

Parish Newsletter

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 29TH 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 28th	Vigil of 30th Sunday	6:30pm	Noel Banks (RIP)
SUN 29th	30th Sunday in	9:00am	Bridget Enechukwu RIP
	Ordinary Time	11:00am	Steven Pantalleresco; in Ts/G
MON 30th	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
TUE 31st	Feria	7:00pm	Pete Betts, God's mercy
WED 1st	All saints (Solemnity)	9:30am	Pro Populo
		6:45pm	Pro Populo
THUR 2nd	All Souls	9:30am	Conrad & Shane Myers (RIP)
		12pm	Nestor & Beatrice Onyebuchi (RIP)
		6:45pm	Holy Souls
FRI 3rd	Feria	9:30am	Damian D'Souza RIP
SAT 4th	Vigil of 30th Sun	6:30pm	Noel Banks (RIP).

Mass Readings: Oder of Mass: Parish mass book page 7. Readings for 30th Sunday in ordinary time: page 146 of parish mass book.

Anniversary of Death: Patrick Barreth, Kathleen Marjorie, Sarah Pearson, Stephen Rogers, Florence Martin, Frank Brightman, Cecilia Glazier, James McKenzie, Mari Lek, frances Jordan, Noel Banks, Clare Devane, Ellen Campin, Jessie Branch, Elizabeth, Molly Lyne, Ermine Crump, Malcolm Lister, Francis Gilhooly, Alice Treves, Fredrick Strutt, Noel Strutt.

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY: This is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is obligatory for every catholic to attend mass on a holy day of obligation. Holy mass on this day in our parish will be at 9:30am and 6:45pm.

ALL SOULS DAY: This is the Commemoration of all the faithful departed. We will have three masses on this day; 9:30am, 12noon and 6:45pm. Avail yourself of one of the masses or all of them to pray for the dead.

Let us remember; a plenary indulgence applicable only to a holy soul, may be gained if on the All Saints Day or All souls Day if we visit a church and pray one Our Father and the creed, attend to confession, holy communion and pray for the intention of the Holy Father.

Also, those who visit the cemetery in the month of November and pray for the faithful departed may obtain a plenary indulgence applicable to the Holy Souls.

NOVEMBER DECEASED LIST/ENVELOPES: Available at the narthex are brown envelopes for the deceased list and your offerings for mass. Write down the names of those you wish to pray for, enclose in the envelopes with mass offerings and place in the box before that altar. Masses will be offered the whole of November for their souls.

Keep in mind that on Saturday, 25th November, we shall offer a mass at 10am in our parish and then proceed to the cemetery to pray at the graves of our brothers and sisters who are resting in the West Norwood cemetery.

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.

HALLOWEEN: To keep our children away from distraction, we will on Tuesday, 31st October be hosting our parish children to a party ("halloween party"). Parents still have the opportunity to register their intention to bring their children in the sheet of paper at the narthex of the church.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

12th November, Archbishop's Appeal Collection

19th November, collection for Catholic Youth Services

PARISH NOTICES

HOUSEBOUND/SICK: If you know any parishioner or catholic that is sick or housebound and lives within our parish area, please inform the priest or in the parish office to enable us arrange a visit for them. We can also arrange for one of our eucharistic ministers to bring them holy communion on weekly basis.

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: As we continue to thank you for your generous response to this drive, we appeal that those yet to return their pledge forms should please hand them over as soon as possible. This is to enable us quickly to rap up the report of the drive and send across to the diocese. Thank you for your usual understanding and cooperation.

CAR PARKING: Be reminded that if you are attending this church or using our parking on a weekday, you MUST register your car details in the tab provided at the narthex. Same tab is also provided at the parish hall for use. This will not apply if you have previously submitted your car registration number to the parish office and have them registered permanently with the system. Thank you.

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: This programme is currently going on every Sunday at 7:30pm (online at the moment).

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.