SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon
Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
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: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The LORD's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:28
Alleluia, alleluia.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 5: 8-10
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion
As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 1st November 2026

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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.

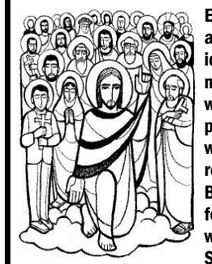
Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Mass Readings
Ordinary Time Week 31
Divine Office ***Week 3***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 1 Nov	**THE 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
Mon 2 Nov	**COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED All Souls Day**
9:30am	Leo & Olga Barco RIP
Tues 3 Nov	**S. Martin de Porres**
9.30am	Ray Lorenzato RIP
Weds 4 Nov	**S. Charles Borromeo**
9.30am	Margaret Nunn RIP
Thurs 5 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9.30am	Parnell Fernandes Thanksgiving
Frl 6 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9:30am	Nimal Perera RIP
Sat 7 Nov	**Of Our Lady**
9:30am	Conversion of Sinners
Sun 8 Nov	**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Brendan, Peggy, Silvester & Michael Sheridan RIP
8.30am	Sean Collins RIP
9.45am	Mary Walsh RIP
11.15am	Josie Redmond & Teresa O'Connor RIP
5:30pm	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. These can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

First Reading: ***Revelation 7:2-4,9-14***
John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials worship the Lamb.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6***
Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be rewarded.

Second Reading: ***1 John 3:1-3***
We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 5:1-12***
Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"What saint has ever won his crown without first contending for it?"
St. Jerome

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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: Evika Gama

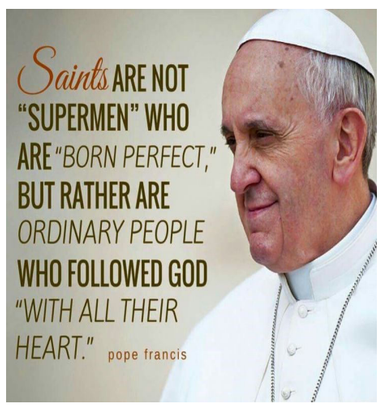
RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -Margaret Nunn, Ray Lorenzato (16th), Nimal Perera (3rd), Clara Vaz (1st)

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Intentions of Baptist Fernandes

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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for November
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put to the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.





The Solemnity of All Saints is a well known feast-day, but do we understand its significance in the life of God's Church? God's ultimate plan was to create a family that would share in the boundless love and joy that is the life of the Trinity. The "Communion of Saints" that is essential to the faith we profess in the Creed each Sunday is the ongoing realisation of that plan. Today we celebrate the reality of that family. Although we have not reached the end of our journey, where we "shall see God as he really is", we already have a genuine fellowship with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all those who have completed the journey, a fellowship that has been an encouragement in the life of the pilgrim Church since the beginning.

The Gospel reading today, the Beatitudes with which Matthew opens the Sermon on the Mount, can help us set aside the palms and haloes and think of the saints as friends and fellows who have made the journey before us. This summary of Jesus' teaching gives expression to the heart and spirit of the life to which Jesus calls us. True happiness, Jesus declares, will be found by those for whom their relationship with God means more to them than earthly goods – a "poverty of spirit", a "meekness" and "gentleness" after the example of Jesus, a "hunger for justice" that shapes what we do according to the values of the Kingdom, in sum "a pure (i.e. an undivided) heart". These are the ideals that have inspired the saints honoured by the Church, and those countless others known only to God. Today's historical studies make it clear that the saints honoured by the Church have struggled against difficulties of temperament and character; but in the end they gave over to God, as the Holy Spirit taught them the lessons of the Beatitudes. As we make the same journey, let us recognise that we shall take into eternal life hearts that have been shaped by the quality of our response to the challenges of life. Though the hearts of all God's family will be filled with joy, some will be narrow hearts and some will be great and generous hearts.

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.

OPENING & CLOSING Following the recent clock change we will be closing the Church once it is dark at 4.00pm Monday to Friday and after the evening Mass on Saturday and Sunday. The normal opening hour is still 8.00am.

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 have been installed successfully. We now have two in the Church, one at each door at the back. There is a handheld device in the Repository and one in the 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.

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: Solemn 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
Northwood Cemetery 14th November at 2pm
Alperton Cemetery 28th November at 12 noon
Pinner New Cemetery 28th November at 2pm

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.

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.**

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.

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!

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 0NG. Please see posters in the Parish Centre and Church Porch for ticket information.

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.

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: Thank you for putting your faith into action this Harvest Family Fast Day. Our parish raised £1,901 to help more children stay in school. Thanks to you and CAFOD's local partners, children like Tayla in Zimbabwe now have access to safe water and nutritious food through a solar-powered water supply, helping them learn, grow, and develop their God-given talents. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact Westminster's CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162

