SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

'For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1, 3-10
Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15d, 16a
Alleluia, alleluia.
Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 32: 18-19
Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion
Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 18th October 2026

TWENTY-NINTH 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 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
Mon 19 Oct	**Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaacs Jogues, Priests & Companions**
9:30am	Mike Barrett RIP
Tues 20 Oct	**Feria**
9.30am	Varghese Vilangattil RIP
Weds 21 Oct	**Feria**
9.30am	Margaret Power RIP
Thurs 22 Oct	**S. John Paul II**
9.30am	Santom T Joseph RIP
Fri 23 Oct	**Feria**
9:30am	Fiona Power RIP
Sat 24 Oct	**S. Anthony Mary Claret**
9:30am	Gavin Dutton Intentions
Sun 25 Oct	**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Helen Cronk RIP
8.30am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.45am	Mike Barrett RIP
11.15am	Marcelle Williamson RIP
5:30pm	Meliza & Family Intentions

TODAY'S MASS



The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar. This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness. We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading: ***Isaiah 45:1,4-6***
The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 96:1,3-10***
Sing praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: ***1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b***
Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 22:15-21***
The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are."
Pope St. Gregory the Great

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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: Theo Babayemi

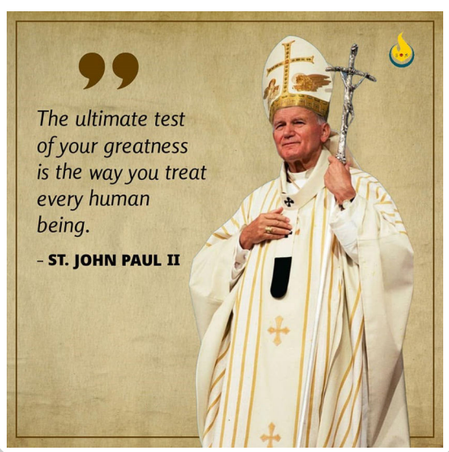
RECENTLY DEPARTED: Oliva Bulsar

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Birthday Intentions of Johann Fernandes

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Birthday Intentions of Johann Fernandes

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 and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective.

Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to 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.

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.

FUNERAL MASS of **Oliva Bulsar** on Tuesday 27th October at 11.00am followed by burial in Carpenders Park at 1.00pm. May she rest in peace.

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.

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 - Thank you to all those who have offered to help with the new monthly Saturday Club at St. George's which we hope will provide a range of activities for those with intellectual disabilities, supporting them and their families at our Parish. **Volunteer Training** will be taking place at the **Parish Centre** on **Friday 13th November at 7pm.** For further details please contact **Majlinda (Caritas St. Joseph's)** at majlindathompson@rcdow.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-27 - At **Session 4**, on **Tuesday 20th October**, the children will be reflecting on **how we can repair our relationship with God**. During this session, two of the Catechist Small Groups will also be given a Tour of the Church. If this is relevant to your child, information will be sent to you in advance via email. 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**.

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.**

NEW DRIVERS & ESCORTS FOR PARISH MINIBUS - The Parish Minibus accompanies vulnerable people to the **11.15am Mass** on the **1st Sunday of the month**. Might you consider helping as a **Driver** or an **Escort?** Those offering to help will be required to complete a **DBS for Vulnerable Adults** with the Parish and a little **Online Safeguarding Training**. If you might consider helping please contact the **Parish Team** at **sudbury@rcdow.org.uk.**

FILM NIGHT with the film "***The Young Messiah***" a fictional story of Jesus growing up that fills in the "lost years" of Jesus's childhood. Join us on Friday 30th October in the café/bar. Doors open at 7pm.

ART CLUB AT ST GEORGE'S 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

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.

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. 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 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
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....

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.

