SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon
All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Collect
O God, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.
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 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25:4-9.
Remember your compassion, O Lord.

O Lord, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Second reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27
Allelula, allelula.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.
Allelula.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the Kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: 1 Jn 3: 16
By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Prayer after Communion
May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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St. George's Catholic Church, Sudbury

Sunday 27th September 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH 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 26
Divine Office ***Week 2***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 27 Sept	**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Linda & Felix Lyons RIP
8.30am	Michael Shanahan RIP
9.45am	Joe, Michael & Thomas Haugh RIP
11.15am	Brendan Byrne RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 28 Sept	**S. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**
9:30am	Elizabeth (Lily) Brosnan RIP
Tues 29 Sept	**Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels**
9.30am	Thomas Dolan RIP
Weds 30 Sept	**S. Jerome**
9.30am	Remediana Fernandes Thanksgiving
Thurs 1 Oct	**S. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**
9.30am	Mike Barrett RIP
Fri 2 Oct	**Holy Guardian Angels**
9:30am	Annabelle Rorke Intentions
Sat 3 Oct	**Of Our Lady**
9:30am	Holy Souls
Sun 4 Oct	**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Maurice Foley RIP
8.30am	Michael Shanahan RIP
9.45am	Mike Barrett RIP
11.15am	Peter Golden Jnr. RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



We all need God's forgiveness and it was for this reason that Christ came, humbling himself to death on a cross. When someone recognizes their error and changes their ways, God is prepared to forget the earlier lapses and consider what is being done in the here and now. The tax collectors and prostitutes accepted by Jesus had this experience.

First Reading: ***Ezekiel 18:25-28***
It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 25:4-9***
A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading: ***Philippians 2:1-11***
Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 21:28-32***
Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path.
St. Josemaria Escriva

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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: *Asa Rowe, Harry Luckins, Caelo Castillo*

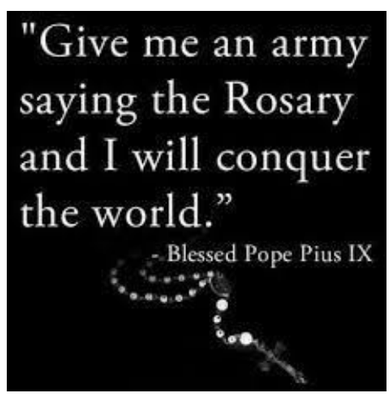
RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -*Thomas Dolan (4th), Elizabeth (Lily) Brosnan*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Devon Peters

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Pica Francisca Vendange

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for October
For mental health ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name the source of his authority for these religious leaders. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions?

God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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.

ROSARY AT HOME AND IN CHURCH October is the Month traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. Many families have discovered the importance of the prayer of the Rosary. Why not give it a go either by yourself or with your family? If you would be interested in becoming part of the 'Rosary at Home' initiative, where the statue of Our Lady of Fatima is brought to your home for a period as you say the Rosary each day, please contact Cheryl on 07941 002 161. Please also note the Rosary will be said in the church each evening, Monday to Friday, at 6pm throughout the month of October.

ART CLUB AT ST GEORGE'S We are planning on starting an Art Club to meet on the first Monday of the month from 2pm to 3:30pm in the Russell Room at the Parish Centre, starting Monday 5th October 2026. This will be a self motivated group with an interest in art and happy to share tips. You can be a beginner, intermediate or expert artist. Come along with your own pencils, paint and paper and let's make some art! For further information contact Judith Meredith at judimere1@virginmedia.com or Una Moran at una@bfmconsult.co.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-27 - This Sunday the Children, Parents/Carers, Catechists & Helpers all make a public commitment to the FHC Programme at the **9.45am FHC Enrolment Mass**. Thank you for keeping all involved with the Programme in prayer. At **Session 1** on **Tuesday 29th September** the children will be reflecting on **Relating to God and One Another**. Thank you for ensuring you and your children **arrive promptly** at the Parish Centre for the **start of the session at 7pm**.

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 19th October 2026.**

SEEKING BAPTISM PREPARATION CATECHISTS - We are seeking **Catechists** to **help prepare Parents and Godparents for the baptism of their Infants**. The commitment would be one evening every couple of months. If you might consider helping, please contact the Parish Office at sudbury@rcdow.org.uk or speak to any of the Parish Team for further information.

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.**

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.

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.

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.

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....

ST LUKE'S HOSPICE FUNDRAISER Live Music Night on Saturday 14th November, 7pm to 11pm, Fr O' Callaghan Centre, 22 Hay Lane, London NW9 0NG. Please see posters in the Parish Centre and Church Porch for ticket information.

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.

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!

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT:- A special **Adoremus Vigil** will take place **on Friday 9th October, 7-9pm**, at the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, 39 Dockhead, London SE1 2BS. Organised by Westminster and Southwark Youth Ministries with CYMFed, the vigil will be a time for young adults to pray together before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will give a keynote reflection, Bishop Gerard Bradley will be present to give a spiritual reflection with worship music led by *One Hope Project*.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT:- On Saturday 10 October, join overnight **Adoration at Westminster Cathedral from 8pm**. The Holy Hours at 8pm, 9pm and 10pm will include reflections on Eucharistic saints, prayer led by youth ministry teams and music from *One Hope Project*. Teenagers and Confirmation groups are especially welcome. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm before the Holy Hours. These gatherings mark Adoremus 2026, the National Eucharistic Congress.

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY is on **Friday 2nd October.** We will hold our CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest next Sunday, 4th October, after all Masses. 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 are available for your use in the church; you can donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope;** you can call **0303 303 3030** or scan the QR code:-

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info **Tel: 0788 7296983**

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Visit www.magisterium.com to ask questions in your own words and discover clear answers based on trusted Catholic sources. It's a helpful aid for exploring the Holy Scriptures and Church teaching, or if you just want to know more about the Saint of the day, the Holy Sacraments or what the Holy Father is doing!

