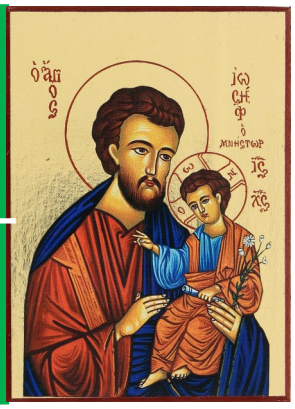


The Parishes of Northwood and Carpenders Park & South Oxhey

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
23rd August 2026



Worship this week

Sunday Readings: *Year A* ***Weekday Readings:*** *Week 21 (Yr 2)* ***Daily Office:*** *Wk 1*

(Saturday)	**6.00pm: Anticipated Mass of Sunday** *Bessie Hennessy RIP (St Joseph's)*
Sunday 23rd *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*	**9.00am: Mass** - *Vince Thapermall RIP(2nd Anniv)(St Matthew's)* **11.15am: Mass-** *Baby Michael West(Thanksgiving)(St Joseph's)* **6.00pm: Mass** - *People of the Parishes (St Matthew's)*
Monday 24th *S. Bartholomew*	**9.30am Rosary** **10.00am: Mass** - *Clement & John Joseph Fernandez RIP (Anniv) (St Matthew's)*
Tuesday 25th *Feria*	**9.30am Rosary** **10.00am: Mass** - *Sheila Butler (Birthday Intns) (St Joseph's)*
Wednesday 26th *Bl Dominic Barberi*	**NO PUBLIC MASS**
Thursday 27th *S. Monica*	**6.30pm Rosary** **7.00pm: Mass** - *Elsie Petch RIP (Anniv) (St Joseph's)*
Friday 28th *S. Augustine*	**9.30am Rosary** **10.00am: Mass** - *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (St Matthew's)*
Saturday 29th *Beheading of S John the Baptist*	**10.00am: Rosary** *(St Matthew's)* **10.30am:Mass** - *Catherine & Michael O'Sullivan (Wedd Anniv)* 11.00am - 11.50am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions **ending with Benediction** 5.00pm -5.45pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions *(St Joseph's)* **6.00pm: Anticipated Mass of Sunday** *- People of the Parishes*
Sunday 30th *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*	**9.00am: Mass** - *Gilda Kumarathasan (Sp Intns) (St Matthew's)* **11.15am: Mass** - *Catherine Birch (Thanksgiving & Private Intns)(St Joseph's)* **6.00pm: Mass** *–Florence Rodrigo RIP (Birthday)(St Matthew's)*

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to have a Mass intention (or lamp prayer intention) for a particular date.

You can make a donation to either parish by using the appropriate QR code.

St Matthew's Church
32 Hallowell Road,
Northwood
HA6 1DW

Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.00am - 3.30pm

St Joseph's Church
111 Oxhey Drive,
Watford
WD19 7SW

Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30am - 3.30pm

Lamp Prayer Intentions

(St Matthew's)
Blessed Sacrament
Steven Frith RIP (Anniv)
Our Lady

(St Joseph's)
Blessed Sacrament
Margaret & Denis Dunne –Intns
Our Lady
The Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Please join us in praying for those who are sick and those who have died:

Please contact us with any additional names you may wish to be added to these lists which are updated weekly, and accept our apologies for anyone we have omitted.

For those who are sick: Mary Emmanuel, Joe Mullen, Leo McLoughlin, Patrick Coyle, Lourdes D'Silva Torres, Eliana Ost, James Conradi, Anne Paget, Mary Vaughan, Helen Jones, Sinead Ceasar, Gilda Kumarathasan, Siobhan Frost, Leslie Caesar, Mary Elizabeth Thomas, Georgette Gornall, Ann Archer, Kathleen Lynch, Kathleen Andrews, Harry Nandlal, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Brendan Davern, Shay Murray, Ruby King, John Wildsmith, Cecil Swampillai, Belinda Plummer, Marilyn Theodore, Veronica Savill, Levan Soloman, Patricia Procter, Philip Wilson, Mary Hyde, King Charles, Moira Montgomery, Patricia Lee, Peter Fitzpatrick, Mark O'Connor, Marie Marron, Carol-Ann Frost, Ron Picardo, Kerry Blackburn, James Wilson, Rafael Pino, Julius Fayiti, Anna Kelly, Justin, Margaret Downing, as well as others for whom we have been praying together recently.

For those who have died recently, Michael McCarthy, Erma Fernandes, Horace Clarke and all who have died as a result of violence, war and conflict or natural disaster and those who have no one to pray for them.

For those whose anniversary occurs around this time: Jean West, Hannah Tolputt, George Morris, Jack Neville, Kathleen Sayer, Peter Butler, Grace Rigby, Aiden Byrne, Mary Whitmarsh, Mary Braganza, Michael Delaney, Mwanaisha Chande, Robert Diserens, Bridie Bartholomew, Merlyn Philips, Angelo Pignone, Veva Saurin, Nancy Reid, Marion McNeil.

Pope's Prayer Intention for August. For evangelization in the city, that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Readings at Sunday Mass

First reading *Isaiah 22:15, 19-23*

Thus says the Lord God of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house." '

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 6, 8bc. (R8bc*

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.
I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.
I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.
The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.
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Second reading *Romans 11:33-36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
ou are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20*

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of The Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

St Matthew's 200 Club

It's time to renew subscriptions for the 200 Club. Renewal/ Application forms are available at the back of church. This will be for the September draw.

Parish BBQ/Picnic

Thank you to all those who contributed and came to the parish BBQ last week. A special thank you to the hard workers who cooked, cleaned and helped the BBQ happen.

Good Books

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 9th September** at **7.00pm** in the Fr Bebb Room in Northwood. We will be discussing **Shy Creatures** by **Clare Chambers**. Don't be shy to come along! If you'd like to read along but cannot come along to meetings, do consider joining our WhatsApp group. See the poster in either of our churches for details.

September marks the first anniversary of our book group! If you are interested in joining us – in person or in the WhatsApp group – or just want to hear about what we have been reading, do come along to the **café at Carpenders Park Garden Centre on Wednesday 2 September any time between 11 am and 2 pm** where we'll be treating ourselves to coffee, cake and book chat. The poster in the porch of both churches also has more information.