**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd 2019 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**ST MATTHEW’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**MASSSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY 21st 18.00(Vigil) **Olivia Mariz Cruz (RIP)**SUNDAY 22nd 9.00 **Giuseppe Noviello** (Anniv)
(*25th Sunday in* 11.15 **Pearly Navaratnam** (Anniv)
*Ordinary time)* 18.00 **Richard Elliott’s Family Intn** *Weekday 10 am Masses preceded by Morning Prayer at 9:45* MONDAY 23rd 10.00 **For Vocations**
TUESDAY 24th 10.00 **Coral Clasby Intn**
 *10:30- 11:00 Exposition with Benediction*

11:30**Requiem: Sarita Mascarenhas** WEDS 25th 10.00 **Margaret Vassallo** (Month’s Mind)
THURS 26th 07.30 **Private Intn (JP)**
FRIDAY 27th 10.00 **Sarita Mascarenhas RIP**SATURDAY 28th 10.00 **Prayer-book intentions** *10:30 – 11:30 Exposition (Confessions avaible*)
 17:00 – 17:45 *Confessions* 18:00 (Vigil) **Joe Da Cunha RIP**SUNDAY 29th 09.00 **Robert Bartlett (Sp Intn)**
(*26th Sunday in* 11.15 **For the People of the Parish**
*Ordinary time)*.18.00 **Richard Elliott’s Family Intn**

**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 Matthew’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**

We are collecting photos and memories of Fr Tim’s time in St Matthew’s to present to him in a book 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.**

Envelopes are now 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**

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Sunday 22nd Sunday School begins Tuesday 24th 11:30 Requiem Mass for Sarita Mascarenhas

Wednesday 25th 10.30Prayers for our Children *(Church)*

18:30 Evening of Renewal *(Church)*

Thursday 19th 12.45 Bible Timeline *(Fr Bebb Rm)*Friday 20th 13.30 Prayer Group *(Fr Bebb Rm)*

**COUNTERS**

This week 22nd J Wildsmith (am)
 Mrs Fernandez (pm)

Next week 29th C Quirk & P Tonra am

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION(S)**

Offertory collection: £822.74

Second Collection £212.40 (Home Missions)

Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers. In due course there will be a list, prepared weekly and displayed near Our Lady’s Altar, of those who are sick and have asked for our prayers

**COULD YOU ASSIST IN HELPING AN ELDERLY PARISHIONER WITH A LIFT TO MASS?**

An elderly Parishioner would love to continue to attend Sunday Mass in the parish, but has no access to transport. If you think you might be able to help, please come and chat to Fr Brian.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019/20 AND CHILDRENS’ LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Sunday School for the year begins this weekend after the 9am Mass. Our new Children’s Liturgy of the Word begins this week during the 9am Mass. We hope that children of School age who have not yet made their First Holy Communion. (eg Nursery – Year 3) will find this a fruitful way to participate in our Mass each week.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019/20**

Our parish Confirmation course is being finalised. Enrolment forms are now available. Please also look out for Information about the youth event ‘The Summit’, being held at Westminster Cathedral on Friday October 18th & which we will be attending. This is the Confirmation candidates, plus teenagers one year either side of the group (ie those in years 8, 9, 10)

**CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: ENGLAND’S NEWEST SAINT - Oct 13th**

Various events to mark this most signicant event in the life of the Catholic Church in England are being planned. A series of excellent speakers will give talks during October at St Gregory’s, Sth Ruislip. Further information is available in the church porch.

**THE BIBLE TIMELINE**

This initiative to help parishioners discover more about the Bible continues this week. Please see flyers and posters 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. in this important task. If you are able to help, please make contact with us.

**CAFOD AUTUMN FAMILY FAST DAY- October 4th**

This year will be on Friday 4th October. collection envelopes are available in the church Porch

 following in your prayers:- Jo Hardcastle, 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,.
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