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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd September 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21st Sep	Vigil: 25th Sunday	17.00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
		18:00	STJ	Robin & Sheila Hulme RIP
Sun 22nd Sep	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Eva & Martin Cox –Sp Intns
		11:00	STJ	Morrillo & Rinaldi families RIP
		18:00	STM	People of the Parishes
Mon 23rd Sep	St Pius of Pietrelcina	10:00	STM	Holy Souls
Tues 24th Sep	Our Lady of Walsingham	09.00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10:00	STJ	Alex Anton-Thanksgiving
Wed 25th Sep	Feria	NO MASS TODAY		
Thur 26th Sep	Feria	18.00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		19:00	STJ	Kathleen Mahony RIP
Fri 27th Sep	St Vincent de Paul	10.00	STM	Joe Da Cunha RIP
Sat 28th Sep	BVM on a Saturday	10.30	STM	Veronica Savill –Sick
		17:00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
	Vigil: 26th Sunday	18:00	STJ	Michael Hogan RIP
Sun 29th Sep	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Manuel Ferreira –Anniv
		11:00	STJ	People of the Parishes
		18:00	STM	Laurie Scudder RIP (Anniv)

CONFESSIONS available Saturday 17:00-17:45

Liturgy of the Word: 22nd September 2024

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
 Should they cry to me in any distress,
 I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
 anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Numbers 11: 25-29 Psalm 18 James 5:1-6 Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Fr Tom writes

Our Sunday Gospel has a hard lesson to teach us, it is hard because it seems to go against our natural instinct. Jesus calls us to greatness, but not in a way that we may expect. We must become great through humble, self-giving service. Greatness, in Jesus' view, is found in our willingness to accept, welcome, and serve those who are considered unacceptable by reason of class, colour, religion, language, wealth, or culture. We must welcome people the way a child welcomes them before they are taught discrimination. If we are to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges: (1) to put ourselves last, (2) to be the servant of all, (3) to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and (4) to expect nothing in return.

We should not seek recognition and recompense for the services we do for Christ and the Church as parents, teachers, friends, etc. Trusting Faith, both causes and results from, true humility, for these two synergize, deepen each other, and both are essential for all corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Since children reflect the innocence, purity, simplicity, and tenderness of our Lord, and since they are given the protection of a guardian angel, we are to love them, train them, and take care not to give scandal to them. We need to try to treat everyone with love and respect because as St Basil tells us, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life"

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



Parish Office

The Parish office will not be open on Tuesday and will reopen on Thursday.

Certificate of Catholic Practice

Fr Tom will be available to sign school forms on the following dates

Monday 23rd September 5.30pm - 6.45pm (at St Matthew's)

Friday 27th September 4.00pm - 6.00pm (at St Matthew's)

Saturday 28th September 2.00pm - 4.30pm (at St Joseph's)

Thursday 3rd October 3.30pm - 5.00pm (at St Joseph's)

If you wish to have a school form signed, please call the Parish Office (St Matthew's or St Joseph's) to book a time slot (to save you having to wait too long).

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.

Baptism

Speak to Fr Tom after one of the Masses if you are interested in having your child baptised. The next Baptism Preparation evening is on Thursday 21st November at 7.45pm in St Matthew's (Fr Bebb Room)..



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!

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.

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/>

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is kept on Sunday 22nd September. Pope Francis has chosen as this year's theme, 'God walks with his people', and the full text of the Pope's message can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-message-for-the-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees/> The World Day will also be marked in this diocese by the celebration of the annual International Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 28th September at 6pm at which the Cardinal will preside. All are welcome at this Mass in which the ethnic chaplaincies in the diocese will have a leading role.

Collection from last week:

Sunday 8th September: Loose £ 339.75 Envelopes £ 286.64 Total £ **626.39**
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 Bobby Cooper, Ann Temmink and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.