SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Jer 29: 11, 12, 14
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4a, 5b
Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Prayer over the Offerings
Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Mk 11: 23-24
Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion
We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 15th November 2026

THIRTY-THIRD 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 33
Divine Office ***Week 1***

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

Masses and Intentions THIS WEEK

Sun 15 Nov	**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Josie Brooker RIP
8.30am	Sean Collins RIP
9.45am	Watts & Ledo Families RIP
11.15am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:30pm	Rita & Danny Collins RIP
Mon 16 Nov	**S. Edmund of Abingdon**
9:30am	The Holy Souls
Tues 17 Nov	**S. Hugh of Lincoln**
9.30am	Alicia Thomas Intentions
Weds 18 Nov	**The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul**
9.30am	Paolo Zucconi RIP
Thurs 19 Nov	**Of Requim**
9.30am	Walsh Family Intentions
Fri 20 Nov	**Of Requiem**
9:30am	Victoria Antao Lory RIP & Veronica Antao RIP
Sat 21 Nov	**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:30am	Mary Catherine Giblin RIP
Sun 22 Nov	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
6.15pm *Sat Vigil*	Peggy Maloney RIP
8.30am	Sheila Duggan RIP
9.45am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.15am	John Edwards RIP
5:30pm	P C Tharakan RIP

TODAY'S MASS



God gives talents to each one of us and they must be used in his name. We cannot relax our efforts but must do all in our power to work as children of the light. A good wife is a blessing in the family. We should all be a blessing in the family of God.

First Reading: ***Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31***
The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Responsorial Psalm: ***Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5***
Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.

Second Reading: ***1 Thessalonians 5:1-6***
Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 25:14-30***
Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Your boat –your talents, your hopes, your achievements—is worth nothing whatsoever unless you leave it in Christ's hands, allowing him the freedom to come aboard. "
S. Josemaria Escriva

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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, 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, Gaia Whitcombe, Shane McCarthy, Maria Mitsev, Elorah Pereira

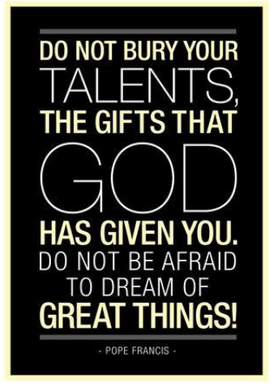
RECENTLY DEPARTED: Eileen Kidd, Alan Hannon, Margaret Geoghegan

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: -

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
In Memory of Trixie Tennekoon

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Intentions of Beatrice Bartlett

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.



Today's parable of the Talent, which is from Matthew, can easily be confused with Luke's equivalent parable, on the pound. Remember that the value of a talent in Jesus' time was the equivalent of twenty years of labour! What the evangelist is telling us is that each servant was entrusted with the equivalent of a hundred, forty and twenty years of labours, respectively. So, they were given a huge amount of money! However, we are not told for how long the master went away. What we are told is that the first two servants dealt with their talents promptly and doubled them, whereas the last servant buried his talent out of fear!

You may ask, who is this "man" who entrusted his property, "talents", to his "servants"? The Church answers: Jesus Christ. He is the "man", who before going "on his way abroad" (to heaven), by his passion, death and resurrection, has entrusted the whole of his life-giving spirit, his talent, to His servants, the Church.

This same talent has been entrusted to you and to me at our baptism. It is in our baptism that each of us are configured to Christ as king, prophet and priest. As king to conquer our sins and our vices, not by our own effort but by our faith in the power and victory that Jesus Christ has won for us on the Cross. As a prophet to announce this reality to others, particularly those around us who need listening and receiving the Good News. As priest so that we can unite our prayers of petition and intercession with those of Christ for the need of the people we meet each day.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

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.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
Sunday 22nd Nov: CHRIST THE KING: usual weekend Mass times. Blessed Sacrament Procession at the 11.15am Mass

BLESSING OF GRAVES:-
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.

FUNERAL MASS of Alan Hannon on Thursday 26th November at 11am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Margaret Geoghegan on Friday 27th November at 11am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-27 - At **Session 7**, on **Tuesday 17th November**, the children will be **Preparing for First Reconciliation**. 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**. Thank you, also, for helping your son/daughter learn the **Act of Contrition** by heart as they prepare to make their First Confession in December.

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** in the **Parish Centre** on **Monday 14th December** at **7.30pm** when Registration Documents will be provided. Please note that a copy of one's **Baptism Certificate** (and a translation if it is not in English) is also **required for Registration**.

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE PREPARE FOR CONFIRMATION - Might you consider **helping our young people prepare for Confirmation**? We are seeking positive & enthusiastic people, keen to support our young people as they grow in faith, to join our experienced team of Catechists. 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.**

BE PREPARED: So often in the holy scriptures we are encouraged to be prepared. In the month of November our thoughts naturally turn to loved ones who have died, and who we remember with prayer and affection. It can also be a good time to reflect gently on our own future arrangements. Many people use this season to make or to revisit their Will or to write down their funeral wishes. This is an opportunity to be prepared, to make a note of favourite hymns and bible readings and to consider the type of funeral service you would like, be it a Mass or a Liturgy of the Word, burial or cremation. It is important to remember that secular music and poems are not permissible at services in Catholics Churches. This is not the Catholic Church being difficult, but ensuring that the Words of God contained in the Holy Bible and sacred music and hymns always take precedence. Preparing our affairs is not a morbid thing to do, it is a loving act which takes the burden away from those we leave behind. If you appreciate your church you might also consider leaving a gift in your Will to St George's, a place where faith has been nurtured, prayers have been offered, and friendships have been formed. Such a gift is a lasting way of giving thanks for all that the parish has meant to you, while helping to support its mission for future generations, just as previous generations have done for us. Thank you. There are simple leaflets at the back of the church to help you get started. Feel free to take one home and begin the conversation.

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation, or set up a regular donation and become a **Patron,** by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at **www.rcdow.org.uk/donations**. The envelopes and posters in the porch and Parish Centre feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

READING AT 11.15AM SOLEMN MASS - Might you consider **reading at the 11.15am Solemn Mass?** This ministry offers an opportunity both to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the Parish community. The commitment would be no more than once a month. If you might consider helping, **please contact Roger Nicklen**, the **11.15am Readers Rota Coordinator**, at **r.nicklen@btinternet.com**.

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.

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 CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE will take place at the school on Friday 11th December from 3:30pm. Tickets for the Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn on the day, will be on sale after all Masses on the weekend of 21st/22nd November 2026. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

ART CLUB AT ST GEORGE'S Next Art Club meeting will be on Monday 7th December 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.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL INTERFAITH GROUP will meet in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace on Wednesday Nov 18 from 1.30pm to 3pm. We will discuss Pope Leo XIV's encyclical Magnifica humanitas. https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

2028/2029 Proposed Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF): Please click on the following link to see the proposed changes to the 2028/29 Admissions Policy and SIF. FYI, the consultation period is from 2nd November 2026 until 15th December 2026 2028/2029 Admissions Consultation (02/11/26-15/12/26) | St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

MASS FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS – KENTON All Saints, Kenton, warmly invites you to an Inclusive Mass on Saturday 28 November 2026 at 6:30 pm, celebrated by Fr. Hector Gutierrez, followed by light refreshments. Everyone is most welcome, particularly those with additional needs, together with their families, friends and carers.