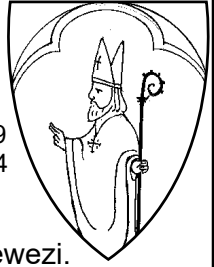
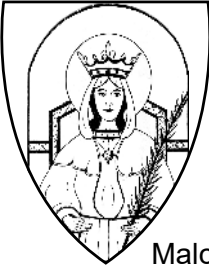


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Week 24

17th September 2023.

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7; Psalm 102; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Both the first reading and the gospel today speak of forgiveness. We are called on in both readings to remember the Covenants with God who forgave humankind again and again despite their sinful ways. The first reading from Ecclesiasticus opens by telling us that 'resentment and anger ... are foul things' and that these have no place in our lives. In our gospel passage we have the parable of the wicked servant who – despite being pardoned by the king of his debt – refused to pardon a fellow servant who was in debt to him. There is a reminder for us that if we are to expect forgiveness from God and from others then we ourselves must forgive those who we perceive to have wronged us and we should never harbour resentment. In the second reading St Paul tells us that we belong to God whether we are alive or dead. If we belong to the Lord then we should forgive much.

CAFOD Harvest

Fruit & vegetable sale 23rd /24th September

If you have a surplus of fruit and vegetables from your garden or allotment, please see enclosed poster and sign up and donate to our parish sale.



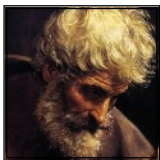
The season of creation is Sept 1st - 4th Oct
(Feast of St Francis). The theme is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'.



This is how the Tablet's editorial begins.

The Government's record regarding international development makes a mockery of its post-Brexit slogan "Global Britain". Not only has it reneged on its commitment to spend 0.7 per cent of GDP on overseas aid, bringing the target "temporarily" down to 0.5 per cent, the remaining funding has been extensively raided to support the Home Office's budget to deal with tens of thousands of refugees seeking asylum,

Saint Matthew 21st September



Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the “tax farmers” got for themselves. Hence the latter, known as “publicans,” were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with “sinners”

(see Matthew 9:11-13). So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and “those known as sinners” came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus’ answer was, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners” (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important.

No other particular incidents about Matthew are found in the New Testament.

Reflection

From such an unlikely situation, Jesus chose one of the foundations of the Church, a man others, judging from his job, thought was not holy enough for the position. But Matthew was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognize truth when he saw him. “And he got up and followed him” (Matthew 9:9b).

Saint Matthew is the Patron Saint of: Accountants, Actors, Bankers, Bookkeepers, Tax collectors and Taxi Drivers

‘The Priests’

Live in Concert

Thursday 12 October: The popular trio return to Liverpool to celebrate the centenary year of the Liverpool Lourdes pilgrimage and the work of the Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral, with guest soloist Danielle Thomas, and musical director Stephen Mannings. Details for tickets on the poster.

Pause for Hope

Sunday 24th September 2023

The 25th Annual Ecumenical Service will be held at 3pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The main speaker will be Dean Sullivan, the service will feature music from Billy Hui and Singme Merseyside. All are welcome

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina 23rd September

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity." Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.



Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic. On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned. Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. The idea arose in 1940; a committee began to collect money. Ground was broken in 1946. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds. A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved.

Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday	16th	6.00pm	Patrick Magee (Anniv), Geraldine Gilbertson
Sunday	17th	11.30am	Janet Clark (L.D.)
Tuesday	19th	9.00am	Eucharistic Service and Adoration until 3pm
Thursday	21st	9.30am	Requiem: Michael Dooley
Friday	22nd	1.00pm	Requiem: Valerie Furlong
Saturday	23rd	6.00pm	Ann Carberry 100 th B'day, James McGee
Sunday	24th	11.30am	Rose Torley (1st Anniv), James Morley (Anniv), Lynn Bracken.



Xander Ryan Turnbull

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Jean Aston, Kevin O'Neil, Eileen Brown,
Mick Dooley, Mark Sullivan, Patricia Coan
Terry Clark

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Annie Carberry 100th B'day Rem,
James Morley, James Magee

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Diane Bell	Paul & Kate	Toni Dal	Christine & David
Eileen Guy	Ellen Cooke	Joan Foster	<u>Fitzsimmons</u>
Moya Russell	Josie Dunne	Robbie Ross	Margaret &
Bernie Boyde	Joan Turner	Peter Fraser	<u>Joseph Maloney</u>
Angela Adlen	Julie Pearce	Ann Shreeve	Vassilis
David Holgate	John Murphy	Sr Edith Culliton	<u>Alamaniotis</u>
Margaret Lace	Angela Gregory	Peter & Jane Kelly	Joan, Andreas
Marie O'Connell	G., + MP., + TC.,	Marie O'Shaunessy	<u>Samaras</u>

**St John Bosco Open Evening–Thursday 21st September
4pm – 7pm. All catholic girls in years 5 and 6 are welcome.**