week, 48 weeks a year, it would take 250,000 years to raise that kind of money. This astronomical figure shows that the servant owed his master so much that there was absolutely no way he could ever hope to repay that. This is symbolic of the debt each of us owes God through our sin and failure; a debt we could never ever hope to repay even if we spent out whole life in sackcloth and ashes. Not even the combined penitence of all humankind suffices to blot out a single sin. But God in his infinite mercy sent his own Son to die on the cross and take away our sins. And all He asks of us is to be grateful; to realise that He has done for us so much more than we could ever be required to do for our neighbour.

If we find ourselves in the club of those who find it so hard to forgive other people, chances are that we have not come to appreciate and celebrate sufficiently the immeasurable forgiveness that we ourselves have received from God. So, let us pray today for a deeper appreciation of the amazing love that God has shown us in Christ. It is this awareness that will make it easier for us to let others off the hook for their relatively minor offences against us.

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.

WELCOME this Sunday to choristers from Buckfast Abbey in Devon. They will sing at the 11.15am Mass

WELCOME & GOODBYE to Jake Scicinski who now travels to Spain to Seminary in Valladolid. We look forward to seeing him again before Christmas. Please keep him in your prayers.

THIS SUNDAY: St George's St Vincent De Paul Society will be selling Bacon Butties/rolls after all the Morning Masses. All funds raised are used to support those in need in the parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-27 - Thank you to all those who enrolled their children on our FHC Programme last week. Parents/Carers are reminded that this coming week's session, **'Handing on our Faith'** is for **Parents/ Carers ONLY**. Thank you for making **childcare arrangements** well in advance and for arriving in good time for the start of the session at 7pm. The **Cafe Bar** will be **open from 6.40pm**. Please note that enrolment on this year's Programme is now **closed.**

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.**

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.

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.

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.

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.**

DBS ADMINISTRATION & SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - Thank you to Anika Huggins who has completed her training and is now generously helping the Parish with the administration of **DBS Applications, Rechecks & Safeguarding Training**. If you received an email reminder over the summer regarding a DBS recheck or Safeguarding Training and you haven't already completed it, **please complete it as soon as possible**. Thank you.

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.

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.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING DATES:
Mgr. Jeremy and Fr Jude will be signing Certificate of Catholic Practice forms on the following dates:-
Secondary School, Sixth Form College & Grammar School applications:-Thursday 8th October 2026 at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.
Primary School/ Nursery applications Thursday 12th November 2026 at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.
Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) Forms and Parish Supplementary forms are now available from the back of church. Make sure you complete these before you come. Having a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by one of the priests means exactly what it is. You need to be at Mass every Sunday. Please don't encourage the clergy to be dishonest....

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**

ST. GEORGE'S OVER 60'S CLUB Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the Café Bar in the Parish Centre at 1pm. Come along and bring a friend. You don't need to be Catholic!

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

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY is on **Friday 2nd** October. We will hold our CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest on Sunday 11th October after all Masses. Envelopes for your use will be out the previous week. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. CAFOD envelopes will be available in the church at the end of September and a QR Code will be printed in the Newsletter closer to the time.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS: Those wishing to apply for a place in Year 7 for September 2027 are invited to visit colleges/schools in September and October 2026. Full details can be found on the individual school websites:- www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk, www.gunnersbury.com, www.joa.herts.sch.uk and www.stclaudines.co.uk