**SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER, 2019 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*(Parish Mass Book 71)*

**ST MATTHEW’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY 7 18.00(Vigil) Kathleen & Eardley McHeyzer RIPSUNDAY 8 09.00 Philip Wilson (Intn)
 *23rd Sunday in* 11.15 Tony Marono RIP
 *Ordinary time* 18.00 Richard Elliott’s Family Intn
MONDAY 9 10.00 *No intention yet*
 *St Peter Claver*TUESDAY 10 10.00 Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 11 10.00 *No intention yet*
THURSDAY 12 10.00 *No intention yet*
 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*FRIDAY 13 10.00 *No intention yet* *St John Chrysostom*SATURDAY 14 10.00 *No intention yet*
*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*18.00(Vigil) *No intention yet*SUNDAY 15 09.00 Regina Figueiredo (Intns)
 *24th Sunday in* 11.15 Jane Nonyane (Anniv)
 *Ordinary time*.18.00 Richard Elliott’s Family Intn

**SERVICES**

Morning Prayer: Daily *(except Sunday)* 09.45 -
Exposition Tuesday 10.30 – 11.15
Benediction “ 11.15
Exposition Saturday 10.30 – 11.15
Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11.15
 17.00 – 17.45

**PARISH DIARY**

Sunday 8th 10.00 Big Breakfast *(Hall)* 8th 12.15 Coffee & Cake *(Hall)*Wednesday 11th 10.30Prayers for our Children *(Church)* 11th 10.30 UCM *(Fr Bebb Rm)*Friday 13th 13.30 Prayer Group *(Fr Bebb Rm)*

**COUNTERS**

This week 8th C Quirk & P Tonra am
Next week 15th M & J Ferguson am

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Please remember the following in your prayers:- John Cash, Mrs Klavkowski, Michael Enskat, Laura Everest, Curzio Pirfo, Czeslaw Czaprowski, Mary Hodgison, Alexandre Silva, Bella King, Margaret Tso, Gerard O’Brien, John Donohoe, Margaret Saines, Mary Ahern, Dominic Manley, Amy D’Souza, Cecil Cain, Eileen Murray, Kathleen Wood, Duncan Webster, , Lisa Walker, James Elton, Michael Coyle, Timor Yonel, Jason Jackson, Luke Slater, Anna Benton, Joe Da Silva, Emma Quirke, Mary Wallace, Jacob Nuske, Susan Birley, Barrie Jervis, Ann Kelly,.
N.B. Please tell us when people can be taken off the list.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Last Sunday’s Offertory collection amounted to £670.79. The second collection to assist in repaying the Hall Loan, thanks to a couple of very generous contributions amounted to £231.24. Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019/20**

Young people who were 13 years of age or older on 31st August 2019, and have made their First Communion, are invited to enrol for preparation for Confirmation. Enrolment Forms will be available shortly. NOTE: Young people not attending a Catholic School are required to have attended Year 8 Sunday School before joining the Confirmation Programme:

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Six months’ notice of intention to marry is required in Westminster Diocese (and in most Dioceses). Anyone intending to marry before April, 2020 should therefore please speak to Fr Brian as soon as possible, if they have not already given notice in the parish.

**NEW PARISH PRIEST**

This weekend we welcome Fr Brian O’Mahony as Parish Priest who very much looks forward to getting to know people.
The farewell celebration for Fr Tim will take place on the weekend of 12th/13th October, when we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of St Matthew’s Church. Details yet to be finalised.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council in the Fr Bebb Room at 7.30pm tomorrow Monday 9th September.

**HOME MISSION RETIRING COLLECTION**

There will be a retiring collection after the Sunday Masses next weekend to support the work of our Bishops In promoting evangelisation in the parishes.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019/20**

Any last applications to register children for Sunday School should please be made this weekend so the course books can be ordered. Sunday School for children in Years 1 - 5 begins on 22nd September. Parents who are new to our Sunday School are asked to attend a meeting in the Fr Bebb Room at 7.30pm on Monday 16th September.

