

Parish Newsletter

Saint Matthew's Catholic Church, West Norwood
37 Norwood High Street, London, SE27 9JU (SE27 9JY for car park)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 22ND 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 21st	Vigil of 29th Sunday	6:30pm	Bridget Enechukwu RIP
SUN 22nd	29th Sunday in	9:00am	Bridget Enechukwu RIP
	Ordinary Time	11:00am	Marie-Frances Nguo; in Ts/G
MON 23rd	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
TUE 24th	Feria	7:00pm	Pete Betts, God's mercy
WED 25th	Feria	9:30am	Allan Rooke RIP
THUR 26th	Feria	9:30am	Sylvia's Wellbeing
FRI 27th	Feria	9:30am	Damian D'Souza RIP
SAT 28th	Vigil of 30th Sun	6:30pm	Noel Banks (RIP).

Mass Readings: Oder of Mass: Parish mass book page 7.

Readings for 29th Sunday in ordinary time: page 143 of parish mass book.

Anniversary of Death: Onelia Charles, Rosa Gagliani, Michael Papa, Patrick Keane, Nora Nellthorp, Donald Flynn, John Patrick Herdman, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, John McHale, Mary O'Byrne, Philip Fitzgerald, Marie Suzanne, James Charles Cashman, Sidney James Allerry, matilda Kiely, Hubert Cliffton Raikes, Rozalia Stachnik, Desmond Pereira, Anthony Foley, James Ganigan, Margret Beamish, George Beamish, John McHale, Damien D'Souza, Malcolm Lister, Mary Ryan, John Hanley, Nathaniel Johnson, Desmons Kennedy.

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.

SEMINAR ON RACIAL AND CULTURAL INCLUSION: There will be a Seminar entitled "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities". Venue is Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. Speakers will include the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. You can participate via zoom: To register for the Seminar please Scan the QR Code above or click on the following link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvS124W>. **Please register to get the Zoom Link and get a reservation for the Seminar. Registration is FREE. For more information please write: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.**



CALL FOR PRAYERS: At the conclusion of his general audience yesterday morning, our Holy Father Pope Francis announced another day of prayer and fasting for an end to the Israel-Hamas war, to be observed on Friday 27 October. Holy Father said, it will be "a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit,". On that Friday, the Holy Father will preside over a vigil in St Peter's Square at 6pm (5pm UK). He is desirous that faithful around the world join with him in prayer at that hour "in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world".

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

22nd October, Mission Day collection

12th November, Archbishop's Appeal Collection

19th November, collection for Catholic Youth Services

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SECOND COLLECTION: Collection today is for *MISSIO*; the church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken today goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the church is new, young or poor. Mission works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories. Thank you for your generous donations.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: You are invited to attend these online session that are very beneficial for families: 1. *Passing on the Faith as Grandparents*; Wednesday Evening, November 8 , 7:30pm to 9pm. 2. *Passing on the Faith for Parents*; Thursday November 9, 8pm to 9:30pm. Email; mflse@rcaos.org.uk for details.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP DRIVE: Thank you to everyone for your support and cooperation during our planned giving and stewardship drive. It was indeed successful. I deeply appreciate your generosity and kind spirit. Special thanks to those who played a special role during the campaign. *Ann Doe, Anna Greentree, Marie-Frances Nguo, Annabel Collaco, Preti Selest, Chris Asprey and Deacon Paul*, thank you for your sacrifices. In due course, we are going to present to the whole parish the report of the drive. We therefore appeal that those yet to return their pledge form, and would want to set up a direct debit for the parish should complete and return them as soon as possible. May God bless you all abundantly. Thank you again.

YOUTH CLUB: Thank you to young people who attended our first youth club. It was a fruitful meeting. We look forward to our next meeting in November. Thank you to parents who support their children to be part of it. And special thanks to the volunteer team organising it.

RCIA: Our first meeting will be today after the 11am mass.

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).

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.