**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15th 2019 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**ST MATTHEW’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**MASSSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY 14th 18.00(Vigil) **People of the Parish**SUNDAY 15th 9.00 **Regina Figueiredo (Int.)**
(*24th Sunday in* 11.15 **Jane Nonyane (Anniv)**
*Ordinary time)* 18.00 **Richard Elliott’s Family Int**.

 *Weekday 10 am Masses preceded by Morning Prayer at 9:45* MONDAY 16th 10.00 N*o intention yet*
TUESDAY 17th 10.00 **Sylvia Menezes**

 *10:30- 11:30 Exposition with Benediction*

WEDS 18th 10.00 *No intention yet*
THURS 19th 7:.30 am **Private intention**
FRIDAY 20th 10.00 **Jennifer White RIP**SATURDAY 21st 10.00 **Prayer-book intentions**

 *10:30 – 11:30 Exposition (Confessions avaible*)

 17:00 – 17:45 *Confessions*

 18:00 (Vigil) SUNDAY 22nd 09.00 **Giuseppe Noviello (Anniv.)**
(*25th Sunday in* 11.15 **Peroly Naveratnam (Anniv.)**
*Ordinary time)*.18.00 **Richard Elliott’s Family Int.**

**FR TIM’S FAREWELL**

* **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 13th OCTOBER 11:00am**

Our opportunity to formally thank Fr Tim for 18 years of dedicated and loving service as Parish Priest of St Matthw’s will be on **Sunday October 13th.** Fr Tim will celebrate Mass of the dedication of the the Church at  **11:00am,** followed by a parish party.

**Please note the change of mass time** In order to welcome as many parishioners as possible, **there will be only *ONE* morning Mass that day – there will be no 9am Mass.** A sign-up sheet for the bring-and-share party is now in the church Narthex.

* **Wanted: photos & memories of Fr Tim**

The recent meeting of the Parish Council agreed that we would collect photos and memories of Fr Tim’s time with us here in St Matthews in a book to present to him as a keepsake. Please forward any photos that you may like included to eileenosullivan@rcdow.org.uk proper ‘hard-copy’ photos are welcome also; because of time constraints, ideally these should be scanned and sent to us electronically.

* **Collection for farewell gift for Fr Tim.**

From next weekend there will be envelopes available for anyone who wishes to make a personal contribution to Fr Tim’s retirement gift from the Parish. These can be returned in the regular offering baskets. Any cheques can be made out to the parish, with ‘*Fr Tim’s leaving gift’* clearly marked on the reverse.

**GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

**HOME MISSION RETIRING COLLECTION**

There will be a retiring collection at all the Masses this weekend to support the work of the Bishops’ Conference in promoting evangelisation initiatives in our country.

 **PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Wednesday 18th 10.30Prayers for our Children *(Church)*

Thursday 19th TBC Bible Timeline commencesFriday 20th 13.30 Prayer Group *(Fr Bebb Rm)*

Sunday 22nd Sunday School begins

**COUNTERS**

This week 15th M & J Ferguson am
Next week 22nd J Wildsmith am
 Mrs Fernandez pm

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION(S)**

Offertory collection: £814.59

Second Collection £568.75

Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Please continue to pray for all on our parish sick list, and those who have asked for our prayers.

**CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

As announced last week, it is necessary to change the time of the regular weekday Mass on Thursday to **7:30am.** This is because Fr Brian will be away from the parish on Thursdays as he has been also been asked to join the teaching staff of Allen Hall, our Diocesan Seminary.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019/20 and Childrens’ Liturgy of the Word**

As announced last week, the first Sunday School session for the year will be **Sunday 22nd** September, not this Sunday as previously advertised. From Next Sunday (Sept 22nd), any children at the 9am Mass from Nursery-age upwards and who have not made their 1St Holy Communion, will be invited to participate in a Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 9am Mass.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019/20**

Our parish Confirmation course is being finalised. Enrolment forms will be available for Confirmation will be available in the next few weeks

**THE BIBLE TIMELINE**

This initiative to help parishioners discover more about the Bible will commence this week. Please see flyers and posters in the church narthex for more information

**CHURCH ENTRANCE AND NARTHEX AREA**

Over the next few weeks, we hope to refresh the notice-boards and information-stands in the church narthex. A large number of notices and of out-of-date promotional material have already been removed. If there are new ideas for the presentation of this space that may further increase the feeling of welcome as parishioners and visitors come into our church, please feel free to chat to Fr Brian.

HOME VISITS

If you, or someone you know is no longer able to attend our parish church for Sunday Mass due to age or infirmity, and may appreciate a visit at home, please speak to Fr Brian in confidence.

**LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN DAYS AND ENROLMENT INFORMATION.**

We have received a number of posters from local Cathlic schools adverstising open days and parents’ information sessions for prospective applicants. Please see the information boards in the Church Narthex

**CHURCH CLEANING**

We will always welcome more volunteers to assist.us in this important task. If you are able to help, please make contact with us.