**THE BIBLE TIMELINE**

This study course makes reading the Bible not only easy but exciting. It offers 23 weeks of sharing and watching excellent DVD teaching of scripture in a fun and easy to understand way.
To sign up for the course, please sign up on the clip board in the Church Porch. The necessary workbook costs £33 and the course is otherwise FREE. We start Thursday 19th September 2019 @ 12.45-14.45 in the Fr. Bebb room. Come and join us - you will truly hear God speaking to you personally.

**Planned Giving Envelope Number 19**

Would the person who is using Planned Giving envelope No. 19 please speak to Fr Brian, as somehow we do not have all the details needed to properly record your conributions.

**Scripture from Scratch**

With Sister Anne Walsh OP - *Living as if we believed in God,*looking at God's plan for Creation and Begins **Thursday, 26 September** (fortnightly until 21 November) **7.30-9.00**pm (suggested donation £5). **Venue:** Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE. Contact events@nilandconferencecentre.co.ukor 07746 707 247.

**Ministers & Readers Rota**

There is a new rota for September and October available in the Sacristy for those who haven’t received one via email.

**BECOMING A VOLUNTEER**

Caritas Westminster invites anyone interested in volunteering to a free session covering the basic ‘need-to-knows’ about becoming a volunteer. Wednesday 25th September, 6.30-8.30pm, , at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Refreshments from 6 pm. Please RSVP by calling 020 7931 6077, emailing caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or search the title [“Volunteering in the Community: Getting Started” on Eventbrite.](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/volunteering-in-the-community-getting-started-tickets-64972088265)

**Support Victims of Modern Slavery Classical Concert, St Mary’s Church (Cadogan Street) – Wednesday 25th September, 6pm.**

In one of the hidden architectural treasures of London, St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, the Janus Ensemble, alongside soloists Ariana Kashefi (cello) and Oliver Wass (harp) will present an evening of classical music, in aid of Caritas Bakhita House & Saint John Of God Hospitaller Services. Drinks and food will be provided during the intermission. Tickets are available to purchase by searching for the event title on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/support-victims-of-modern-slavery-classical-concert-tickets-61926624200).

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**BREXIT and EU CITIZENS SETTLED STATUS**

Given that BREXIT on 31st Ocotober seems more and more likely, our Bishops want to ensure that all EU citizens are aware that they need to apply under the “Setlement Scheme” if they want to protect their existing rightsand their place in our society.
Details of the Scheme can be found at:
https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families. It would be a very good thing if every parishioner were to make sure that all EU citizens they know or have contact with are aware of the need to apply, and be ready to help with the process if necessary. The government website has instructions in the languages of the EU, and there is no cost involved.
NOTE:Any EU citizen who has been in the UK for 5 years or more should apply for “Settled Status” NOT “Pre-Settled Status.”

**ST MATTHEW’S PARISH HALL**

Enquiries about hiring the Hall should please be addressed to Karen Baker who has kindly agreed to look after Hall bookings. Contact details are shown at the top of this Newsletter.

**MUSICIANS and SINGERS**

We are always happy to welcome new musicians to accompany our singing at Mass. If you would like to join in, please speak to one of the musicians or singers after Mass, or speak to Fr Brian.

**JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING**

“Laudato Si” and “Greening our Sundays” mentioned above are just two of a wide range of issues that might be included under the umbrella title of “Justice and Peace” – how we might answer the call to live at peace with God and our neighbours. We have the nmakings of such a group already, having assisted one of our families in challenging a “Leave to Remain” issue, and starting to address the environmental emergency question.

