

# Parish Newsletter

**Saint Matthew's Catholic Church, West Norwood**  
37 Norwood High Street, London, SE27 9JU (SE27 9JY for car park)  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B), 11TH 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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**Diocesan Website:** [www.rcaos.org.uk](http://www.rcaos.org.uk)

## MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MASS	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
<b>SAT 10th</b>	Vigil 6th Sunday	6:30pm	Holy Souls
<b>SUN 11th</b>	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am	Joaquim& Cacilda Fernandes RIP Pro Populo
<b>MON 12th</b>	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
<b>TUE 13th</b>	Feria	7:00pm	Ann Lobo RIP
<b>WED 14th</b>	ASH WEDNESDAY	9:30am 6:45pm	Damian & Rosa D'Souza RIP Pro Populo
<b>THUR 15th</b>	Feria	9:30am	Fr Joseph Galea RIP
<b>FRI 16th</b>	Feria	6:45pm	Margaret Breslin RIP
<b>SAT 17th</b>	Vigil 1st Sunday of Lent	6:30pm	Mary Lyons RIP
<b>SUN 18th</b>	1st Sunday of Lent	9:00am 11:00am	Pro Populo Conrado Asuncion RIP

*Mass Readings: Oder of Mass: Parish mass book page 7. Readings 6th Sunday in Ord Time: from page 137 of parish mass book.*

### RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Gigliola Louks, funeral on Monday 12th February 2024, 2:45pm at West Norwood Crematorium

Thomas Micheal Houlihan, funeral Friday 16 February, 10:30am mass at St Matthews

Patricia Burns, details to be communicated.

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. There will be stations of the cross every Friday throughout the lenten season at 6pm, followed by Holy Mass at 6:45pm/immediately after the stations of the cross. You are encouraged to be part of the parish lenten activities. God bless you as you take part.

**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.

**Clergy Support Fund Second Collection:**The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan QR code.

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church.

Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



**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

**PASSING ON THE FAITH:** Four online session for parents, starting Wednesday 28 February, 8 - 9pm. And for grandparents, focusing on conversations which can help to anchor faith, four online sessions starting Thursday 18 April, 7:30 - 9pm. Email [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) for details.

**MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** To take place on July 13 2004 at St George's Cathedral. This is for those celebrating 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th etc wedding anniversary. Please provide the following details no later than 31 May 2024: Your names, home address, anniversary you are celebrating to this email; [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk). Spaces are limited.

**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](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit website at [www.fcjsisters.org](http://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.*