

Parish Newsletter

Saint Matthew's Catholic Church, West Norwood
37 Norwood High Street, London, SE27 9JU (SE27 9JY for car park)
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 8TH OCTOBER 2023.

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 6:30pm (Sat), 9am & 11am. **MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Contact Parish Office

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 7pm every Tuesday. 9:30am Wednesday - Friday and Every First Friday at 12 noon. **PARISH OFFICE:** Open office/ surgery, Friday 10am - 12:30pm and 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Other days with appointment, please.

ADORATION: 6:30pm every Tuesday.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5:30pm - 6:15pm and at call.

UCM: Every First Friday at 12noon.

BAPTISM: Contact Parish Office

YOUTH CLUB: 4:30pm, 3rd Saturday of every month.

RCIA: Contact the priest or parish office if you want to join the catholic faith, return to faith or prepare for adult confirmation

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MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MASS	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
SAT 7th	Vigil of 27th Sunday	6:30pm	Szu Jing's intention
SUN 8th	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am	Julius & Lilian's wellbeing pro Populo
MON 9th	St John Henry Newman	No Mass	No Mass
TUE 10th	Feria	7:00pm	Eduard Duran RIP
WED 11th	Feria	9:30am	Ray Goosed RIP
THUR 12th	Feria	9:30am	Holy Soul
FRI 13th	St Edward	9:30am	Holy Soul
SAT 14th	Vigil of 28th Sun	6:30pm	Deceased members of Glynn fam.

MASS READINGS

Oder of Mass: Parish mass book page 7.

Readings for 27th Sunday in ordinary time: from page 137 of Parish Mass Book.

Anniversary of Death: Joseph Laferla, Peter Douglas Collar, George Pearson, Maurice Daly, Archbishop Cowderoy, Rose Evans, Kevin Rogers, Jack Armstrong, James Smith, Kathleen Wall, Stephen Ryan, Thomas Casey, Rosa Gagliani, Richard Moodily, Edward Kulikowski.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

PARISH NOTICES

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: For the Synod; that the church may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

INTERNATIONAL DAY: Our International Day celebration was successful. Thank you so much for your support and cooperation. Special thanks to the chairman of the planning committee, Mr Joseph Opene, and all those who helped in any way to the success of the event. God bless you all. We look forward to another parish celebrations in the future.

SOUTH EAST FORMATION DAY: For ministers of the Word of God and the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, on Saturday 21 October 2023. Venue, Bishop Thomas Grant School, Beltrees Grove, Streatham London. SW16 2HY.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: Pope Francis has published an Apostolic Exhortation LAUDATE DEUM, building on his 2015 Encyclical. See details on: www.cbcew.org.uk

THE SYNOD: The 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops has commenced in Rome. Let us remember to pray for the church and the synod delegates. May the Light of the Gospel never dim. Amen.

MASS OFFERING: If you want to offer mass for any intention, please pick the envelope at the back of the church and return to parish office or hand to Fr Celestine after mass. We have many available dates for mass intentions.

ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE: This is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith profoundly and be able to share it with confidence and joy. The course will commence online on 7 October 2023. The cost of the course is £365 at the start of each academic year. The total cost of the course being £730 for the two years. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable fee of £50. For details: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>.

GIFT AID: Gift aiding your donation to the church will make your donation go further. When you gift aid, our parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. See the flyers at the narthex and know more about gift aid.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

8th October, CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection

22nd October, Mission Day collection

12th November, Archbishop's Appeal Collection

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU: This is a special appreciation to all our Parish Volunteers for everything you do to support the pastoral work of the parish. The Eucharistic ministers (especially those that take communion to the sick and housebound), the readers, ushers, church cleaners, catechists, florists and many others. Every service you render matter a lot to the parish. Thank you and may God reward you all.

YOUTH CLUB: Our first Youth Club session will be this month, precisely Saturday 21 October. I urge all young people between 13 to 18 to complete the form and return.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP DRIVE: Our planned giving and stewardship drive continues this week. Special thanks to all those who spoke this week and those working behind the scene. God bless you all. Next week will be the last weekend of our drive.

RCIA: This programme will start this month. Complete the form if you want to join the class.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

The easiest way to support the parish is to set up a regular Standing Order payment from your bank. This is most efficient way for us to process your donation without incurring any fees. For one-off donations or to set up or amend a Standing Order or Direct Debit please use the following details: NatWest Account Name: RCAS Norwood West Sort Code: 60-23-19 Account No: 44115369 Please use your surname and initials as the reference, along with a short description (Collection, Mass Offering, Donation, SVP, etc).

PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE & RETURN A PARISH PLEDGE FORM AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OR ON OUR WEBSITE THE CARD READER IN THE NARTHEX ACCEPTS CARD PAYMENTS VIA 'GIVE A LITTLE'

Gift Aid donation details can be entered at the payment machine or from home in advance and saved for future donations if using the same card, making the process much faster.