**‘GREENING’ OUR SUNDAYS**

One response we could make to the challenge to live more sustainably is to think about how to get to Church; do we have to use a petrol or diesel-engined car, could we offer a lift to someone, could we cycle or walk instead? These are just some of the actions that might lessen our impact on the environment.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

With the passage of time, our the little band of cleaners has shrunk, and we now would welcome more volunteers to assist. It has been the practice to clean the Church on Monday mornings, but it could equally well be done in the evening, and if we had enough people, we could have a rota so that people would only be called on every other week.
If you are able to help, please fill in one of the pink Household Information forms (available from the table by the small door in the Church Porch) to show that you can help with the cleaning, and give your form to Fr Tim, or put it through the Presbytery letterbox.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES**

Diocesan job vacancies can be seen at <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>. New vacancies are added as and when they arise.

**REPAYING THE HALL LOAN**

 The Finance Committee has asked that we take up a second collection after Communion on those weekends when there is no retiring collection. Obviously not everyone will be in a position to give more than they currently do, but those who are able are requested to do what they can.
Parishioners who pay UK Income Tax can increase the value of their donations by making a Gift Aid declaration and creating a record of their contributions by using “one-off” donation envelopes. or giving by Bank standing Order. Cash placed in the collection basket does not qualify for the Gift Aid scheme.

**THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?**

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced re-trovi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The programme is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. There is no therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, please call or text 07887 296983 0r 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail. Or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

**VOLUNTEER YEAR AT SPEC,
THE DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT CENTRE**

SPEC, the diocesan youth retreat centre, offers the possibility of a volunteer year for young adults. The volunteer missionary would live on site in Pinner in the residential community, receive formation and accompaniment in their faith and serve as a retreat facilitator, working with the employed retreat leaders.

**FURTHER TALKS & FAITH EVENTS**

To see a wider range of the events around the Diocese that might be of interest, go to livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

The sales of the National Catholic newspapers in our Parish have fallen considerably in recent years. It may be that those who previously took a copy now receive it via the internet, in which case the papers are still achieving their aim of giving a Catholic perspective on national and international events and social issues, as well as events in the Church, and pastoral and spiritual matters. In these days when there is so much ‘fake news’ and partisan blogging on the internet, the Catholic news media can keep us well-informed on matters affecting our faith. Sadly if sales of paper copies do not improve, we may have to stop stocking them.
If you would like to have a free copy of a recent issue, to take home and assess, please ask in the Sacristy.

HOME VISITS

Because of age or infirmity, it is inevitable that some members of our Parish may be unable to get to Mass, in which case Fr Brian would be happy to arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to the home. Others might just appreciate a member of the Parish to visit simply for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. If you know of a housebound member of the Parish who would appreciate a visit, or to receive Holy Communion at home, please speak to Fr Brian.

If this is something you yourself would like to do, please speak to Fr Brian. Safeguarding checks will apply.

**LEGACY GIFTS TO ST MATTHEW’S**

As we remember the Dedication of our Church all those years ago, and those who have contributed to the Parish down the years, it would be good to reflect on what we can do in our time to contribute to our Parish community. This is a time of year when many solicitors offer a free Will-writing service, and if you take advantage of this service, you might consider leaving a bequest to St Matthew’s. There is a leaflet “Please Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will” which can be found in the Church Porch.

**FAMILY PARTICIPATION AT 9AM MASS**

During School term time, the Sunday School classes take it in turn to provide Readers and bring the gifts to the Altar at the 9am Mass on Sunday. Over the holidays when Sunday School is not in session, we would be only too pleased to have Parish families read and bring up the gifts. Any family who would like to do this should please speak to Fr Brian – who will be very happy to provide readings and any guidance that might be needed.

**TEXT GIVING BY MOBILE PHONE**

A donation can be made to St Matthew’s by mobile phone – just text “Parish NWOOD” to 70800 to donate £5 to our Parish.

