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Times and Intentions of Holy Mass for the Coming week

Saturday 19 th September <i>Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	5:00pm <u>5.30pm</u>	<i>Confessions</i> Cahill Family RIP (Colleen)
Sunday 20 th September <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00am 10.00am	<i>No Intention Requested</i> Pro Populo (<i>For the People</i>)
Monday 21 st September <i>St Matthew</i>	<u>NO MASS</u>	
Tuesday 22 nd September	<u>NO MASS</u>	
Wednesday 23 rd September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	6:00pm <u>6:30pm</u>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Chris, May & Ethel Lewis RIP (MC)
Thursday 24 th September	9:30am <i>Followed by Adoration</i>	Irene Poland RIP (Denise Renna)
Friday 25 th September	9:30am <i>Followed by Adoration</i>	Douglas Tennent RIP (Rosalyn Taylor)
Saturday 26 th September <i>Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	5:00pm <u>5.30pm</u>	<i>Confessions</i> Marlene & Leighton Davies RIP (Eileen & Mary)
Sunday 27 th September <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00am 10.00am	<i>No Intention Requested</i> Pro Populo (<i>For the People</i>)

Baptism Preparation Class: Sunday 13th September from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the Library. Please contact Sr Nora Mary to attend the class.
Places can be booked on 07723-351700

Please pray for those who are unwell:

Deacon Tony Lawrence, Teresa Williams, Ian Williams, Lee Ellery, Taylor Mai, Heather Mitchell, Neil Andrew Francis, Gary Lewis, Tom Bright, Maralyn Brain, Christopher Browne, Brian Thomas, Lynda Rees, Candida Felicio, Nora Kennedy, Paddy Colclough, Eileen Morgan, Eileen Griffiths, Melanie Kennedy, Rita Lewis, Danielle Jones, Donald Pitson, Pat Durran, Barbara Watts, Neil Rooney, and all the sick.

RIP anniversaries : Peter O'Brien, Johanna Rees, Brian Sullivan, Eleanor Hoolachan, Agnes Davies, Francis Thomas, Richard Winson, Tracey Thomas, Luis Conti, Haydn Davies, Cheryl Davies, Domenica Pelusi, Eileen Evans, Christine Rees, Rev Fr Michael Burke, Maureen Johnson, Maureen Davies, and all the faithful departed.

May they rest in Peace - Amen

Sanctuary Lamps are lit for:

All who are unwell



Mass intention Request Envelopes available:
Please use them if you would like Holy Mass to be offered for an intention.



OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY:

Last weekend 1st Collection (Loose Plate) **£734.07**

If you would like to make your offertory donation on line by BACS please contact the office for our bank details. Alternatively, there is a Standing Order form from the porch, or on our website if you wish to set up a regular payment. There is also the collection at Mass each week.

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

Baptism Information: is available in the porch. Please complete the form after reading the information and then arrangements can be made for parents to attend a short course before a date for baptism is arranged.

Prayer to St. Michael, Archangel

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



Fr Phillip writes... Our Faith, gives us strength, especially when our own strength evades us. When we, or those we love are unwell, and situations seem difficult, our Faith gives us strength, and prayer develops a greater focus and urgency.

Unfortunately, I am really struggling with a nasty chest infection at the moment, which is making talking or moving around doing anything very difficult..... I will be celebrating the weekend Masses, as there is NO SUPPLY AVAILABLE, but I will not be available for anything else.

Maybe this is a good time to pray for vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese, especially from our Cathedral parish.

Sorry for any inconvenience – I hope to be better very soon. God bless and stay well!

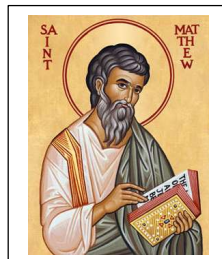
Harvest Thanksgiving Mass

26/27th September: giving thanks to God for the Harvest and helping others with the gift of Food, is a two fold way we can show active charity through our Prayer.



The items of food will be given to the Missionaries of Charity (The Mother Theresa Nuns in the Strand) for distribution to those who are struggling to provide food for themselves and their families in the current times. It is important for us to thank God for our food, and His many graces, but also to help where we can with lightening the burden of others. **Please bring food to donate to Mass on this weekend,** so we can provide practical help, as well as the help of our prayers to support the Sisters, and those who are struggling in Swansea.

St Matthew: Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was (*Levi*) the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.



According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. St Matthew is the patron saint of accountants and bankers.

200 Club is now open!

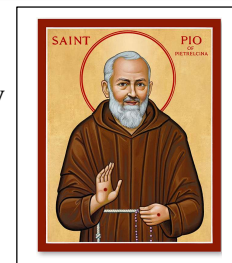
A 200 club, is a way of raising funds while having the chance to win some money in the process.



It costs just £5 each month to be in the draw, and all people are now able to sign up! Please give your money and get your number from our kind volunteers after Mass. **PLEASE PAY CASH AT THE MOMENT** - £60 for the year £5 for a month. Thank you!

St Pio of Pietrelcina - Born Francesco Forgione into a devout Roman Catholic farming family, he consecrated himself to Jesus at age 5. At age 15 he joined the Capuchin order and took the name Pio in honour of St. Pius I. In 1910, the year in which he was ordained a priest, he received the stigmata (bodily marks corresponding to the wounds suffered by the crucified Jesus) for the first time, though they eventually healed.

Pio was drafted into the Italian military in 1915 for medical service during World War I but was shortly discharged because of his poor health owing to tuberculosis. He was then assigned to the Capuchin friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, a village on the Promontorio (promontory) del Gargano in the Puglia region. There he received the stigmata again in 1918, and this time the wounds remained with him until his death. These and other signs of his holiness (such as his reported ability to be in two places at once and his gift of healing) drew growing numbers of pilgrims to him. Numerous prophecies about world events were falsely ascribed to him. Pio's stigmata also drew sceptics, however, including within the Vatican, which for a time forbade him to hear confessions or celebrate mass publicly.



Pio was also noted for his charity and piety, and he oversaw the construction of a new hospital (1956) in San Giovanni Rotondo. By the time of his death in 1968, he was a saint in all but name.

Padre Pio was canonized in 2002 by Pope John Paul II. Such was his popularity and renown, the ceremony drew more than 30,000 pilgrims, one of the largest recorded attendances at a canonization. His tomb is located in the Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church in San Giovanni Rotondo.

He is venerated as the patron saint of adolescents, civil defence volunteers, and the town of Pietrelcina. He is also invoked for relief from stress.

Please can you help in the sacristy?

I would be very grateful if someone could help out! This would involve preparing things that are used for Mass, changing the materials for feast days, and generally making sure all is ready – especially when there is a supply priest celebrating Mass. Its not a long commitment of time, but it is an essential element within the life of a parish. **Someone may be able to help with washing of Altar linens (the cloths used by the priest during Mass) – anything is a help!!**



Please consider if you can help and have a chat with me if you have any questions or ideas. Many thanks!! *Fr Phillip*

"Do not be so given to the activity of Martha as to forget the silence of Mary. May the Virgin who so well reconciled the one with the other be your sweet model and inspiration. " - St Pio of Pietrelcina