SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 104: 3-4
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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: Exodus 22:20-26

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:2-4. 47, 51
I love you, LORD, my strength.

I love you, LORD, my strength;
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

I love you, LORD, my strength.

My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, 'O praised be the LORD!'
and see, I am saved from my foes.

I love you, LORD, my strength.

The LORD lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The LORD gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed.

I love you, LORD, my strength.

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23
Allelula, allelula.
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Allelula.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 19: 6
We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion
May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 25th October 2026

THIRTIETH 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 Time Week 30
Divine Office ***Week 2***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

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
Mon 26 Oct	**Feria**
9:30am	Melinda Peter RIP
Tues 27 Oct	**Feria**
9.30am	Paddy Fitzgerald RIP
11:00am	**FUNERAL MASS**
	Oliva Bulsara RIP
Weds 28 Oct	**Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles**
9.30am	Madonna Thomas Intentions
Thurs 29 Oct	**Blessed Martyrs of Doual College**
9.30am	Maria Menezes Birthday Intentions
Fri 30 Oct	**Feria**
9:30am	Alice & Milton Rebello
	Thanksgiving Mass Intentions
Sat 31 Oct	**Of Our Lady**
9:30am	Catherine Carr Intentions
Sun 1 Nov	**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Clara Vaz RIP
9.45am	Baptist Fernandes Intentions
11.15am	Mary Brogan RIP
5:30pm	Brian & Bernard Thomas Intentions

TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

First Reading: ***Exodus 22:20-26***
The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 18:2-4,47,51***
The Lord is our strength.

Second Reading: ***1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10***
Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 22:34-40***
The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Though we do not have our Lord with us in his bodily presence, we have our neighbour, who, for the ends of love and loving service, is as good as the Lord himself."
St Teresa of Avila

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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, Evika Gama

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Oliva Bulsara

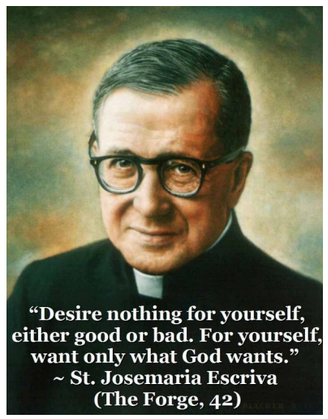
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -William Aubrey Balhetchet, Evelyn Phillip (10th), Sheila & Alan Cox

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of The Sheridan Family

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Intentions of Raissa Deveza

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.



God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us (1 John 3:1, 4:7-8, 16). God puts us first in his thoughts and concerns do we put him first in our thoughts?

God loved us first (1 John 4:19) and our love for him is a response to his exceeding goodness and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbour is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love, truth, and goodness, the more we love what he loves and reject whatever is hateful and contrary to his will.

God commands us to love him first above all else his love orients and directs our thoughts, intentions, and actions to what is wholly good and pleasing to him. He wants us to love him personally, wholeheartedly, and without any reservation or compromise.

What is the nature of love? Love is the gift of giving oneself for the good of others - it is wholly other oriented and directed to the welfare and benefit of others. Love which is rooted in pleasing myself is self-centred and possessive - it is a selfish love that takes from others rather than gives to others. It is a stunted and disordered love which leads to many hurtful and sinful desires - such as jealousy, greed, envy, and lust. The root of all sin is disordered love and pride which is fundamentally putting myself above God and my neighbour - it is loving and serving self rather than God and neighbour. True love, which is wholly directed and oriented to what is good rather than evil, is rooted in God's truth and righteousness.

God loves us wholly, completely, and perfectly for our sake - there is no limit, no holding back, no compromising on his part. His love is not subject to changing moods or circumstances. When God gives, he gives generously, abundantly, freely, and without setting conditions to the gift of his love. His love does not waver, but is firm, consistent, and constant. He loves us in our weakness - in our fallen and sinful condition. Do you freely accept God's love and do you willingly choose to obey his commandments?

