

# The Catholic Parish of St Luke

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## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

*What are you most excited about in your life right now?*

*What's your biggest achievement?*

*What are you most proud of?*

*Tell us about your wife / kids!*

*How do you spend your free time?*

*What are your hobbies?*

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Our meeting on  
**Thursday 14th September**  
was attended by eight.

Welcome to our newest members  
**Martin and Jakub**

Our spiritual topic was :

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

John 3:13-17

***God sent his Son so that through him  
the world might be saved.***

Some lively debate and discussion on the attitude of  
society on the world, especially with concerns on  
the younger generation.

The evening finished with supportive  
conversation and a variety of  
suggestions to progress the fellowship.

This was discussed over a Vegetable Soup and  
Sausage Rolls Supper

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**Gospel Reading—Sunday 17th September 2023**  
**Matthew 18: 21-35**

**To be forgiven, you must forgive**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often  
must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often  
as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell  
you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to  
a king who decided to settle his accounts with his  
servants. When the reckoning began, they brought  
him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he  
had no means of paying, so his master gave orders  
that he should be sold, together with his wife and  
children and all his possessions, to meet the debt.  
At this, the servant threw himself down at his

master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay  
the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so  
sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the  
debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to  
meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred  
denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began  
to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His  
fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him,  
saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the  
other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him  
thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His  
fellow servants were deeply distressed when they  
saw what had happened, and they went to their  
master and reported the whole affair to him. Then  
the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he  
said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you  
appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have  
pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on  
you?" And in his anger the master handed him over  
to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And  
that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you  
unless you each forgive your brother from your  
heart.'

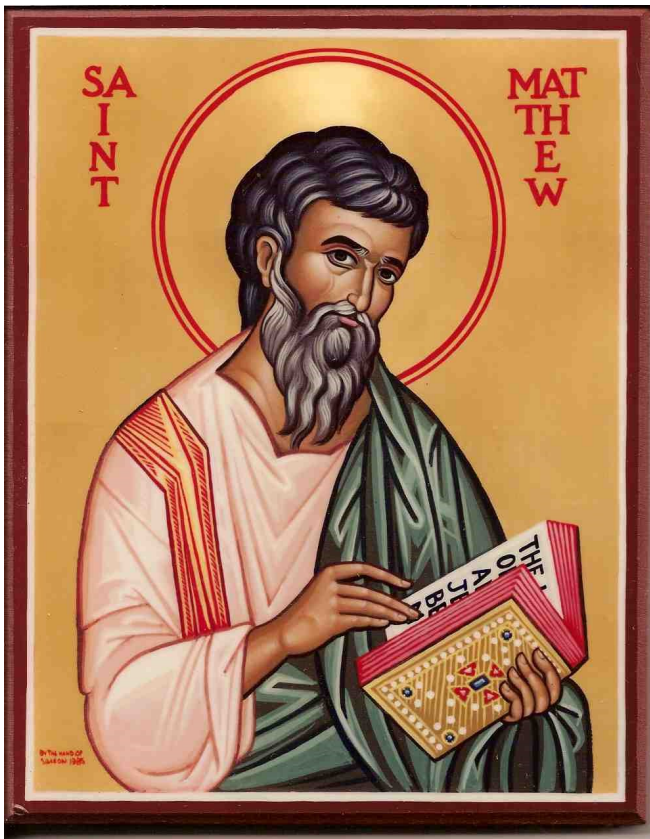
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**NEXT THURSDAY'S MEETING**  
**21st September 2023 at 7.30pm**

Spiritual Topic :

**St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist**

**Matthew the Apostle (Saint Matthew)** is named in  
the New Testament as one of the twelve apostles of  
Jesus. According to Christian traditions, he was also  
one of the four Evangelists as author of the Gospel  
of Matthew, and thus is also known as **Matthew the  
Evangelist**, a claim rejected by most biblical  
scholars, though the "traditional authorship still has  
its defenders."



The New Testament records that as a disciple, he followed Jesus. Later Church fathers such as Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria claim that Matthew preached the gospel to the Jewish community in Judea, before going to other countries.

Matthew is mentioned in Matthew 9:9 and Matthew 10:3 as a tax collector who, while sitting at the "receipt of custom" in Capernaum, was called to follow Jesus. He is also listed among the Twelve Disciples, but without identification of his background, in Mark 3:18, Luke 6:15 and Acts 1:13.

### **Matthew 9 : 9 -13**

**It is not the healthy who need the doctor,  
but the sick**

As Jesus was walking on, he saw a man named Matthew sitting by the customs house, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

While he was at dinner in the house it happened that a number of tax collectors and sinners came to sit at the table with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your master eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

When he heard this he replied, 'It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but the sick. Go and learn the meaning of the words: What I want is mercy, not sacrifice. And indeed I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners.'

### **How Did Jesus Call Saint Matthew to be a Disciple?**

The calling of Matthew in all three gospel debts is noticeably simple. Matthew is a tax collector; whilst

he met Jesus, he left the whole lot and became a disciple of Jesus. The Bible now no longer provides us with much extra information besides that Matthew throws a celebration and invitations all of his pals right away.

Jesus upsets the non-secular leaders' system. Nevertheless, there are righteous and sinners; however, Jesus pronounces that the "most effective God is righteous." Jesus, who's God, is the most effective righteous, at the same time anybody else is withinside the incorrect category.

Being righteous is performed thru a courting with Jesus, now no longer through changing your behaviours. This is clear in Matthew's account of Jesus' name. "Follow me" is all it takes. This is Jesus coaching Matthew that it's far his connection to Jesus this is essential.

He'll need to cease his tax collector's stall. (This is what Luke emphasizes.) Matthew's coronary heart has honestly been modified. But there is extra to it than that. Jesus is inclined to be related to this tax collector.

This tax collector is turning into certainly considered one of his ardent supporters. Jesus seeks a general alternate in place of simply ethical correction. And that is what takes place because Matthew, now no longer most effective, leaves his tax booth. However, he right away begins evolving telling his pals approximately the super news.



*The Calling of Matthew*

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## **THIS WEEK'S SOCIAL SUPPER**

**Picnic Spanish Omelette  
with a Crispy Salad**

Tea, Coffee, Fruit Juice or Cola

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