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Sunday 20th September: Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

8.30am Mass. For the People of the Parish.

10am Mass. For the Deceased Clergy Association.

Monday 21st September: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

10am Mass. For the intention of the Collier Family.

Tuesday 22nd September: Feria in Ordinary Time. No Mass.

Wed. 23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padro Pio). No Mass.

Thursday 24th September: Our Lady of Walsingham.

10am Mass. Intention: William and Annabelle O'Connell RIP.

Friday 25th September: Feria in Ordinary Time, week 25.

10am Mass. For Jo and Steven Slaughter's Intention.

Saturday: 26th September: Ss Cosmas and Damian. No Mass.

Sunday 27th September: Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Mass at 8.30am and 10am.

Please pray for our sick, the housebound and for all those in our nursing homes and hospitals including: Monica and Fred Copley, Marina Creasy, Sister Esther Murray, Jenny Williams, Pat Withers and Sister Zita.

Please continue to pray for everyone affected in any way by Covid19 and also for the Valovin Family during these difficult times.

Father Hugh is happy to receive all requests for Mass Intentions. Details of when each Mass is to be offered will be included in the newsletter.

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Father Hugh writes:

Fr Tony Collins thanks you for all your prayers and has made a wonderful recovery. I'm really pleased to hear him so chirpy again; our thanks as always to the remarkable teams in our health service, who always seem to know, 'just the right thing!'

Confirmation: It looks as if our original thoughts and plans for a joint celebration in St Paul's College can't be as we hoped and should return to a parish based celebration. Do let me know how you want to do this, but I was thinking that maybe we could do something one weekday evening perhaps?

I hear that Canon Tim Madely is to take over Billingshurst parish and that Fr Alan Sharpe is retiring.

I'm also pleased to tell you that Sister Francis will be joining us here in our Convent in due course along with Sister Patricia, which is really good news for all of us. I know that the sisters will want to do some refurbishments before they return, and also probably once we know how the Covid situation is.

This week we celebrate on Monday the feast of St Matthew, Mass at 10am for the Collier Family Intention. Thursday is a Memoria of Our Lady of Walsingham, Mass at 10am for William and Annabelle O'Connell RIP. Friday's 10am Mass is for Steven and Jo Slaughter.

The second collection this week if you choose is for Home Missions and next week for Vocations to the Priesthood. Please put your offerings in a marked envelope.

Last week we received and banked £300 as your offertory gifts and £50 for the Holy Places. Thank you so much.

This Sunday we begin reading from the letter to the Philippians: St Paul is writing from Prison, facing an uncertain future. Amidst it all is the bright prospect of the presence of Jesus Christ.

What this achieves is perhaps to get us all thinking about the future and our future. Living is living in the fulness of Christ and our work with each other.

In these times of uncertainty and difficulty for so many, this could be the time for us to seize the moment. To whom should we make a call perhaps and reassure or just support?

I see from my diary that this coming Tuesday is the first day of autumn. What a lovely sunny week it has been and positively warm during the day, the chilly N E wind changed all that! The ground has returned to being dry again, and I notice plants wilting even in these late summer days. I had hoped watering was over, but seemingly not, well, of course, only if you think it worth it.

I like my colour to extend into October if possible and it should this year with many of the michaelmas daisies just showing colour. I've just bought an Aconitum really for next year, because amongst all the lovely autumn colours I do like that intense blue.

Thank you all who contributed in any way to the full car load of winter outdoor living clothes and equipment. I took a packed car to the collection spot on Saturday and they advise that they will go again in one or two months time. So as last time – tents, sleeping bags, walking boots as well as new underclothes and toiletries will all be willingly accepted by me for the refugees. *Celia*

Coronavirus: We must continue to take all precautions to protect ourselves and each other in our church. Please use the hand sanitizer on entry and exit and when using the church please remember not to pass through the pews but always circulate through the aisles. Keeping our distance is also important and wearing a mask is compulsory

