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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year Year of Luke (C) – Ferial Lectionary: Year II		
First Reading	Amos 8:4-7 <i>Against those who 'buy up the poor for money.'</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.	
Second Reading	1 Paul to Timothy 2:1-8 <i>There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Luke 16:1-13 <i>You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.</i>	
Saturday 17th September +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Siobhan Galvin Int)
Sunday 18th September +	10.30am	Mass – (Fr John Fowler RIP)
Monday 19th September St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop	08.00am	Mass – (Bridget Reel RIP)
Tuesday 20th September St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions <i>Martyrs - memoria</i>	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 21st September ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist - feast		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 22nd September <i>Feria</i>	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Fr Brian Leatherland RIP)
Friday – 23rd September St Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest – op mem.	9.15pm 10.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Private Intention)
Saturday – 24th September Or Lady of Walsingham - memoria	10.00am 10.30am– 11.30am	Mass – (Tony Harris Int.) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confession
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
Saturday – 24th September +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)
Sunday – 25th September +	10.30am	Mass – (Alan Bagg RIP)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR HOME MISSIONS

PARISH MASS COUNT (Week One) – THIS WEEKEND



Reverend Fr Brian Leatherland RIP

It was with great sadness that we learnt yesterday that our dear friend & priest, Fr Brian passed away at home. By God's grace and providence, Fr David arrived in time to absolve and anoint him. Please do pray for the repose of the soul of this much-loved priest and friend; and pray also for Sally, Rebeka, James and all of the family.

HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP - As you will know, the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II is being held at Westminster Abbey on Monday 19th September at 11.00am. In anticipation that many of you may wish to watch the service on the television, Fr David will be celebrating Mass at the earlier time of **8.00am on Monday**.

FR JOHN FOWLER RIP – At the request of Fr John, after his requiem Mass, a collection was held for the British Heart Foundation. Cicely has received a letter from the British Heart Foundation thanking everyone for the generous donation of £264.00

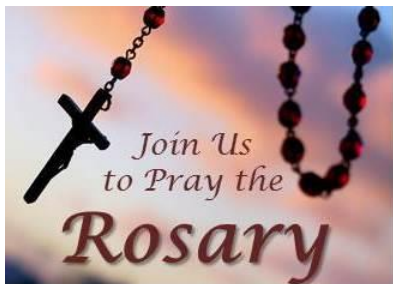


Message from the Parish SVP

Following on from last week's appeal we would like to thank you most sincerely for your continued generosity – a staggering **£1354.80** was raised. We often receive some late donations and together with Gift Aid, the total should be considerably more which puts us in a wonderful position to meet the needs that will come our way. We would especially like to thank you for listening and responding to the request for new members – it's looking promising! These are some of the causes that benefitted from last year's appeal:

- £500 'Knock and Drop' Food Parcels
- £300 Bedford Rough Sleepers
- £650 SVP Kindness Appeal Covid
- £300 Asylum Seekers Fund

MK FOODBANK – We continue to be very grateful for your continued support for the MK Foodbank. The staff tell us that there are experiencing particularly difficult times at the moment with stocks running very low. Please do whatever you can to support our brothers and sisters who are in need.



UCM Rosary Rally

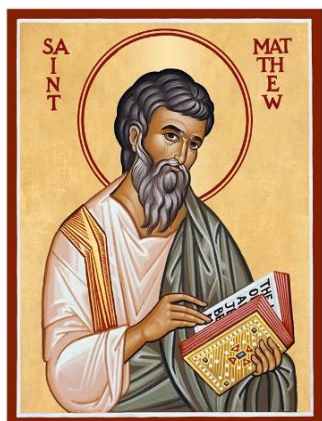
The Union of Catholic Mothers from across our Diocese will be holding their annual Rosary Rally here at Our Lady's on **Saturday 1st October starting at 10.00am with Mass.** After Mass there will be a short break for tea and coffee. Then Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 11.00am with the Rosary prayed throughout. There will be a break for lunch (all those attending are bringing their own) and

then we will conclude with the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and Benediction. This is a great opportunity to come together as a parish to pray the rosary. In these challenging times, there are so many people and causes that are in great need of our prayers. Please do join us if you can.



First Holy Communion

Classes will resume early to mid-October. Anyone wishing their child to join the classes (must be 7 by June 2023) please contact Denise in order to get them registered. For those who have already completed their registration Mike Galvin/Mary Smedley will be in touch with you over the next few weeks with more details.



St Matthew – Apostle & Evangelist

Born at Capernaum, he was a tax gatherer when called by Jesus. He wrote his Gospel in the Hebrew language and tradition has it that he preached the faith in the East.

'Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office and he said to him, Follow me.' He looked at him not with the eyes of the body but rather with the eye of interior pity. He saw a tax collector, and since he looked at him in pity and choosing him as a disciple, he said, 'Follow me.' 'Follow' meant 'imitate' – not by the movement of his feet, but rather by a change of life. For whoever says he is following Christ ought to himself to walk as Christ walked. *(From the homilies of St Bede, the Venerable)*



Our Lady of Walsingham

This feast was previously known as 'Our Lady of Ransom' and is the only feast proper to England, it reminds us that we are the Dowry of Mary. Originating in Spain for ransoming Christians enslaved by the Moors, devotion to Our Lady of Ransom came to express the desire of Catholics to restore her dowry to Mary. Pope Leo XIII personally encouraged the devotion by making this feast proper to all diocese of England and by becoming the first President of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, funded to foster the reconversion of our country.



Queen Elizabeth II
1926 - 2022

Statement from Cardinal Vincent Nichols

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, *'I declare before you all, that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'*

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, *'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'*

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace. We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother. God save the King.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Theodore of Canterbury, St Januarius, St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions, St Matthew, St Pio of Pietrelcina pray for us all.

With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter