SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cf. Est 4: 17***
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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: ***Isaiah 5:1-7***

Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80: 9, 12-16, 19-20.

The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots.

The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself.

The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.

Second reading: ***Philippians 4:6-9***

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Cf. John 15:16***
Alleluia, alleluia.
I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia.

Gospel: ***Matthew 21:33-43***

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Lam 3: 25***
The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion
Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 4th October 2026

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

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 5 Oct	**S. Faustina Kowalska**
9:30am	Nimal Perera RIP
Tues 6 Oct	**S. Bruno**
9.30am	Kay & Raymond Lorenzato RIP
Weds 7 Oct	**Our Lady of the Rosary**
9.30am	Mike Barrett RIP
Thurs 8 Oct	**Feria**
9.30am	Dorothy Coomarewel Intentions
Fri 9 Oct	**S. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**
9:30am	Charlie Logan RIP
Sat 10 Oct	**S. Denis & Companions**
9:30am	Elizabeth Pais RIP
Sun 11 Oct	**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Xaverna Pereira RIP
8.30am	Dan & Kit Sullivan RIP
9.45am	Mike Barrett RIP
11.15am	Anne McGovern RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Our parable this Sunday richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. It tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

First Reading: ***Isaiah 5:1-7***
The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20***
The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

Second Reading: ***Philippians 4:6-9***
Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 21:33-43***
Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The soul that is united to God is feared by the devil as though it were the devil himself"
St. John of the Cross

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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*

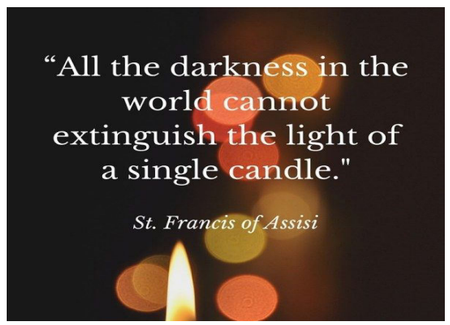
RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *-Peter Golden Jnr., Jerry Ryan (10th), Maurice Foley (2nd), Charlie Logan (1st), Anne McGovern (1st),*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Jerry Ryan

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In Memory of Jerry Ryan

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.



In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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 are Monday—Friday 10.00am-2.00pm. Outside these hours, **urgent** matters can be directed to the Presbytery.

NEW PARISH SPECIAL NEEDS INITIATIVE - We are delighted to welcome **Gail & Majlinda** from **Caritas** to speak at the Masses this weekend 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.

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.

POPE LEO APPEALS TO THE FAITHFUL: *"I invite all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the Holy Rosary throughout the month of October, with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict. Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation. May our most holy Mother intercede for us!"*

CAFOD COLLECTION AFTER MASSES TODAY. There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend. 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 above.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING A very big Thank You to all who came to the coffee morning last Friday, to those who sent donations and to those who worked very hard on the morning itself. £1,058 was raised—a fantastic amount. Thank you again for helping the wonderful Macmillan Nurses.

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

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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-27 - At **Session 2**, on **Tuesday 6th October**, the children will be reflecting on **how we affect those around us**. Thank you for arriving **in good time** at your son/daughter's **unique Catechist Group entry/exit point** so the Catechists can **begin the session with all the children present at 7pm**. Please **remember to bring** your child's copy of **Making Things Right coursebook** received at last week's session.

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.

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.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI-800TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH IN 1226 Saturday 3rd October 2026 marked the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. His feast day is kept the following day, Sunday 4th October. Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed 2026 a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis, which concludes on Sunday 10th Jan 2027. During this year, any of the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a church dedicated to Saint Francis or a Franciscan community

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.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING: Saturday 12th December 2026 from 6.30pm-11.30pm in the Parish Centre. With 3 course Dinner, Live Band, Dancing, Bar, Raffle etc. Adults £20, Children (5-12 yrs) £10, under 5yrs free. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend.

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.

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!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
Sunday 1st Nov: SOLEMNITY ALL SAINTS: usual weekend Masses
Monday 2nd Nov: ALL SOULS' DAY: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Mass at 9.30am.
Sunday 8th Nov: Remembrance Sunday: 11.15am: Requiem Mass for the War Dead. (Other Masses as usual)
Saturday 14th Nov: 12 noon: Blessing of Graves at Alperton Cemetery.
Sunday 22nd Nov: CHRIST THE KING: usual weekend Mass times. Blessed Sacrament Procession at the 11.15am Mass

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....