

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPFIELD

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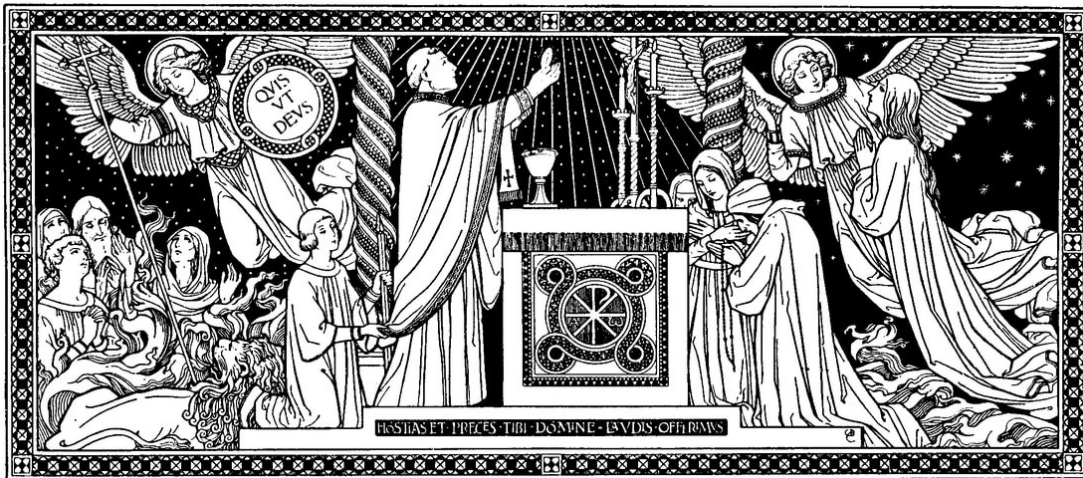
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15TH SEPTEMBER 2024 – ORDINARY SUNDAY 24 (YEAR B) EDUCATION SUNDAY & SECOND COLLECTION



Sunday 24 in Ordinary Time – Home Missions or Evangelium Gaudii

Sat 14 th Sep		5.30pm	Sunday Mass ()	Nympsfieid
Sun 15 th Sep		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Dursley
		4.00pm	Holy Hour for Vocations	Nympsfieid
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Mon 16 th Sep.	Saints Cyprian and Cornelius		Fr. P's Day Off	
Tue 17 th Sep	St Edith of Wilton	9.30am	Mass (Ezekiel Ayoup's intentions)	Dursley
Wed 18 th Sep	Feria	9.00am	Mass (Yashua's Intentions)	Dursley
Thu 19 th Sep	St Theodore of Tarsus	10.00am	Mass with the school (St Theodore's, Hampton)	Nympsfieid
Fri 20 th Sep	The Korean Martyrs	6.00pm	Adoration & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass ()	Dursley
Sat 21 st Sep	ST MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST Feast	Noon	Mass ()	Dursley
		3.00-4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley
Sunday 25 in Ordinary Time				
Sat 21 st Sep		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Reginald Powell)	Nympsfieid
Sun 22 nd Sep		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Dursley

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

MASS PROPERS FOR SUNDAY XXIV (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

First Reading – Isaiah 50:5-9 *The Prophet sings one of the Suffering Servant songs, about the Servant giving His back to those who smite Him.*

Responsorial Psalm I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading – James 2:14-18 *St James tells us that faith which does not produce good works is dead.*

Alleluia Verse I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father, except through me.

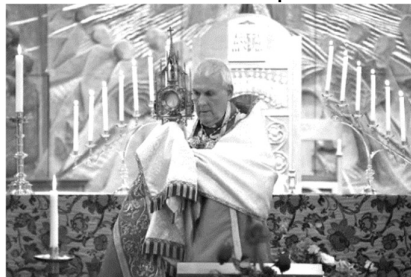
Gospel Reading – Mark 8:27-35 *Jesus tells Peter that the Christ he acknowledges must suffer grievously. To follow Him, we must take up our cross.*

Communion Antiphon How precious is Your mercy, O Lord. The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Recently Dead: PLEASE PRAY for all who have recently died.
Diocesan Prayer Link: Brockworth and Churchdown.
Churches Together: Work with refugees and asylum seekers
Parish Prayer Rota: Our forthcoming new parish groups.

