

Reflection from Fr. Colm on the feast of St Matthias

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Good morning everybody. The finch family continue to live and raise their family under the windowsill I can hear the scratching and ruffling of them setting up home etc underneath the windowsill, it's lovely to hear it and perhaps an attentiveness that has crept in because of the lockdown things that I would not have noticed before I'm sure. Perhaps I might have I don't know but I think you'll all agree we are picking up on things that are more immediate and very, very lovely to both see and to hear.

Yesterday of course there was a freeing up of the lockdown laws etc so certainly in sporting fields some golfers will be out, playing their what's known as a two-ball, and all sorts of health precautions set in place. I should imagine if a lost ball is discovered, they will run from it like a plague, excuse the pun, whereas before it might have been depending on the quality of it picked up and pocketed.

Yes but anyhow these are the ordinary things in life and a reminder to us of you know all these positives that may emerge such as there's been a reprieve for the BBC in the good coverage that they've been giving to us over these few weeks with regard to the license fee. The MET commissioner, the Metropolitan Commissioner said there's a big drop in knife crime, and violence and burglaries generally. So, all of these good things that have been a part of the lockdown must be appreciated and seen.

People have persisted in quietly going about their faith in their journey as Christians as Catholics in just reaching out to the community which is wonderful and I get phone calls on a daily basis from many who have received of the kindness of so many by way of food purchasing and just the ordinary phone call. I think these are just fabulous expressions of faith that we tend to underestimate.

And today we're celebrating the feast of St Matthias. We know little or nothing about him other than he was elected by an extraordinary method, by lot but okay the Holy Spirit inspired that. We know nothing else about him. He's just come, and he's gone. However, I came across a lovely comment on someone like St Matthias which I think is very important. It said, *"Nice to know more but when you've said someone was a disciple of Jesus, you've said the essential thing."* Good morning.