

# St Matthew's Church Newsletter

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## From Fr Anthony's Desk

I should like to thank you all most sincerely for your good wishes and gifts at Easter. You have been most kind and generous, and for that I am very grateful and appreciative.

Among my recent reading material has been a book by Mary T. Malone entitled *The Elephant in the Church*. The elephant in question is women, and I hasten to add that this is *her* title and that she is using the term in the sense of an issue of which most people are well aware, but which no-one is willing to talk about it, at least at an official and open level.

I should like to offer an opportunity for the women of the parish (and beyond) to tell me about their experience of being female in a church whose hierarchy is exclusively male. This is intended to be a discussion about the wider church, not our particular parish. As well as being an occasion for you to say what you think, it is also a chance for me to hear what I imagine to be uncomfortable home truths. The session will take place on

### SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

If you have any concerns about safeguarding at St Matthew's please email: [safeguardingstmatthewwn@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingstmatthewwn@gmail.com)

Confessions: Thurs 10:15-10:45, Sat 5:30-6:00pm and at call  
Marriage and Baptism Preparation by appointment only  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thurs 10-11am  
Taizé Mass: Last Saturday of the month at 6:30pm

Fr Anthony will be available on Saturday 11th May between 10:30am-11:00am for general administration matters. The Parish Office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday this week from 9.30am to 4.00pm.

**Order of Mass:** Parish Mass Book Page 7

Readings in Parish Mass Book, page 266

Vigil/9am Preface III of Easter, page 74

Eucharistic Prayer II, page 25

11am Eucharistic Prayer with Children

**Response to the Intercessions:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Communion Antiphon:** The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

### Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

### SECOND COLLECTION

THIS WEEK: Church Maintenance Fund

NEXT WEEK: Ecclesiastical Education

### RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY

For our parish SVP Group, for their work with those in need in our local community.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We remember the sick and housebound members of our parish and those that are in hospital at this time. May they and their Carers feel the support of our love and prayers and the healing power of the Lord.

### PRAYER TO OUR LADY

Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.  
For he whom you did merit to bear; alleluia,  
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God; alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTION
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	Cancio Fernandes RIP
SUNDAY 5TH MAY	9:00am	UCM
	11:00am	People of the Parish
MONDAY	-	No Mass
TUESDAY	10:15am	Mass at The British Home Crown Lane SW16 3JB
	7:00pm	Mass in the Presbytery
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	Holy Souls
THURSDAY	9:30am	Holy Souls
FRIDAY	9:30am	Private Intention
	2:00pm	Requiem Mass at The British Home for Patrick Heneghan RIP
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	Noreen Gonsalves RIP
SUNDAY 12TH MAY	9:00am	Cacilda Fernandes RIP
	11:00am	People of the Parish

**VOLUNTEER ROTAS** IF YOU CANNOT FULFIL THE DUTY BELOW PLEASE SWAP WITH ANOTHER VOLUNTEER. THANK YOU.

**HOUSE CALLS (12th)** Mrs A Doe, Mrs S Osho, Mr I Reeves, Mrs C Isamah, Mr T Cheng

**READERS (11th/12th)** Mrs P Abraham (Sat 6:30pm), Mrs A Doe (Sun 9am), Miss L Meerabux (Sun 11am)

**OFFERTORY (11th/12th)** Mrs P Burns (Sat 6:30pm), McGrath Family (Sun 9am), Swain Family (Sun 11am)

**CHURCH CLEANING (8th)** T de Bertodano **(11th)** J Nweke, N A Budu-Manuel, J Ahunanya **(13th)** M Oliveira

**FLOWER ARRANGING (11th)** Ms K Walker **(18th)** Mrs C Fallen

**COUNTERS (7th)** Mr G Fonseca, Mr M Thompson **(12th)** Ms B Cunningham, Mr J Remedios

**TEAS & COFFEES (12th)** Mrs M Schwartz, Mrs E Sanders **(19th)** SVP

### UCM PRAYER

Lord Jesus you lived with Mary and Joseph at Nazareth and enjoyed family life, growing in wisdom and stature in the sight of God the Father and ourselves. Help the members of the Union of Catholic Mothers to follow this example in prayer, love and active witness to Marriage, Family and Christian Life in the world.

Make us understanding and caring to all experiencing difficulties and generous in support, so that one day we may all rejoice together in our Eternal Home. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving Father,

touch and transform us by the joy of your love.

Make us missionary disciples,

empowered to carry the love of Christ to our neighbour.

May young people be inspired by our example

to take up the path of Christian discipleship

and dedicate their lives to the service of the Gospel.

Raise up new vocations by the power of your Holy Spirit to the priesthood and the consecrated life:

send us men and women

inspired to be living signs of your mercy.

Grant us all an openness of heart

that we might readily respond to your call, and proclaim with joy the Good News to the whole world.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### UCM CAKE SALE

The UCM cake sale will take place after the 9am Mass.

All donations gratefully received.

Thank you for your support.

### REST IN PEACE

We pray for the soul of Patrick Heneghan RIP who died recently. Patrick's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 10th May at 2pm in the Chapel at The British Home, Crown Lane, SW16 3JB. May he rest in peace.

### WHAT SKILLS CAN YOU SHARE WITH OUR PARISH?

If you would like to organise a social or fundraising event for our parish, please get in touch with the office. We need a team of people to organise future events. All offers of help and new ideas welcomed.

### PARISH OUTING - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are considering a parish outing to Whitstable on Saturday 1st June. Travelling by minibus/coach, lunch at the seaside, etc. There will be limited spaces available. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending. Email: [norwoodwest@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:norwoodwest@rcaos.org.uk)

### L'ARCHE SPRING FAYRE

**Sunday 12th May 2019 11am - 4pm**

Gothic Lodge 21 Idmiston Road London SE27 9HE  
*ART, PLANTS, CANDLES, TEA & CAKES, CRAFT STALLS, FACE PAINTING, SOAP MAKING*

### "HOME INSTEAD SUNFLOWER CAFÉ"

Every Wednesday at the Gracefield Surgery,  
2-8 Gracefield Gardens, SW16 2ST.

This Dementia friendly café aims to help reduce social isolation and provide a friendly and stimulating environment for attendees. The café is free of charge and tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Attendees will need to provide their own transport and be able to attend to their own needs whilst at the café. Carers are welcome. Those interested in attending should get in touch with Nicole Pointing either via email to [nicole.pointing@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:nicole.pointing@homeinstead.co.uk) or telephone on 0208 871 0006.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intention envelopes are available at the back of the Church. A selection of Mass Cards is available from the Parish Office. Please contact the office if you wish to book a specific date in the diary. Priority is given to funeral Masses.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 7th May	8pm UCM Meeting
Sun 12th May	11am First Holy Communion Mass (Group 1)
Sun 19th May	11am First Holy Communion Mass (Group 2)
Sun 26th May	5pm Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
Thur 30th May	7:30pm Women's Forum