

## Mass intentions.

Because of the multiplicity of the Mass intentions which people want offered the list will no longer be published in the newsletter. However they will be available for viewing in the church porch. They will also be on the Altar for the celebrant to announce as per usual

## The Catholic week: 25h Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Collections

Sunday 19th Mission Sunday—collection for Home Mission Appeal

### Liturgical Calendar

**Monday 20th** St. Andrew Taegon and Companions. The Korean Martyrs of the early to mid 19th century. Pope John Paul II canonised 98 Koreans and 3 French missionaries in 1984. These included priests and bishops but they were mainly lay people.

**Tuesday 21st** St. Matthew. He was a tax collector from Capernaum who was called by Jesus to be an Apostle. He became the evangelist who wrote his Gospel in Hebrew.

**Wednesday 22nd** Feria

**Thursday 23rd** St. Pius of Pietrelcina. Formerly known as Padre Pio (25th May 1887—23rd September 1968). Capuchin Friar and Priest, first stigmatised priest in the history of the church (1918). Known for his confessional and spiritual guidance. Prayerful and austere. Loved the Mass and Our Lady. Lived a life of intense suffering and constant apostolic activity in San Giovanni Rotondo. Canonised 16th June 2002 by Pope John Paul II

**Friday 24th** Our Lady of Walsingham. England's Nazareth. Goes back to Saxon times. Built originally as a replica of Nazareth and the Annunciation to Mary. One of the foremost shrines of Medieval Christendom. Destroyed during Reformation. Long period of restoration. First Mass since the Reformation offered there on 15th August 1934. Became the national shrine of Our Lady.

**Saturday 18th** Feria. Blessed Virgin Mary

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees** On Sunday 26th September 2021. The church has been celebrating this day since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for vulnerable people on the move, to pray for them as they face many challenges and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

**We pray for those who have died: Bernadette Murphy, Patrick Mulloy, Eileen McGovern, Paul Kerrigan, Maureen Kerrigan, Geraldine O'Flaherty and Sister Lily Costello. May they rest in peace. We pray for those who are sick:** Michael Kerins, Neil Campbell, Adam Joseph Forster, Kay Shea, May Byrne, Helena Quinlan, Cathy Mahony, Barney Collins, Joan Queely, David Geaughen-Powell, Grace Shuker, Patrick Shea, Brian Walsh, David Sheehan, Richard Hamilton-Barritt, Ann Mulligan, Justyna Klis, Mary Quinn, Marie Dunne, Monica Lynch, Noel Keane, Matilda Semakula, Theresa Mangan, Natalie Steinberg, Annaliza Ordanzcv. J Constantine, Marleny Neyra Ochoa, Sarah Gallagher, Alice Elsley



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*A House of Prayer*

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*A Community of  
Faith*

Parish Priest: *Fr. John Buckley*

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**18th/19th September  
2021**

**Mass Times:**

*Subject to Change*

**Saturday**

10:00am and 6:30pm  
(Vigil)

**Sunday**

9:00am, 10:30am, 12  
Noon, 6:30pm

**Monday to Friday**

9:15am

**Confessions**

On request

### This Week's Diary

**Friday:** AA—Hall—8pm

**Saturday 18th September 2:30pm and Sunday 19th September 2:30pm** First Holy Communion Masses. 32 Children will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time.

## **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2021** Children of the Kingdom

This weekend marks the celebration of First Holy Communion in the parish. The timing is of course unusual, thanks to Covid which has had such an impact on every facet of life. Jesus clearly loved children and this weekend is certainly about them. We see in the Gospel how Jesus uses the example of children to portray what he himself and the Kingdom are all about.

The adult disciples that Jesus encounters have their own agenda. They are concerned about which one of them will be the greatest in the new dispensation of things. Rather than giving them a piece of his mind Jesus places before them a little child, a symbol of innocence and purity, without status or power. This is what the Kingdom is about and it invites all those who share the attributes of a child to become its members. It is clear then why Jesus tended to associate more with the lowly people he came across in his life. They in fact become his people.

