

# St Matthew's Church Newsletter



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## From Fr Anthony's Desk

I should like to thank again Frederick N. and his team for the wonderful work they did in removing the suspended ceiling and restoring the original beams and rafters. This was completed between Monday and Friday and the church was ready for Mass on Saturday evening. Many thanks are due also to the volunteers who saw to the cleaning of the church on Saturday morning, and I should like to acknowledge their efforts to have the premises ready for the weekend services.

Holy Week begins next weekend: we need readers and ministers for the Triduum Services, and lists will be provided during this week in the Sacristy for volunteers. I would also remind the servers about the extra practices for these important occasions.

**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 & 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 13th April between  
10.30am-11am for general administration.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTION
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	Cancio Fernandes RIP
SUNDAY 7TH APRIL	9:00am	UCM
	11:00am	People of the Parish
MONDAY	-	No Mass
TUESDAY	10:15am	Eucharistic Service at The British Home Crown Lane SW16 3JB
	7:00pm	Mass in the Presbytery
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	Thanksgiving
THURSDAY	9:30am	Helen Mooney RIP
FRIDAY	9:30am	Mary Marshman RIP
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	Paddy & Kathleen Walsh's Intention
PALM SUNDAY 14TH APRIL	9:00am	Irma Casali RIP
	11:00am	People of the Parish

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

Vigil & 9am: Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II, page 39  
11am Eucharistic Prayer with Children

**Parish Mass Book for Readings:** Page 176

**Response to the Intercessions:**

...transform our lives.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

**\*\*\* SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY \*\*\***

**CAFOD Emergency Cyclone Idai Appeal**

Please support our parish second collection for this appeal. Your donation will give food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. Gabriele, our expert working with the Church in Mozambique at this time, tells us: "We know that Idai has wiped out crops and livestock, damaged water supplies and wrecked sanitation facilities, leaving vulnerable families even more exposed. With the support and generosity of the Catholic community, we can reach the people who really need urgent emergency aid."

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY

Hail, Queen of Heaven,  
beyond compare,  
To whom the angels homage pay;  
Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light,  
That opened for the world's new day.

Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed,  
In whom our ransom was begun,  
For all your loving children pray

**VOLUNTEER ROTAS****THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME & TALENTS FOR OUR CHURCH****HOUSE CALLS (14th)** Mrs A Doe, Miss M McGee, Mr J Hagan-Tetteh, Mrs O Van Der Borgh, Ms A Ziebarth**READERS (13th/14th)** D Dela Paz (Sat 6:30pm), M Vamboi (Sun 9am), J Nweke (Sun 11am)**OFFERTORY (13th/14th)** Ms A Clay (Sat 6:30pm), H Matthews/F Rocca (Sun 9am), L'Arche Community (Sun 11am)**CHURCH CLEANING (13th)** J Nweke, Nana Budu-Manuel, J Ahunanya **(15th)** Ms M Oliveira**FLOWER ARRANGING (20th)** All available Florists please**COUNTERS (7th)** Ms B Cunningham, Mr J Remedios **(15th)** Mr G Fonseca, Mr M Thompson**TEAS & COFFEES (7th)** UCM-9am, French Community-11am **(14th)** Mrs Schwartz, Mrs Sanders**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

We remember the sick and housebound members of our parish. May they and their Carers feel the support of our love and prayers.

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**RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

In preparation for Easter please join us for a Reconciliation Service on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm.

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**DRIVERS WANTED**

Would you be willing to offer an occasional lift to Mass? Several people have a regular lift to enable them to join us on Saturday evening or Sunday - some of them have a wheelchair which needs to accompany them in the car. When the regular lift-giver is away they cannot get to Mass. Would you be willing to help out occasionally? If so, would you let the office know which Mass you usually attend and if we may pass on your details?

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**CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS**

**Islington, Sunday 7th April, 3pm.** Charles Dickens, a forgotten Catholic heroine, and much more. Meet at St John the Evangelist, 39 Duncan Road, London, N1 8AL. Nearest Tube: Angel

**In the Footsteps of John Henry Newman, Monday 8th April, 7pm.** Meet at St Elizabeth's, The Vineyard, Richmond, TW10 6AQ. Nearest Tube & Station: Richmond.

Contact: [chwalkslondon@gmail.com](mailto:chwalkslondon@gmail.com)  
or see [www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com)

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**PARISH MISSION AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH**

From 6th-12th April there will be a Parish Mission at St Bartholomew's Church, 159 Ellison Road, SW16 5DE.

See noticeboard for service timings.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wed 10th April	7.30pm Lenten Reconciliation Service
Tue 16th April	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

**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.

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**UCM CAKE SALE**

UCM cake sale after the 9am Mass. All proceeds to the CAFOD Cyclone Adai Appeal. Please visit the Parish Hall after Mass for tea/coffee and to buy a cake or two.

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**THE CO-WORKERS OF MOTHER TERESA**

Invite you to a Day of Reflection at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 7YH on FRIDAY 3RD MAY 10.15am-4pm. Mass at 12.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and suggested donation £10 to cover cost of the hall. Call Joyce Driver on 020 8771 5994 or see noticeboard for more details.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU LEAVE OUR PARISH CHURCH CLEAN AND TIDY FOR THE NEXT MASS. THANK YOU.**