A WORD ABOUT HALLOWEEN, ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Many of the customs of Halloween have to do with fear of the dead. It was believed by the Celtic people that evil spirits roamed the earth on the last night of the Celtic year (October 31) and that they worked mischief among the living. Part of Celtic belief was that one could live safely through the night by dressing up as a ghost, witch, etc., or bribing the evil spirits with treats. It was also believed that the souls of sinful persons who passed away during the year were imprisoned in the bodies of animals and that they, on this night, could be freed through gifts and sacrifices. Often the sacrifices were human.

By way of contrast, the Catholic feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day offer a much more pleasant opportunity for recognition of our Communion of the Saints or fellowship with those dead to this earthly existence. The Catholic Church emphasizes that with Christ at the head, the body of the Church, the people who make up the Church, living or dead, cannot be separated. Therefore, Communion of the Saints has a much broader meaning in the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church teaches that the Church exists in three different states. One is the pilgrim church struggling to live faithful lives in this earthly existence. That is you and I today. Another is the triumphant church of saints already in Heaven. These are those we commemorate during the year in the liturgical calendar but also those millions unknown to us who are "All Saints". The other state is existence in purgatory or the suffering church. In purgatory, the faithful are purified for entry into the triumphant church. It is a time of expectancy and excitement as they prepare for the final vision of God. These are the "All Souls" for whom we will pray on All Souls day and throughout the month of November

The Feast of All Saints Day on 1st November and the Feast of All Souls Day on 2nd November remind us of our relationship to those in the other states. These are days of remembrance, celebration and prayer.

Let us keep them with great joy knowing that it is in Christ's death and resurrection we all are all brought to everlasting life.

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. Please note the Parish Office will be closed from Monday 26th October to Monday 2nd November 2026.

FUNERAL MASS of **Oliva Bulsara** on Tuesday 27th October at 11.00am followed by burial in Carpenders Park at 1.30pm. May she rest in peace.

HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO: Our Archbishop, Richard Moth, has asked that Catholics in England and Wales, and indeed all people of goodwill, pray for Pope Leo—in our homes and in our parishes—that he may be restored to full health after a period of rest and recuperation. We also remember all those who are experiencing illness at this time, their families and those who care for the sick in our prayers.

HALF TERM: to our children and parents, have a great Half Term break... and if you are at a loose end and need a little *peace top-up*, Mass is celebrated here Monday - Friday at 9.30am, in addition to the usual weekend Masses. Altar servers are also welcome to come and serve at the weekday morning Masses.

AUTUMN IS EVENTUALLY ARRIVING rather late after a very hot summer (apparently the trees are "confused") and the leaves are beginning to fall. However, they are best kept outside the church so please close the door after you come inside. Thank you to all who regularly sweep the leaves up each morning.

GOOD NEWS... our new contactless devices have arrived and are currently being installed. We will have a handheld device in the Repository and Parish Office to enable card payments and reduce the need for cash.

NOVEMBER—THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
This month the Church always dedicates to prayer for the departed and we are encouraged to join with this intention as it is a sign of love towards those who have gone before us. We believe that our prayers and Masses aid and support those who have died into the presence of the Father.
At the back of church (in front of the baptistry gates) you will find three things: 1. Lists for you to write the names of your departed loved one. 2. Envelopes into which you can put these lists together with any offering you wish to make. 3.A leaflet titled "Preparing for my Funeral". It might seem maybe a long way off or something we don't really want to think about but it is good Christian stewardship to choose the hymns and readings for your own funeral. It stops all the agonising of your family and friends as to what you might have wanted.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER all free days (feria) will be a Mass of Requiem for all remembered here.

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-27 - At **Session 5**, on **Tuesday 3rd November**, the children will be reflecting on **how we can repair our relationship with God**. During this session, two of the Catechist 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 on-time 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 23rd November 2026.**

ST. GEORGE'S OVER 60'S CLUB Please note there is no club on Tuesday 27th October due to the half term holiday. Back again on Tuesday 3rd November.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
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

BLESSING OF GRAVES:-
Greenford Cemetery-1st November at 3pm
Carpenders Park-8th November at 1:30pm
Alperton Cemetery 28th November at 12 noon
No dates received for Northwood or Pinner New Cemetery yet.

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....

