**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24th 2019 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe**

*(Parish Mass Book P99.)*

**ST MATTHEW’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**MASSSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY 23rd *[Feria]*

 18.00 **Nicolina Ciccone RIP**

SUNDAY 24th **[Christ The King (C)]**

09.00 **Antoine Meemea (Anniv)** 11.15 **Tony Marono RIP/Mark Anthony Xavier (Anniv)**18.00 **Felicia Osunde (Anniv)**

*Weekday 10 am Masses preceded by Morning Prayer at 9:45*

MONDAY 25th  *[Feria]*

 10:00 **Holy Souls**TUESDAY 26th *[Feria]*

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 10:30 – 11:30 Exposition [no Benediction today]
WEDS 27th *[Feria]*

 10:00 **Holy Souls**

THURS 28th *[Feria]*

 **07.30** **Holy Souls**FRIDAY 29th *[Feria]*

 10.00 **Holy Souls and the U.C.M.** SATURDAY 30th *[St Andrew]*

 **10.00** **Virna Tomaselli**

 **& Maria Kellacher** *10:30 – 11:30 Confessions Avail.)*

 18:00 (Vigil) **Joe Da Cunha RIP**

SUNDAY 1st **[ 1st Sunday of Advent (C) ]**

09.00 **Aniello Pirfo (Anniv)**
11.15 **Paul Cleland (Anniv)**18.00 **People of the Parish**

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**GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 26th 19:00 Confirmation Class continues

Wednesday 27th 10.30Prayers for our Children *(Church)*

Thursday 21st 12.30 Bible Timeline continues *(Fr Bebb Rm)*

Friday 22nd 13.30 Prayer Group (*Fr Bebb Rm)*

**COUNTERS**

This week 24th J Wildsmith am
 Mrs Fernandez pm
Next week 1st C Quirk & P Tonra am

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION(S)**

Offertory collection: £ 791.72

Sick & Retired Priests Tot. £ 1.033.14

Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**CALLING ALL COUNTERS**

It would be very helpful if we could all meet briefly **Next Sunday (Dec 1st)** after the 11:15 Mass in the Fr Bebb Room to discuss some recent changes that have been mandated by the diocese to be implemented in all parishes. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please let Fr Brian know during the week ahead.

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Rosemary Roberts,Teresa Bingham-Daly, Don Williamson, Anne Anderson, Amy D’Souza, Victor Kumaratharsan, Jean Vaughan, 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, 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE SOON TO BE BAPTISED**

We pray especialy for Jesse and Florence who will both be Baptised in the near future. We pray also for their families.

**PRAYING FOR THE DEAD IN NOVEMBER**

We will continue to offer one Mass a day until the end of November for the Holy Souls.

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE UCM**

After Many years of devotion in the Parish, the Union of Catholic Mothers will be ceasing their regular meetings in St Matthew’s. A Mass of thanksgiving for all the graces received, and all the work done here, will be celebrated on Friday 29th at 10:00

**SECOND COLLECTIONS AND HALL LOAN REPAYMENTS**

Following recent meetings of the Parish Finance Committee, and of the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been agreed that the way we manage second collections, and the appeals for assistance with the Hall loan repayments, will be altered. We propose in 2020 to pubish the dates for upcoming special second collections well in advance, and to limit the Hall Loan Collections to once-monthly. This will be complemented by other parish social events organised through the year as fund-raising activities for this purpose. More information about the incredible efforts already undertaken to work-off the loan, and other related news will be made available soon.

**ACCESS TO TOILET FACILITIES ON SUNDAYS**

We will now open the Parish Hall facilities during Sunday Masses. These facilities are fully accessible, are closer to the church entrance than the facilities in the office area which we currently use, and are better equipped for the larger numbers that we have on Sundays. Any feedback on this minor alteration will be welcomed.

**DO YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH NORTHWOOD HQ?**

Do you know that mid-week Mass is celebrated at the Base every first and third Tuesday of the Month at 12:00 in the Chapel? Anyone working there is welcome to attend.

**PARISH MASS-BOOK CHANGE OVER.**

Next weekend, as we begin the season of Advent we will change to the new edition of the Parish Mass-Book. It would be of enourmous assistance if the exsisting black editions could be neatly piled at the end of each bench as you leave the Church today.

**ADVENT AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**CHRISTMAS MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday 15th Dec. (3rd Sunday of Advent)**

**Blessing of Cribs**

**3pm Parish service of carols, readings and prayers lead by Sunday School Chidren (Followed by party)**

**Christmas Eve:**

**Masses: 17:30 (families with children are especially welcome)**

**Midnight: Solemn Mass of the Nativity**

**Christmas Day:**

**Masses: 09:00**

 **11:15**

**St Stephen’s Day (December 26th)**

 **11:00 Annual Mass for Altar Servers**

We hope produce flyers for distribution in the neighbourhood during Advent.