**Brunel University Chaplaincy**

The Chaplaincy space on campus at Brunel can be found at The Meeting House in Zone A. Mass is celebrated there once a month. The Catholic Society meets every Wednesday at 5.30pm- 7pm Morning and Evening Prayer is said Mon-Fri at 8.30am and 5.30pm respectively. Lectio Divina takes place each Tuesday at 12.30 – 1pm. Sr Mary Kenefick is the Chaplain and would love to hear from you: mary.kenefick@brunel.ac.uk.

“ONE OFF “DONATIONS

If you wish to make a “one off” donation, or have forgotten your Planned Giving envelopes, please use one of the special envelopes available in the Church Porch, or donate via mobile phone – see below. Unfortunately donation by mobile phone does not qualify for Gift Aid, which needs a record of the donor’s name and address.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

The Diocese of Westminster Education Service will always be glad to hear from anyone interested in becoming Foundations Governors of Catholic Schools. Please see the poster outside the Church, or speak to Fr Brian.

**New Foundation Degree for Catholics working in Healthcare and those seeking to be Chaplains.**

Starting in October, St Mary’s University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics, Theology and Care. This is a part time two year programme for those seeking to be hospital chaplains and for people working in healthcare settings, from care homes, to hospices and hospitals. Lectures and seminars take place at St Mary’s one evening a week and additional lectures and resources are available online. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk

**Arrivals and Departures**

If you are newly arrived in the Parish, please make yourself known to Fr Brian, who will usually be outside the Church after all the Sunday Masses, and please also complete one of the pink Household Information forms that can be found just inside the side door of the Church. This can be handed to Fr Brian, or put into the special box in the Porch.
If you are about to leave the Parish, it would be helpful to tell Fr Brian and if you would like a formal send-off and a blessing at the end of the last Sunday Mass you attend, once again, tell Fr Brian.

**ECHO is a retreat for young adults aged 16-25.**

This is an opportunity to explore the beauty and depth of what the Church teaches about what is to be human, and how we can be happy. The invitation is to join in a journey to discover more of who you were made to be; there will be live music, sports, art, times for questions, times for prayer, times to learn and lots of good food and conversations. Ever wondered what you were made for? Want to live ‘fully alive’? Come join us to find what ECHOs in your heart. More information: rebekahcurran@rcdow.org.uk / <http://dowym.com/events/echo-theology-body-retreat/>

**CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

Catholic professionals should be aware of the existence of the Catholic Medical Association, a charitable organisation aimed at the support and education of Catholic ideals among the caring professions. It’s membership is open to Catholic carers including Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers Pharmacists and other professionals involved in the treatment and care of patients in all areas of the NHS and Private sector. For details please visit <http://www.catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk/> or <http://www.cmq.org.uk/index.html>

**Ministers and Readers**

The Ministers’ and Readers’ rota is normally sent out by email to those who have provided an email address, and hard copies are available in the Sacristy for others. Any Minister or Reader unable to fulfil their assigned duty, is asked to please make every effort to find a substitute in good time, or at least inform the Parish office so that the celebrant can be aware of the situation before Mass starts.

**Free safeguarding training**

An online, interactive E-Learning safeguarding course is now available to all in the Catholic Church. If you have a role (voluntary or paid) working with children/adults at risk or have an interest in safeguarding, this training will help you to learn how to better protect children/ adults at risk in your care and community. Modules available include: Child Exploitation & Online Safety and Adult Safeguarding. To register please email details of your name, parish, and your role e.g. parent, catechist leader, to: safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk. For more information ask Fr Tim.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

**Restless Hearts (Adults 18+)**

Do you feel restless? Join our group for the opportunity to find hope and inspiration as we search together for direction in our lives. We will share times of prayer, welcome guest speakers, discuss our experiences and draw on the example of St Augustine who always had a restless heart. This group is aimed at people over the age of 18 who would like to discover their vocation in life with the help of God. If you would like to find out more about the group or to join please contact Chiara on chiara.rh2015@gmail.com

The group meets on the first Thursday of every month in the Augustinian Centre, 55 Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith. W6 8AU

**CATHOLIC UNDER 35s IN LONDON**

This group runs regular social events aimed at 18 to 35s so that young Catholics can get to know each other in London. Visit [www.CatholicUnder35s.com](http://www.CatholicUnder35s.com) and join their Facebook group to find out more.

