SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 129: 3-4
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Collect
May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined to carry out good works.
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 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death for ever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
'Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Second reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18
Alleluia, alleluia.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 33: 11
The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Prayer after Communion
We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 11th October 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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.

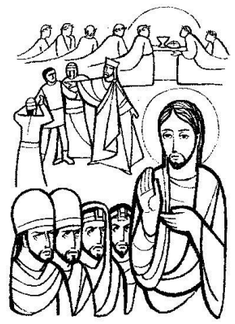
Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Mass Readings
Ordinary TimeWeek 26
Divine Office ***Week 2***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 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
Mon 12 Oct	**Feria**
9:30am	Rorke Family Intentions
Tues 13 Oct	**S. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**
9.30am	S Mary Perera Thanksgiving
Weds 14 Oct	**S. Callistus I**
9.30am	Jerry Clifford RIP
Thurs 15 Oct	**S. Teresa of Jesus**
9.30am	David Shawyer RIP
Fri 16 Oct	**Feria**
9:30am	Clive Mascarenhas Birthday Intentions
Sat 17 Oct	**S. Ignatius of Antioch**
9:30am	John Scullion RIP
Sun 18 Oct	**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Jimmy Hegarty RIP
8.30am	Darren O'Sullivan RIP
9.45am	Johann Fernandes Birthday Int.'s
11.15am	Dymphna Quigley RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins. Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

First Reading: ***Isaiah 25:6-10a***
The Lord will provide richly for his people.

Second Reading: ***Philippians 4:12-14,19-20***
Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 22:1-14***
Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There is no love without hope, no hope without love, and neither hope nor love without faith"
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, Margaret O'Leary*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Asa Rowe, Harry Luckins, Caelo Castillo*

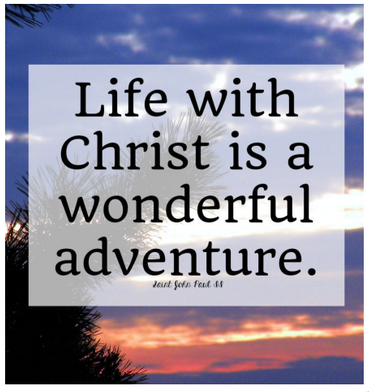
RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -*Maurice Foley (2nd), Anne McGovern (1st), Vincent Rouse (1st), Kathleen Carroll (1st)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Maurice Foley

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

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 parable, those who were first invited to the banquet would be the people of ancient Israel, who often violated the covenant and resisted the prophets. At the time of Jesus, they found it impossible to let go of their traditions in order to make room for his revolutionary message.

Those brought in from the streets to fill the banquet hall would be the outsiders; including the Gentiles who, in many cases, gladly responded to Jesus' universal invitation. However, some of them too were unwilling to be fully converted and thus were lacking the proper "wedding garment" of unselfish love.

One of the most dangerous temptations for many Christians is an easy assumption that they have responded to God's invitation and are now comfortably seated at the banquet waiting for their final and inevitable heavenly reward.

Our lovely wedding garment begins to look somewhat soiled and shabby, however, when we begin to probe our hidden prejudices. Most of us claim not to be prejudiced, of course, but it is almost certain that such a claim is in fact the worst prejudice of all, for it means that we are not even conscious of our biases. It is much better to be aware of them so that we can at least try to correct our attitudes.

It is precisely confident Christian communities that are most likely to be burdened by prejudice. It is so easy to forget that Jesus associated freely and lovingly with all kinds of people who were considered unworthy by the "upright" people of his day. This reminds us that the true characteristics of followers of Jesus are love and tolerance and respect for others, regardless of their social status or perceived unworthiness.

This does not at all imply that one should condone unseemly or sinful behaviour. But, as Matthew also reminds us, we should spend at least as much time removing the log from our own eye as in searching for the speck in our neighbour's eye. How we think of others, and how tolerant we are of their shortcomings, will tell us a lot about whether we think too highly of ourselves.

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.

SLEEP-IN SUNDAY! Is Sunday, 25th October. British Summer Time ends and the clocks fall back one hour, to GMT, so you get an extra hour under the duvet, refreshed and ready for Sunday morning Mass!



THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS are 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.

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 HARVEST COLLECTION is still open. 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.

BETHANY MASS Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm for all those who feel the pain of bereavement but especially remembering all who have died in the past year and whose Funerals have been from the parish.

ST. GEORGE'S SATURDAY CLUB - Caritas Westminster Saturday Clubs ensure people with intellectual disabilities feel fully part of their Parish communities. Thank you to all those who are offering to help with the new monthly Saturday Club at St. George's which we hope will provide a range of activities for those with disabilities, supporting them and their families at our Parish. Further details will be provided in the coming months as this new Parish project develops. For further details or to offer your help, please contact Majlinda (Caritas St. Joseph's) at majlindathompson@rcdow.org.uk.

ART CLUB AT ST GEORGE'S Our next Art Club meeting will be on Monday 2nd November from 2pm to 3:30pm in the Russell Room at the Parish Centre. New members welcome. This is 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

A DAY WITH MARY at St George's Church, Sudbury on Saturday 14th November. Commences at 9:30am with entry procession of Our Lady. Further details will be available soon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-27 - Session 3, this coming **Tuesday 13th October**, is for the children **with a Parent/Carer.** Catechists will be teaching the children, in their Small Groups, about **'the meaning of sin and its affects'**. If needed, thank you for arranging **childcare for any other children** well in advance so that a Parent/Carer is able to attend. Thank you for arriving **promptly** at your child's group's **unique entry/exit point**, 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.

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

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. 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!

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.

ADVENT FAIR 2026 Sunday 6th December planning is underway for this event but help is needed. Please do think what you can do to help and support this parish venture. We usually spend the money raised on improving our health and safety facilities.

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

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)
Sunday 22nd Nov: CHRIST THE KING: usual weekend Mass times. Blessed Sacrament Procession at the 11.15am Mass
CHANGE OF DATE: Saturday 28th Nov: 12 noon: Blessing of Graves at Alperton Cemetery.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING DATES:
Mgr. Jeremy and Fr Jude will be signing Certificate of Catholic Practice forms for **Primary School/ Nursery applications** on 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....

HAVE YOU LOST a key on a wooden keyring? If so, it is in the Parish Office awaiting collection during Parish Office hours 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday.

