

# Parish Newsletter

**Saint Matthew's Catholic Church, West Norwood**  
37 Norwood High Street, London, SE27 9JU (SE27 9JY for car park)  
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 5TH NOVEMBER 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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**Diocesan Website:** [www.rcaos.org.uk](http://www.rcaos.org.uk)

## MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MASS	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
SAT 4th	Vigil of 31st Sunday	6:30pm	Deceased of Glass Family
SUN 5th	31st Sunday in	9:00am	Francis Nazareth (RIP)
	Ordinary Time	11:00am	Damian & Rosa D'Souza (RIP)
MON 6th	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
TUE 7th	Dedication of Cathedral		
	of St George	7:00pm	Marian Fuller (RIP)
WED 8th	Feria	9:30am	Holy Souls
THUR 9th	Dedication of The Lateran		
	Basilica	9:30am	Fred Neziyanya, birthday t/g.
FRI 10th	St Leo the Great	9:30am	Kathleen Boltwood (RIP)
SAT 11th	Vigil of 32nd Sun	6:30pm	Holy Souls.

*Mass Readings: Oder of Mass: Parish mass book page 7. Readings for 31st Sunday in ordinary time: page 149 of parish mass book.*

*Anniversary of Death: Bertha Farran, Mary Doyle, Clarice Ryan, Audrey Cribb, Alexander Robertson, Matilda Kiely, Manuel Fernandes, Gerard Craig, Mary Chard, Brain McGee, Mary Charlesworth, Ann Carroll, Edward Manzi, Desmond Kennedy, Jeanne Sauget, Margaret Martin, Thomas Kemp, Mary Aleppo, Timothy Ajala, Maris Burgess, Edith Proto, John Cullen, Stanley Collins, John Doherty, Theresa Tighe, Mary Nellthorp, Sarah Connor, John Dalton, Arthur Kaal*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

# PARISH NOTICES

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:** For the Pope; that as the Holy Father fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION (11TH/12TH NOVEMBER):** The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2023. Every gift is welcome.

Find out more, or donate online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal)

Or, Scan QR code using telephone camera.



You can also telephone weekdays 9am - 5pm: **02079602504**

Donating cash or Cheque, use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of the church.

Thank you for your generosity of heart.

**NOVEMBER DECEASED LIST/ENVELOPES:** Available at the narthex are brown envelopes for the deceased list and your offerings. Write 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. Two minutes of silent prayer to be observed at the end of mass for them in all masses in the month of November.

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

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

12th November, Archbishop's Appeal Collection

19th November, collection for Catholic Youth Services

**FIRST SUNDAY birthday prayers;** Tea and coffee in the hall after 11am mass. Thanks to Deacon Paul and Monica. You can join in serving tea and coffee every first Sunday after mass.

## 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](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) for details.

**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. Tab is also provided at the parish hall for those using the hall. This will not apply if you had previously submitted your car registration number to the parish office and have them registered permanently in the system. Thank you.

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

**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:** Halloween party for the children of our parish went very well. We had about 27 children in attendance. Special thanks to volunteers whose immense support and assistance was instrumental to its success. Thank you to Ebele Opene-Isamah, Joanne Meerabux, Marie Frances Nguo, Celestina Isamah and other parents . God bless you all.

### 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.*