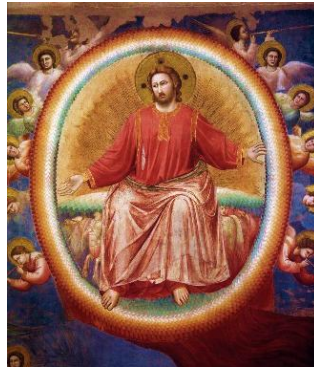


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*Benedicite Dominum,
 omnes angeli ejus,
 potentes virtute,
 qui facitis verbum ejus.*



Bless the Lord,
 all His angels,
 you who are mighty in strength,
 who do His word.

Psalm 102: 20

*Services for the Twenty-fifth Week of Ordinary Time (OF) - Seventeenth Week after Pentecost (EF)
 September – The Month of the Holy Angels*

Saturday 19th September, *Our Lady's Saturday (OF, EF) - St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr (OF, EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am The Richard Family
 Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

Saturday 19th September, *Vigil of Sunday*

Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm Holly & Nathaniel Siddle

Sunday 20th September, *The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – The 17th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)*

Holy Mass, 8.00 am The People of the Parish
 Sung Mass, 10.30 am Jacob Woo & family
 Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form) Martin Bentley RIP

Monday 21st September, *The Feast of St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (OF, EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am Augusta & family

Tuesday 22nd September, *Feria (OF) – St Thomas of Villanova, Bishop & Confessor (EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am Joy RIP

Wednesday 23rd September, *St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest & Confessor (OF) – Ember Wednesday (EF)*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form) Kathleen White RIP

Thursday 24th September, *The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham (OF) – Feria (EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am Joe & Rose
 Holy Hour, 4.00 – 5.00 pm, Confessions, 4.15 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5 pm

Friday 25th September, *Feria (OF) – Ember Friday (EF)*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form) Sonja & Family

Saturday 26th September, *Our Lady's Saturday (OF) – Ember Saturday (EF)*

Saturday Mass of Our Lady, 9.30 am Charles Healy RIP
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions, 10.20 - 11.00 am
 Benediction, 11.00 am

Saturday 26th September, *Vigil of Sunday*

Confessions, 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm Jim O'Kane RIP

Sunday 27th September, *The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – The 18th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)*

Holy Mass, 8.00 am The People of the Parish
 Sung Mass, 10.30 am Fr Jeremy & Ann Howard

Father John writes:

This Weekend: Second Collection

Catholic Evangelization

This Coming Thursday: Beatification of Bishop Fulton Sheen

This coming Thursday, 24th, Bishop Fulton Sheen will be beatified at a Mass in St Louis, Missouri. He was the most lovable of men and a shining light among the priests of the twentieth century. As a young priest he taught philosophy at St Edmund's College, Ware, in the Archdiocese of Westminster. In the 1950s he had a national TV show, *Life is Worth Living*. In the first show he concluded: **Life is worth living when we live each day to become closer to God. When you have said your prayers, offered your actions in union with God, continue to enjoy the 'Thrill of Monotony', and do it again!** Bishop Sheen was famous for keeping a Holy Hour every day of his priestly life. He died while praying before the Blessed Sacrament in his private chapel in New York. If you haven't read any of his books, I encourage you to do so. I recommend in particular his *Life of Christ*, *The Word's First Love* on Our Lady, and the book based on the TV show, *Life is Worth Living*. You can also watch his TV shows on YouTube. May this great servant of God and son of Mary pray for us all!

September: The Month of the Holy Angels

September is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Angels. You might like to say each morning, this month and always, the traditional prayer to your guardian angel, asking for his protection: **Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.**

Advance Notice: Second Collections

- Father Hudson's Society – 27th September
- Family Fast Day – 4th October
- Second Century Fund – 11th October
- Foreign Missions (Missio) – 18th October

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Classes start in October

If you have a child ready for preparation for First Holy Communion or Confirmation in late Spring next year, please email Madalena of the Winton community, mariamadalena.uk@gmail.com, copying me in as well fr.john.saward@rcaob.org.uk

Ride & Stride: Thank you!

A big Thank you to our volunteers who helped at the Ride & Stride day last Saturday – we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Food Larder: New school year, fresh start

Thank you so much for responding to the appeal for support of the Food Larder, which I repeat today. Please be generous in donating dry goods and toiletries. You can leave your donations in the dedicated box in the Presbytery porch, or in the space under the table in the narthex. **Parents: Why not suggest to the children that they choose an item from the kitchen to donate?**

Sale of books

Over the next few weeks we shall be organizing a book sale after the Sunday Masses. All proceeds to church funds. There will also be items of piety (crucifixes, icons, statues etc) for which donations will be invited. If you are considering culling your book collection, then please drop off what you'd like to give us in the Presbytery porch.

Please pray for all persecuted Christians.

Please pray for the protection of the Jewish people.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, and Congo.

Please pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Please pray for the sick and housebound

Patrick Curran, Anne-Marie, Anne Croucher, Maureen Dalton, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Fiona McLaren, Alice Murphy, Anthea Watson, Becky White, Dennis White, Fr Michael White, and Choi Wun-fong.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially John Lynch, Leopold Odoi, Geoffrey Pinnock, Margaret Reiss William Simpson, Maria Yolanda Valenzuela, Elizabeth Vincenti, and Kathleen White, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**+ Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.**

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