'ADOREMUS' - NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2024 The Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott THIS WEEKEND. St Mary's College was the venue for the first ever Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation and in 2024 the Procession will lead the Church in preparing for the Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025. It is hoped the day will renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. It is to unite ourselves with this national event that we are being asked in every parish the Blessed Sacrament on that Sunday afternoon or evening in England to hold Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on that Sunday afternoon or evening we do, please support them. We don't often hold services these days, so when we do, please support them. Furthermore, these Holy Hours allow us a special opportunity to pray for vocations for the Ordained Ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and to the Consecrated Life of nuns, monks, sisters and brothers, canons and canonesses, friars, Oratorians and so on.



FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Ordinary Sunday XXVI 28th/29th September – Harvest Festival in both churches
- **Friday 4th October, St Francis of Assisi, co patron saint of Italy with St Catharine of Siena. 7.00pm Bilingual Mass [English and Italian] to celebrate the Italian contribution to life in Dursley**
- Saturday 12th October in St Dominic's Hall, Dursley, 7.30pm Both Parishes Quiz Night. Teams of up to six 6, £10 for an adult to enter, £5 for a child. There will be a "Pickie Tea" by way of refreshments.
- **Weekend of 20th October Ordinary Sunday 29B – Experimental Mass times.**
 - A) No Saturday Evening Vigil in Nympsfield
 - B) Sunday Morning 9.00am in Nympsfield & 11.00am in Dursley
- Sunday 29th December, Feast of the Holy Family, we propose replacing the Café Dominic with Mulled Cider/Apple Juice and mince pies, to bring the family of the parish together.

PARISH BREAKFAST – SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER @ 9.00AM The cost of this community building exercise will be £5 per person to cover costs. THE CHOICE WILL BE BETWEEN A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ON THE ONE HAND, AND BACON & EGG BUTTY ON THE OTHER. WE NEED NUMBERS FOR CATERING PURPOSES. [No Café Dominic afterwards] – **Dispensation from the Eucharistic Fast is granted for the day!**

HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now ***Evangelii Gaudium Sunday***. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. ***Second Collection this week.***

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

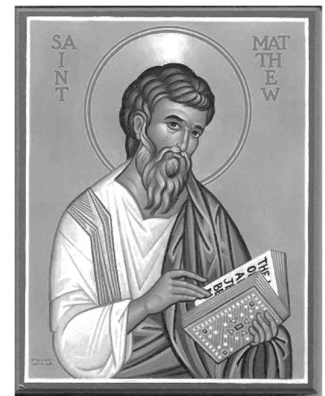
- Sunday 15th September [Evangelium Gaudii Sunday] Home Missions – Prayer for every diocese, parish and religious congregation in England and Wales

PILGRIMAGE TO ST WULFSTAN As you know, Bishop Declan reorganised the Deaneries



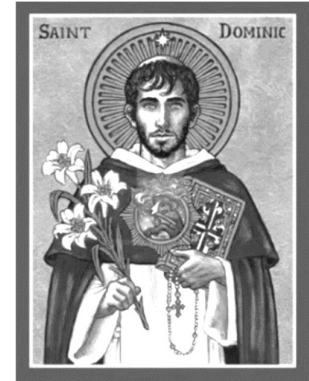
of the Diocese a little over a year ago. Because Deaneries are areas for pastoral work and cooperation, they are also known as Pastoral Areas. Each of our new ones is dedicated to a different saint. Ours is dedicated to St Wulfstan. He was born around 1008 and died on the 20th January 1095. He was an English Benedictine monk who served as Bishop of Worcester from 1062 to 1095. He was the last surviving pre-Conquest bishop. The Diocese of Worcester in Catholic times (up to Henry VIII) covered all of modern-day Gloucestershire and much of Avon as well as Worcestershire and Birmingham. The Catholic diocese of Gloucester existed under Queen Mary I and only had one bishop. St Wulfstan worked to curtail the slave trade from the port of Bristol all those centuries ago. As our Deanery Patron, we will normally keep him with a bit more oomph, but this coming year, he falls on a Sunday and Jesus is more important!! There will be a walking pilgrimage from Worcester Cathedral to Clifton Cathedral next year. Those of us not walking are asked to support and encourage the pilgrims each evening as they rest from their labours. As a pair of parishes, we might like to think about a day trip to Worcester to pray in the Cathedral and then spend some time shopping. ***More details will be made available for the Walking Pilgrimage as soon as we have them.***

