



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY: TODAY!** This is an opportunity to look closer to home and think about our personal faith and to consider new ways to grow in faith and to evangelise. What can we do to help those who can't get to Sunday Mass because of old age, disability or home commitments - how can we rally round to help? How can we reach out to those who may be interested in hearing about Jesus Christ and his Church? We are invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **A GENTLE REMINDER**

This life will go by fast. Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much. Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness. Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money. Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware; don't save your favourite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favourite sport shoes; repeat your favourite clothes. So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect...look... Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn. So take this challenge that is life and do it now...love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen. *From Pope Francis*  
**Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions, Feast day: 20 September**

The evangelization of Korea began during the 17th century through a group of lay persons. A strong vital Christian community flourished there under

lay leadership until missionaries arrived from the Paris Foreign Mission Society.

During the terrible persecutions that occurred in the 19th century (in 1839, 1866, and 1867), one hundred and three members of the Christian community gave their lives as martyrs. Outstanding among these witnesses to the faith were the first Korean priest and pastor, Andrew Kim Taegon, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang.

Among the other martyrs were a few bishops and priests, but for the most part lay people, men and women, married and unmarried, children, young people, and the elderly. All suffered greatly for the Faith and consecrated the rich beginnings of the Church of Korea with their blood as martyrs.

Pope John Paul II, during his trip to Korea, canonized these martyrs on May 6, 1984, and inserted their feast into the Calendar of the Universal Church.

### **ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**

We celebrate St Matthew's Feast Day this week. Considering that he composed the Gospel that bears his name, little is known about him, being mentioned only five times in the New Testament. Matthew 9:9 gives the account of his calling: "*And when Jesus passed on from hence, he saw a man sitting in the custom house, named Matthew; and he saith to him: Follow me. And he rose up and followed him.*" From this, we know that he was a tax collector. He is mentioned in Mark and Luke as "Levi", thus Matthew is thought to have been the name that Christ gave Levi at his calling. Accounts of his martyrdom vary, with limited knowledge of where or how he was martyred. He is the Patron Saint of, amongst others, bankers, accountants and stockbrokers.

### **QUOTES OF ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA**



'We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty'

'The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between.'

'Peace begins with a smile.'

'We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Brian Randall RIP
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Anne Shaw RIP Rosita Sian RIP
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Companions. Martyrs Joe O'Reilly
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	No mass	St Matthew the Apostle
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Dick Worbey RIP
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No mass	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	No mass	Our Lady of Walsingham

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

**Holy Hour:** Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

**Family Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 10.30 am

**PARISH MASS ON-LINE**

Fr. Denis is also still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass. Mass is accessible through the Parish Facebook page: Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury

For more information, please go to the Parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>

**BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON**

For all services in Church, you need to book online, through our website below. Please go to the Parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>

**THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA THIS LINK:**

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/schooll/index.htm>

**RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN**

Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518.

**St. JOHN'S SCHOOL** is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Please come to the School Office or contact the Head teacher, Thomas Timson on 01462 892478 to make an appointment.

The school website is

<http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

**Newsletter:** Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the dedicated newsletter email address

([baldock.rcc@ntlworld.com](mailto:baldock.rcc@ntlworld.com)) or handing them to

Fr. Denis. Thank you

**CHURCHES FINANCES & COLLECTION**

A word of thanks to all those who have donated for the upkeep of the Parish in one way or another.

There are several ways to support the Parish. One of them is via a standing order, which is easy to set up. Please use the bank account details, available from our website below, or you can write to,

telephone, or visit your bank as well. You can also donate via the website. Or you can contribute after mass in the Collection Plates provided <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock/donate/>. Fr. Denis would like to thank everyone for their generosity during this time of pandemic.

**PLEASE NOTE: Fr Denis will be available to sign application forms for John Henry School on Saturday 2nd October at 10.30am.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 2020**



Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion this weekend; it was a joyous occasion. Please keep the children in your prayers.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



We pray especially for the sick of the parish and for those who care for and support them, especially Angela Gray and Mairead Kirke. We remember those who have died recently: Michael Turner and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Sr Catherine Mulvaney; Patrick Hodnett; Peter Burke; Margaret Pringle; Edith Hudston; Phillip Dean

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**BAPTISM COURSE**

The dates of the two sessions for the forthcoming Baptism Preparation Course are Tuesday, 21st September and Wednesday 29th September at 7.30pm. Each session lasts for about an hour and a half. The sessions will take place at 14, North Road, Baldock, SG7 5BX. For further information contact 07931 761 403.

**First Confession and First Holy Communion 2022 Programme** (Open to any child in Year 3 or above)



The next programme will be commencing in November 2021. Application forms will be available from Sunday 12th September. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Denis.

**RCIA 2021-2022:** Are you an adult non-Catholic interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? If your answer is yes then it may be that the Holy Trinity RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme is for you. The weekly meetings will begin on **Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you live within the Parish of Holy Trinity, Baldock and would like to find out more please speak to Fr Denis Sarsfield on 01462-893127.