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Sunday 20th September 2020

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ord Time

6.15pm (Saturday 19th September 2020)
The Holy Souls.
8.30am David Chapman RIP.
11.30am Michael McCready RIP.
5pm People of the parish.

Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 21st September 2020

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
(Feast)

10am. Pietro Mobile RIP.
Pvt Mass: Intentions Mathias Menezes

Tuesday 22nd September 2020

10am. Lisa Smith RIP.
Pvt Mass: Intentions Celsa Menezes.

Wednesday 23rd September 2020

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio),
Priest (Memorial)

10am The sick and housebound.
Pvt Mass: Intentions Rachael Menezes

Thursday 24th September 2020

Our Lady of Walsingham (Memorial)

10am Marcel Jouan RIP.
Pvt Mass: Intentions Anthony Menezes

Friday 25th September 2020

10am UCM intention.
Pvt Mass: Intentions Sarah Menezes

Saturday 26th September 2020

Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
(Memorial)

10am Maria Bay Thi Nguyen RIP.

Next Sunday 27th September 2020

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ord Time

6.15pm (Saturday 26th September 2020)
Intentions of William DeSa.
8.30am People of the parish.
11.30am SVP intention
5pm Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays after 10am Mass, until approximately 11am. in the working sacristy. Please await your turn in the Retro Chapel. Please exit the church straight afterwards and make your penance and thanksgiving at home.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME.

PUBLIC MASSES

The Sunday Mass Obligation is on hold.
Daily public Mass is at 10am from Monday to Saturday. A private Mass is said on weekdays at any time of day. We are not open for private prayer. We still need volunteer stewards. Please follow all NHS and Public Health guidelines as well as any instructions and directions given to you by clergy and stewards.
We regret that singing is not permitted. Kindly do not gather outside or in the porch, either before or after Mass.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office now opens on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays between 11am & 3pm. Please only visit if essential. Please follow any COVID directions given, and always wear a mask or other face covering.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please ask stewards for Mass Intentions Envelopes. Gift Aiders may also Gift Aid Mass offerings.

FUNERALS

Funerals may now be held in the church, as private events, with a maximum number of 30 persons present, though not at 10am. Whilst music is permitted, it is regretted that singing is not allowed.

FUNERAL ORDERS OF SERVICE

The Parish Office is able to provide you with a bespoke Order of Service, including any photos you wish to be included. We do not make a specific charge for this, but invite you instead to make a fitting offering, perhaps taking account of the cost of having it printed elsewhere, which we understand can be very costly. Many have availed themselves of this service, and we can show you samples if you wish.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

School reference interviews will be conducted by phone this year. Please download and print out the Reference Form, which is on the Home Page of our parish web site, and which contains very clear instructions on what you need to do: <https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/index.html>
Please complete the form in ink. Please do not complete it on line, and please do not image the form, as we must receive the original. Please spread the word to anybody you know who may not be aware. Please remember to send an adequately stamped addressed envelope. The closing date for forms to reach the Parish Office is Sunday 11th October.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Please follow directions given by priests, ministers and stewards. Masks should be lowered and hands outstretched to accept the Host. Kindly leave immediately afterwards.

PARISH FINANCES & GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDERS

Standing orders assure us of just £750.00 per week. (NB: approximate figure). If you signed a Standing Order during our Planned Giving Programme, please check to see if it has taken effect. Please contact the Parish Office for advice.
Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme via the Parish Office. We appeal to everybody to consider setting up a Standing Order. Having a Standing Order will enable your planned giving to continue uninterrupted, giving you the added satisfaction of knowing that the financial element of your stewardship, dependent upon your personal financial circumstances, is fulfilled. Standing Orders make a big difference, providing a greater degree of certainty of income, thus aiding effective budgeting for the parish.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE
ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND, INCLUDING:**

Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,
Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere,
Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,
Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,
Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte, Giovanni Franco,
Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,
Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp; Baby Scarlett Kurowski,
Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald,
Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Michael Madigan,
Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern,
Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira,
Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,
Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Charmaine Shali,
Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail,
Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,
Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White,
Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch,
John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,
Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of
the soul of **Mary Naraine**, who died on
Wednesday 9th September 2020.

Our condolences and prayers to the family.

May her soul, and the souls of all the Faithful
Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading – (Isaiah 55:6-9)

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him
while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord
who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in
forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are
above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 response v 18)

R: The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love,
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R**

Second Reading – (Philippians 1:20-24, 27)

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my
death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring
me something more; but then again, if living in this body means
doing work which is having good results –

I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this
dilemma; I want to be gone and be with Christ,
which would be very much better, but for me to stay alive
in this body is more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation – (Luke 19:38)

Alleluia! alleluia!

**Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

Gospel – (Matthew 20:1-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a
landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his
vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one
denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about
the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the market place
and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too, and I will give
you a fair wage." So, they went. At about the sixth hour and
again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same.

Then at about the eleventh hour, he went out and found more
men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been
standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us,"
they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too."

In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff,
"Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last
arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at
about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius
each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they
too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the
landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only
one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we
have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one

of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you;
did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go.
I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no
right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because
I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
AND CONFIRMATION 2020**

Once dates have been finalised for these two Sacraments,
we shall advise you of them. Masses will be restricted to
candidates and close families, so will not be open to
parishioners. Please pray for all candidates and their catechists.
It has been a colossal task for all the catechists involved, and we
all appreciate their commitment and input in recent months.
We have already received a number of queries regarding 2021,
and would ask you to kindly wait until plans can be made.
As ever, you are encouraged to read the newsletter, which you
may pick up at Mass or download from our Parish Web Site.