FR. PHILIP WRITES St Matthew is one of the Four Evangelists. The name is Greek, but he was also known as Levi, his Hebrew name. He may well have turned his back on his background and family in order to get on in the world. He was a collaborator with the occupying Romans. He worked for them as tax collector. This does not mean he was a respectable civil servant in the Inland Revenue. The Romans practiced tax farming and before meeting the Lord, Matthew was more like and extortioner or gangster, collecting much more money than was actually due in tax by force. He thus became an outsider to Israel, unwelcome in the synagogue, spat on in the street, wealthy but with few people to talk to. Yet this is what the Saviour chose, calling him from the love of money to love of God. He is not given the collective purse or the financial department of the Church to run. He is to use his literary skills to collect and write down the life and teachings of Christ. We believe he wrote for converts from Judaism and used St Peter himself as major source of his gospel. He was martyred for the Faith, possibly in Ethiopia, if legends are to be believed.

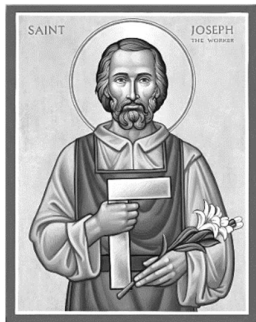


A Victorian vicar of Uley thought that the rebuilding of St Giles' church was the opportunity to change the name to St Matthew, whose feast day is later than St Giles in September. Apparently, he wanted to detach the Christian Community from the rowdiness and bad behaviour of Uley Feast. Uley folk would not let go of St Giles. Whether they let go of their rowdiness is for others to decide!!

PARISH GROUPS Our forthcoming new groups have been inspired and helped by the UCM. The UCM is a national organisation and has been for over 100 years. There has been an active group at St. Dominic's since 1960. Its aims have always been to help the Parish Priest in the work of the parish and to provide friendship and support to everyone. Longstanding friendships have been formed and we hope that the same will happen through our new groups. In recent times, there have been many changes affecting our parish as others, and we have seen the Parish UCM continue as 'Independent' members of the national UCM, and they are willing to be involved in setting up the Osma group. Fr. Philip is very keen to establish a women's group and to introduce one for the men, to be called Toulouse.



Nympsfield parishioners are invited to join in anything they wish. The two groups have names loosely connected to St Dominic's ministry. The Ladies will be the **Osma Group**, because Dominic was a canon of Osma Cathedral in Spain, before starting his preaching against the Albigensian Heresy. The Gentlemen will be the **Toulouse Group** after the place in France, where Dominic set up the Dominican Order. These names are provisional and can be altered by the groups themselves. The idea is that they start in September and carry on from there, meeting monthly or every other month, as they chose.



Father believes that the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, grows at a cellular level, like the human body. We need these "cells" to facilitate growth and development. It is his hope that these two groups will enable people to grow in their community/Christian life and in their knowledge and practice of the Faith. This may well mean regular meetings. Parishioners should think about when and where this should happen. It could involve social events together as well as religious ones, trips to the cinema or theatre as well as exhibitions. We could invite speakers. We could also do some limited book study for adult catechesis.

As we grow in faith and confidence as groups and individual members, we might feel able to do things for the overall parish. The possibilities are endless – involvement in church and presbytery, the hall [on completion of our renovation project], garden; financial acumen to help with balancing the accounts, fund raising and expenses; eucharistic ministers, readers, altar servers, church linen, cleaning the church and brass, flowers, singing in the choir, playing a musical instrument. This is but the tip of the iceberg for a flourishing parish or pair of parishes. **In the pious belief that we may yet have a couple of late summer days in September, the groups will start in October, so that they are up and running before the clocks change**

200 CLUB AUGUST DRAW WINNERS

1. Theresa Johnson
2. Susan Terry
3. Patrick Mitchell

A REMINDER TO PARENTS WANTING TO SEND CHILDREN TO ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, NYMPFIELD, IN SEPTEMBER 2025, THAT THEY NEED TO APPLY BEFORE THE 15TH JANUARY NEXT YEAR.