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**SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT. VIGIL	19th	18:00	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	20th	08:30	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Solemnity	
		10:00	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Solemnity	Pro Populo
		12:00	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Solemnity	
MONDAY	21st	NO MASS			
TUESDAY	22nd	09:30	Feria		Members of Bailey & Ryan Families
WEDNESDAY	23rd	09:30	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	Memorial	Angela Falle
THURSDAY	24th	09:30	Our Lady of Walsingham	Memorial	Nancy Flaherty RIP
FRIDAY	25th	09:30	Feria		Stephen Laviniere
SATURDAY	26th	09:30	St Cosmas and St Damian	Memorial	Sr Ann Wylder

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS 17:00 - 17:45 [HALL]**


**CHURCH OPEN: WEDS: 4-6, FRI: 2-4, SAT: 10-2.**



**We pray especially for Michael McMahon who died recently.** We pray for Patrick Faulkner, Christopher Halpin, James Mangan, Walter Graydon, Jason Wray, John Joseph Deane Charles Lyn Chrissie John (Baby) Jacob Delsol Paul Reynolds and Tony De Mello whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We pray for all those who, having been given hope, have seen business suffer in light of new restrictions. May all those experiencing worry and depression in light of their circumstances know the consolation of the Lord. May all who work to counsel and accompany those in times of trial be given the strength to persevere in their charitable efforts.

The feast of St Matthew (which occurs this coming Monday) is a feast I particularly enjoy for obvious reasons: I share his name and often receive messages wishing me well. Although it's nice to be remembered this isn't the reason I find it so striking and moving. It is the incredible story of the tax collector; a person rejected by the people of Israel, who was ironically chosen by their chosen one (the Messiah). St Matthew has been a source of fascination for many and is immortalised in the side-chapel of the French Church of St Louis in Rome. This is where the famous painter, Caravaggio, dedicated a chapel in his honour with three masterpieces: *The Calling of St Matthew*, *The Inspiration of St Matthew* and *The Martyrdom of St Matthew*. Each painting leaves one dumb-struck by its beauty: I'd often visit the Church, look and linger when uninterrupted by the many tourists who flock there. Caravaggio had an incredible talent in pioneering the chiaroscuro style (contrasting light and darkness to attract the eye) but I feel that although many spend so much time analysing his artistry in these paintings, he was drawing our attention to God's: God's use of contrast, if you like. St Matthew, we remember, was regarded as darkness by the other disciples but God's finger pointing to him in the painting helps us to see light (his dignity as God's child). And we will hear about this choice in Monday's Gospel in order to remind us again that the world is not right (we're not right) if we ever consider anyone to be beyond God's love. **Fr M**

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### Next Sunday's Readings: 26th Sunday in OT

First: Ezekiel 18:25-28  
 Psalm: 24(25):4-9  
 Second: Philippians 2:1-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



## PARISH NEWS

**FR GERARD DEPARTS THIS WEEK:** Big thanks to Fr Gerard for saying all the Masses while I was away and for his presence among us. He prepares to depart for St Elphege's, Wallington this coming Tuesday and our prayers go with him. May St Christopher and St Elphege pray for him!

**08:30 SUNDAY MASS:** From this weekend we will celebrate Mass at 08:30 on Sunday mornings and you can book via our website (until Saturday, 4pm): [WWW.CATHOLICBRIXTONHILL.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CATHOLICBRIXTONHILL.ORG.UK)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 LITURGY UPDATE:** Over the past few weeks it has become apparent that we can re-arrange the celebration of First Holy Communion in such a way as to not divide households as we had anticipated needing to do. This requires a late change to schedules and arrangements but I am working to ensure that we can keep families together so that they (at least) can be with each other during this important moment in a child's life. I hope to be able to confirm our plans very soon and I will be in touch with parents as soon as I can with detailed arrangements about how we will manage First Confessions and First Holy Communions.

**CONFIRMATION 2020:** In light of the above we are still yet to confirm details about the conclusion of the programme and celebration of the sacrament. I will inform parents as soon as I can by email about our plans as we seek to ensure we can welcome as many as possible.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2021:** Please continue to watch this space.

**STREAMING OF MASS:** If anyone is in possession of a MacBook Pro, tech-savvy and willing to produce our Sunday Mass **please** get in touch. Moving forward we may wish to invest in a live streaming service. This is provided by [WWW.CHURCHSERVICES.TV](http://WWW.CHURCHSERVICES.TV) and used by many parishes within our diocese but an initiative we are unable to afford at present.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES:** We would be a bigger family at this point in the year but due to the restrictions it wasn't possible to baptise and receive adults at the Easter Vigil. We begin the final stages of their preparation next week and look forward to welcoming them among us in a private ceremony at the end of October. Please keep them all in your prayers!

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS (2021 ENTRY):** Please continue to deposit your initial forms and Priest's Reference Forms in the letterbox at The Priests' House. If you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice please drop blank copies of that in along with your other forms (it can be found via a Google search): [WWW.CATHOLICBRIXTONHILL.ORG.UK/SCHOOL-APPLICATIONS](http://WWW.CATHOLICBRIXTONHILL.ORG.UK/SCHOOL-APPLICATIONS)

**ONLINE LECTURES ON THE SAINTS:** A new series is underway online hosted by the Christian Heritage Centre featuring [LECTURES ON THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS](#). The next is on St Therese of Lisieux this coming Thursday at 7:30pm by Canon John Udris; Spiritual Director at St Mary's Seminary in Oscott, Birmingham.

**PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE:** The annual pro-life pilgrimage will be led this year by Bishop Marcus Stock (Bishop of Leeds). Pilgrims are discouraged from going, however, it will be streamed live from Walsingham and you can find more information about it via [WWW.PROLIFEPILGRIMAGE.ORG](http://WWW.PROLIFEPILGRIMAGE.ORG)