**MASS ON THE INTERNET**

Those who are housebound or otherwise unable to get to Mass regularly and have access to the internet can join in with Mass at St Mary of the Angels Church at Worthing or Holy Apostles Pimlico at the following times:-
St Mary of the Angels: ([www.humilitas.org](http://www.humilitas.org)) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday -Saturday at 10am. Sunday at 8.30 and 10.30am and 7.30pm (Italian).
Holy Apostles Pimlico: ([www.holyapostlespimlico.org](http://www.holyapostlespimlico.org)) Monday - Friday 9.30am (preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.15am). Sunday at 9 and 10.30am with a Spanish Mass at 12.30pm.

**Supporting St Matthew’s by Standing Order**

Following the closure of our local bank branch, the task of banking the collection has been made easier by the number of parishioners who now make their Offertory donations by Standing Order. For those contributing by Standing Order who wish to have something to put in the collection basket, there is a supply of small donation cards in the Porch. Parishioners might also wish to review their support of the parish and adjust any current Standing Order if their circumstances have changed. Equally anyone paying Income Tax who does not currently Gift Aid their donation might consider doing so. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available in the Porch. Completed forms should please be put into the Offertory basket, or handed-in at the Presbytery.

Calling **all “Facebook” users**

When visiting “Facebook”, please add “My Hospital Prayer and Activities Book” as a “like”, to aid its publicity. This unique and original Catholic publication aims to help children pray if they are patients in a hospital.
All proceeds from the book go to “Seasons for Growth Eng. & Wales”, a bereavement charity for children.

**PARISH LIBRARY**

We have a small Library of books in the Church Porch. Any book can be borrowed – just put your details in the ‘Lending-out’ book on the top – but some, especially for children, are suitable for use during Mass. There is a good stock of ‘My Little Missal’, which parents might find helpful for use by their children. If you borrow a book during Mass, please make sure it goes back in the right place when you leave, and if you take a book home, please return it when you’ve finished it.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**

Explore is a charity bringing volunteer married couples into schools and parishes to allow 14 – 17 year olds to explore what marriage is all about, to learn in a dynamic way the importance of lasting relationships and to inspire them to aspire to lifelong marriage. Please consider volunteering (only twice or three times a year) visit [www.theexploreexperience.co.uk](http://www.theexploreexperience.co.uk). Contact edmundadamus@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7798 9363.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PRAYER GROUP**

A Contemplative Prayer Group for young, adults in their 20s and 30s meets at Corpus Christi on Maiden Lane, Covent Garden every Wednesday from 7pm for a time of Eucharistic Adoration, Contemplative Prayer and Personal Intercession. Regular events include the celebration of Mass and a Eucharistic healing service both monthly. They gather for a time of fellowship at the Coal Hole on the Strand afterwards. For further details please contact: corpuschristipg@yahoogroups.co.uk

**Jesus Christ the fullness of life (JCFL)**

JCFL provides a space for Christians from different traditions to come together in prayer and friendship. A Prayer Vigil takes place on the first Thursday of the month at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm St, W1K 3AH at 7.30pm. It includes readings, from Holy Scripture, music, prayer, intercession and silence, after which there is the opportunity to continue the sharing in a local pub. Visit [www.jcfl.org.uk](http://www.jcfl.org.uk).

**PARKING IN HALLOWELL ROAD**

 All drivers parking in the street are asked not to park on the private driveways next to the Church, and to be careful not to block access to and from the driveways. Space can usually be found in our car park behind the Hall, against the railway fence, or behind the Presbytery. Please however take care not to block access to the flats’ car park or the Cook’s Garage site.

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