

Parish Newsletter

Saint Matthew's Catholic Church, West Norwood
37 Norwood High Street, London, SE27 9JU (SE27 9JY for car park)
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B), 4TH FEBRUARY 2024.

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 3rd	Vigil 5th Sunday	6:30pm	Int of Patsy Johnson
SUN 4th	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am	Jovito Dias RIP Julie & Felix Rodrigues, W/b
MON 5th	St Agatha, Virgin	No Mass	No Mass
TUE 6th	St Paul Miki & Com	7:00pm	Noel Monteen RIP
WED 7th	Feria	9:30am	Holy Souls
THUR 8th	Feria	9:30am	Elis Holy Soul
FRI 9th	Feria	9:30am	Holy Soul
SAT 10th	Vigil of 6th Sunday	6:30pm	Delia McDonagh.
SUN 11th	6th Sunday Ord Time	9:00am 11:00am	Joaquim & Cacilda Fernades RIP Pro Populo

*Mass Readings: Oder of Mass: Parish mass book page 7. Readings
5th Sunday in Ord Time: from page 135 of parish mass book.*

RECENTLY DECEASED

Esther Brabrook, funeral on 1st March 2024, 11am mass at St Matthew's.

Gigliola Louks, funeral on 12th February 2024.

Please keep them and their families in prayers. May they rest in peace, Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: For the Terminally Ill; that those with terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

ASH WEDNESDAY; which ushers in the lenten season will be on Wednesday February 14. We will have mass at 9:30am and 6:45pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FORMS: If you have not submitted completed forms, you have only this week to do so. Classes will commence at the end of the month.

THANK YOU: This is a note of thanks to all our dedicated volunteers for all your support especially in this month of January. Thank you to Fr Cyril who stood in for me for his wonderful work and kindness. May God bless you all. Amen.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR REQUIRED: Laleham LeaCatholic Independent School is looking to appoint a Governor to join their dedicated Governing Body.(Please note, this is an unpaid voluntary position).Contact secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk for further details.

JUBILEE 2025: As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a *Building a Better Marriage Course* throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:

18th February, Clergy Support Fund

25th February, CAFOD Lent Fast Day

17th March, For Poor Parishes

29th March, Papal Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine.

PARISH NOTICES

VOLUNTERS REQUIRED: The church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your new year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of the church? Which aspects of the church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice ad campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or skill to help CAFOD keep cost low? Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/volunteer for more information or get in touch with southwark@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s); Theme for this event is, "Discerning God's Call in your life". Date is 16 - 18 February 2024. Location is Liverpool. This event is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). For more information, contact; Sr Lynne FcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit website at www.fcjsisters.org

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.

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.

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.