

St. Matthew's Church, North Quay, Douglas

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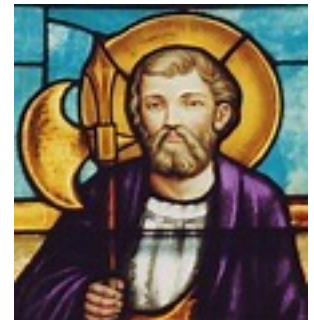
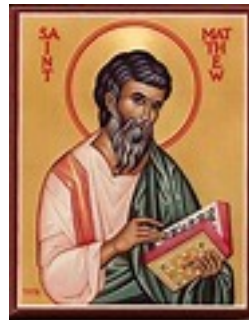
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Churchwardens: John Riley and John Rimmer

St. Matthew's Day / Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week

Day	Masses	Anniversaries
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.00 and 10.30 Patronal Festival	
Monday	12 noon St. Matthew	Clare Hart, James Dawson (Pr), Neil Beach
Tuesday		Roy Denne (Pr)
Wednesday	10.30	Dagmar Wallden, Tossie Kelly, Philip Rolfe
Thursday	Our Lady of Walsingham	
Friday	12 noon	Margaret Blower, Benjamin Kelly
Saturday		Ellen Craddock
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.00 and 10.30	



According to Matthew 9:9 and Mark 2:14, Matthew was sitting by the customs house in Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus called him into his company. Assuming that the identification of Matthew with Levi is correct, Matthew (probably meaning “Yahweh’s Gift”) would appear to be the Christian name of Levi who had been employed as a tax collector in the service of Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee. Because Levi’s occupation was one that earned distrust and contempt everywhere, the scribes of the Pharisees criticised Jesus on seeing him eat with tax collectors and sinners, whereupon Jesus answered, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners” (Mark 2:15–17).

According to Luke 5:29, the aforementioned dinner was given by Levi in his house after his call.

Gift Day. Envelopes are available today (Sunday) for donations as we celebrate our Patronal Festival. Please give generously to aid the work of our church in this parish. We are fortunate to be in a very prominent position as regards the visibility of the Christian Church. Many people walk and drive past our church throughout the day. I think the opening of our church for the meetings re. the pedestrianisation of North Quay will have made many of those who work or live in the area appreciate our beautiful building and the wonderful Christian fellowship we experience as a congregation. Let us hope and pray that they will feel a genuine desire to visit more often.

Recently Departed: Steven Gaylor

We pray for the sick and those in need:

Janet Creer, Sheila Rolfe, John Rutherford, Denis Blyth, Joy Morgan, Tobias Barker, Ann Reynolds, Maureen Oates and Bryan Harding

The Parish Magazine for September is now available at the back of the church for only £1

Dates for your diary:

Today - Evensong at the Cathedral at 3 p.m. This service will be dedicated to Saint Matthew.

6th October - **Mass at 6 p.m** followed by **PCC** meeting

11th October - **Harvest Festival**

22nd November - **The Bishop** will be preaching at our 10.30 Mass (Christ the King)

6th December - **Christmas Lunch** at the Talk of the Town in Noble’s Park

31st October St. Matthew's **AUTUMN FAYRE** in the church hall.

There will be stalls for plants, bottles & jars, cakes, nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac & toys, books & DVDs and Christmas gifts. The large box will be at the back of the church to collect anything that you can donate to fill the stalls. (Large items can be left in the office.)

Please help our fund-raising for St. Matthew's.

We also need **volunteers** and more **ideas!!**

See Gill, Val or Linda