Children tend to be open and often have the ability to ask difficult questions. After hearing the clearly difficult teaching regarding Jesus' own death and resurrection the disciples are afraid to ask any more. What the child may tend to ask the disciples do not. For them it's much easier to discuss status and prestige.

To truly learn from Jesus, the great teacher, we must become like the little child in the Gospel. It means casting aside our own concerns and being open to a new reality. Our Christian belief is centred on the Paschal Mystery, which means the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. Adopting the poise of a child it involves being open and humble in the face of this great mystery. We are led not towards considerations of greatness but to faith, love and commitment. We are taught not just about dying but about life itself and where it ultimately leads to. As St. Augustine said "faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe."

**Fr. John**

### **Special appeal from Fr. John—Improving Parish Infrastructure.**

Last week I made an appeal for volunteers to come forward and offer their services.

I have had precisely zero replies!

I know that many of our parishioners possess the skills to help with Eucharistic duties, reading, cleaning, Catechism, working with our young people, etc. so I appeal again, call the office and give us a hand. Catechism would be an hour or so on a Monday or Tuesday at 4pm from October for First Communion or Monday at 7pm from January for Confirmation.

*We are looking forward to hearing from you*

### **Covid-19 route map for churches**

It is important that we continue to mitigate against the risks of virus transmission. For that reason we will continue with the measures we have had in place. In the main these include the use of hand sanitiser and the wearing of face coverings in church. The cleaning of the church by our small band of dedicated helpers will continue as before. We also have track and trace in operation. On the question of social distancing and church capacity there is room for re-assessment here. The general principles provide for this. We will however continue to stick to what we have been doing up to now. Our present attendance at the various masses does fall within the Covid-secure capacity as we now understand it. The Saturday and Sunday evening masses still have considerable space available. We will continue to re-assess the Covid-secure capacity of the church of course. As things stand we are as safe as safe can be. Thanking you for your co-operation.

### **Funerals**

Requiem Mass for **Patrick Mulloy**, Wednesday 22nd September at 11:00am.

Requiem Mass for **Paul Kerrigan**, Tuesday 28th September at 11:00am.

Requiem Mass for **Geraldine O’Flaherty**, Thursday 30th September at 11:00am.

Requiem Mass for **Maureen Kerrigan**, Tuesday 5th October at 11:00am.

**May they rest in peace, Amen.**

**Baptism:** Group preparation meetings are no longer taking place but if you would like to have your child Baptised please contact the parish office (020 8452 2475) between 10-2pm, Monday to Friday.

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### **Collection**

The collection last weekend raised £1,546.69p

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

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### **St Agnes Toddler group:**

is suspended until further notice

**Family Number Cards:** if you have run out please email [Cricklewood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Cricklewood@rcdow.org.uk) with your name and number and you will be sent some more.

**St. James Open Evening** on Wednesday 22 September 2021 from 5.30pm for secondary applications. <https://www.st-james.barnet.sch.uk/238/admissions-1>

### **‘Zoom’ Choir**

Although we are not currently having choir singing in the Church we are launching a ‘Zoom’ choir on Tuesday's at 7.30pm. If you wish to join please email the office [Cricklewood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Cricklewood@rcdow.org.uk) so you can be sent a link.

**First Communion Thanksgiving Mass—26th September 2021 at 10:30am.** The children can wear their Communion clothes, collect their certificates and have a party in the St. Agnes centre afterwards. Bring food to share!

**The Walsingham National Novena to prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham on September 24th begins on September 15th and has many personal and daily intentions.** <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/novena/>

Sacred Heart Hammersmith admissions—prospective parents for 2022/23 should go to the website to book tickets for the open day, 23rd Sep 3.30pm [www.sacredhearhigh.org.uk](http://www.sacredhearhigh.org.uk)

Polite reminder: please go pew by pew starting from the front rows and still observe social distancing when you are queueing to receive Communion