

20th September 2020: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS

We judge by human standards. If we want our judgements to be the right ones, then we are to pray for guidance so that we may always judge generously. God rewards everyone individually, according to God's judgement, not ours. We are called to see people through God's eyes.

Why be envious because I am generous?

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 19 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Eonol O'Connell RIP
Sun 20 09.30	<i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> Thanksgiving for the Wellbeing of Pauline Assemien
11.00	Wellbeing of the members of the SVP
Mon 21 09.30	<i>Saint † Matthew</i> Mary & Albert Gracey RIP
Tue 22 09.30	Rev T. Sullivan RIP
Wed 23 09.30	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio]</i> Thanksgiving for Priscilla, Rosemonde & Pierre-Marie
Thu 24 09.30	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i> Thanksgiving for the Wellbeing of Pauline Assemien
Fri 25 09.30	Intentions of Howard & Chris Cherry
Sat 26 09.30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Rita Fahy RIP
Sun 27 09.30	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> Maria & David Simpson's 50th Wedding Anniversary
11.00	Sean & Bernadette Lally RIP

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

On Monday, we celebrate the feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Reflecting on the life of Matthew, we cannot help but be astonished by his transformation from tax collector to Apostle and evangelist. Matthew's decision to follow the call of Jesus changed the direction of his life, but it did not obliterate who he was. Rather, the abilities and qualities that Jesus recognized in him found a new purpose and a new source of inspiration and fulfilment. Jesus did not neglect those who were sinners; indeed, he sat at table with them and came to know them. He knew they were the ones who most needed his presence. We are each called to be part of Christ's Body; if we all had the same gifts, the faith would not spread and would be stagnant. Instead we use our different gifts as they best serve Christ.

THE SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

We are heading towards the planning inquiry in respect of the refusal of planning permission and the Enforcement Notice. I am kindly asking you to write in support of the school and how important it is, for the children, that it is finished. In your letter state: how much the community has been looking forward to the opening of the long-awaited school, how much the children's education has been disrupted by the delays and how this has disturbed the community. The more letters that go to the planning inspectors the better.

In your letter, cite this reference:

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Address the letter to Eleanor and use the following email address: teame1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

200 CLUB

September's winner of the £75 prize is:
 Michael Ghany (65). ☺ Congratulations ☺

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Offertory: **£285** (Gift-Aided), **£278** (Non Gift-Aided)
 Standing Orders: **£550**

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Gift Aid	Tax payers can increase their donations by 25% at no cost to yourself. Contact the parish house for more details.
Standing Order	(Preferred Method) A/c Name: RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham Sort Code: 60-21-12 A/c No: 37298445
Cheques	Payable to: St. Philip Neri Sydenham
Cash	Offertory collection at Mass.

MASS COUNT LAST WEEK

Saturday 6.30 pm: **35**
 Sunday 9.30 am: **75**, 11am **88**

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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

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

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 the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a 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

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 around, 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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.