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**SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT. VIGIL	26th	18:00	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	27th	08:30	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Solemnity	
		10:00	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Solemnity	Pro Populo
		12:00	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Solemnity	Carmen Dolores Galvis Yepes RIP
MONDAY	28th	NO MASS			
TUESDAY	29th	09:30	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Feast	Angela Falle
WEDNESDAY	30th	09:30	Saint Jerome	Memorial	Theresa Anne Knowles
THURSDAY	1st	09:30	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	Memorial	
FRIDAY	2nd	09:30	The Holy Guardian Angels	Memorial	
SATURDAY	3rd	09:30	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial	

**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 Aiden Wall, Michael Devine, Christine Musaala, George Reed, Theresa Francelia Rollock 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 the repose of the soul of the police officer shot dead in Croydon; we remember his family who mourn his loss and we ask for God to inspire and protect those who seek to bring criminals to justice and keep us safe in the ministry of policing. We ask that all who serve in the Metropolitan police in our area and across London are given the courage to serve all God's people without fear and that all violence in our city will come to an end.

When we look to the writings of the great spiritual masters we can find it a bit intimidating: the different mansions of prayer that St Teresa of Avila spoke of, the Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Amidst the daily tasks and chores it can be disheartening to be given complicated manuals about prayer as it makes the spiritual life seem an impossible mountain to climb. Countering this perception of prayer as only mastered by the elite, the Little Flower (St Thérèse of Lisieux), who was very little herself; entering the religious life aged 15, set out to describe how it is possible for all of us to become holy. Her writing style doesn't appeal to everyone but many of her points are worthy of reflection and specifically her description of the greatest challenge we face in relating to God... "putting up with *ourselves*"! We believe (and admit every Sunday at Mass) that we are sinners in need of forgiveness; this is the truth of our condition but it can become an occasion of self-blame, scruples, impatience and pessimism. We can, when reflecting on our own behaviour, find it difficult to bear and painful to admit - especially when our activities or inactivity (our neglect) affect others. Experiencing this difficulty is good as a motivation for coming to confession, however, it's bad (as St Thérèse knew) if it darkens our friendship with God: if we become weighed down by our unworthiness. St Thérèse taught we are not to fear how little we are because Jesus knows this to be true and loves us still. We should love ourselves too! **Fr M**

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### Next Sunday's Readings: 27th Sunday in OT

First: Isaiah 5:1-7  
 Psalm: 79(80):9,12-16,19-20  
 Second: Philippians 4:6-9  
 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



## PARISH NEWS

**CELEBRATING OUR ANGELS:** This coming week are the annual feasts of the Archangels and our own Guardian Angels about which there is a good sermon from Pope Francis online (link [HERE](#)).

**BAPTISMS:** We are still celebrating baptisms within the parish but the diocese have now confirmed it will now only be possible for **six people** (including the child to be baptised) to be present. In order to apply for Baptism please go to our website where you can download the application form and submit it through the letterbox of the Priests House. Due to the inability to baptise during lockdown I have received a large number of baptism applications; please know that I have your forms and am steadily getting in touch with those who have applied. You will hear from me soon! :-)

**PRIVATE PRAYER ON SATURDAYS:** Due to the number of Baptisms and other liturgies planned for Saturdays in the near future it is becoming impossible to open the Church for private prayer between 10am - 2pm. We would be able to open during the hours 4pm - 6pm, however, we are lacking enough volunteers to make this possible. If you can spare that time on a Saturday please volunteer to become a Steward via the homepage of our website.

**CONFESSIONS** are heard every Saturday from 5pm - 5:45pm (socially distanced) in the Hall.

**FATHER PHILIP ANDREWS:** If you were at last week's 12pm Mass you will have met Father Philip who kindly supplied for me and will do so again at this weekend's 8:30am Mass. Father Philip began his new role as Secretary to our Archbishop last week and being down the road in SE1 he has been willing, when able, to supply for which I am very grateful to him. Welcome Father Philip!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 LITURGY:** 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.

**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)