

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th September 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14th Sep	Vigil: 24th Sunday	17:00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
		18:00	STJ	John Moore RIP
Sun 15th Sep	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Armando Da Silva Barros RIP
		11:00	STJ	People of the Parishes
		18:00	STM	Rosa Ferreira RIP
Mon 16th Sep	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	10:00	STM	Special Intentions
Tues 17th Sep	Feria	09:00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10:00	STJ	Ignatius (Special Intns)
Wed 18th Sep	Feria	NO MASS TODAY		
Thur 19th Sep	Feria	18:00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		19:00	STJ	Bebe Ryan (Intns)
Fri 20th Sep	St Andrew Kim-Tae-gon	10:00	STM	Liam Potts RIP (Anniv)
Sat 21st Sep	St Matthew	10:30	STM	Terry Lynch
		17:00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
	Vigil: 25th Sunday	18:00	STJ	Robin & Sheila Hulme RIP
Sun 22nd Sep	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Eva & Martin Cox (Special Intns)
		11:00	STJ	Morrillo & Rinaldi families RIP
		18:00	STM	People of the Parishes

CONFESSIONS available Saturday 17:00-17:45

Liturgy of the Word: 15th September 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
 that your prophets be found true.
 Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
 no one can come to the Father except through me.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Psalm 53 James 3: 16-4:3 Mark 9: 30-37

Fr Tom writes

Earlier this week I came across this wonderful quote from St. Josemaria Escriva who said of the path to holiness that the "Spiritual life is - and I repeat this again and again, on purpose - a constant beginning and beginning again." This is what we see in today's Gospel, St Peter proclaims the Christ, but then falls by speaking out against Jesus speaking about his forthcoming suffering and Passion. It is quite a regular occurrence with St Peter, he gets it and then almost immediately doesn't get it.

The same can be said of us - how often have we had a high spiritual point followed by a real low point? How often do we feel like a spiritual failure? Our tendency is to focus on our failures. We beat ourselves up and feel like we are never going to make headway. It is through persevering and continuing to get back up that we actually progress. Strength comes from a willingness to try again and again and again. When we become frustrated with ourselves we need to remember that our ultimate progress is up to God. Rather than looking at this need to start over from the standpoint of failure - even though it is - we should look at it as a gift. Our Lord gives us opportunities to begin again and again. That is how gracious and generous He is in His love and mercy. He never abandons us to our weaknesses, sins, and failures. Our trust is in Him, not our own power and with each new beginning we too are being made new. Like St Peter, our fallings lead us to a new life of understanding.

St Matthew's Day

The Feast of St Matthew, Apostle is on **Saturday 21st September**. St Matthew's will be celebrating with a **Mass at 11am**. All are welcome! There will be light refreshments after the Mass.

At **1.30pm-3.30pm** there will be an **Iconography Talk and Workshop (1.30-3.30pm)** by Sr Esther of Turvey Abbey who wrote the icon of St Matthew. Places are limited. Please email northwood@rcdow.org.uk to book your place (see poster for more details).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Each week there will be three opportunities for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Joseph's Church

Tuesday: Exposition 9am, Morning prayer 9.40am, Mass 10am (followed by the Rosary)

Thursday: Exposition 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm

Saturday: Exposition 5pm (with Confessions) followed by Mass at 6pm



RCIA

If you are not a Catholic and would like to become one please speak with Fr Tom about joining the RCIA course which will begin in late September. If you are a baptised Catholic adult, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, this will also be a chance for you to prepare to receive the sacraments.

Parish Mission at Holy Rood, Watford

Holy Rood are having a parish Mission from **Monday 30th September until Friday 4th October**. It will be led by Fr Royston Price Csr and Fr Maurice O'Mahoney Csr. There will be daily Mass at 7am and 6pm. Leaflets in the narthex with further details, including the nightly 7pm service. Please support if you can.

Baptism

Speak to Fr Tom after one of the Masses if you are interested in having your child baptised. The next Baptism Preparation evening will probably be in November.

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings for Year 7 (First Form pupils)

Tuesday 17th September. The Headmaster will speak at 4.30pm and 6.00pm. You do not need to book the Open Evenings. Full details are available on the website <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>

St Joan of Arc Catholic School

Open Events for prospective students and parents who are looking for Year 7 places in September 2025.

* Open Evening to take place on Thursday 3rd October 2024 from 5.00pm until 8.00pm

* Open Morning to take place on the following morning, Friday 4th October 2024 from 9.00am until 11.30

See school website for further details <https://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/>

St Michael's Catholic High School

Open Evening is on Wednesday 18th September 4.30pm-7.30pm. No appointment necessary.

There is also an Open Morning on Friday 20th September 9.15am-11am with limited places bookable through admissions@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk



100 Club

Thank you to all who support this initiative to raise vital funds for the parish.

Draw No 8 will be held on Sunday 29th September after 11am Mass.

Remember there is a **Bonus prize of £500 in the final draw next January** only for fully paid up members. It is not too late to top-up on any missed draws, so that you can play for the big prize!

Collection from last week:

Sunday 8th September: Loose £ 389.09 Envelopes £ 192.52 Total **£ 581.61**

Many thanks for your continued support.

Please remember all our sick & housebound parishioners in your prayers especially

Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Brendan Davern.
Pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.