

St Matthew's Church Newsletter

EASTER SUNDAY (Year B)

1 APRIL 2018



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Mass on Saturday 6:30pm (Sunday)

Mass on Sunday 9 am, 11am

Morning Mass 9:30am (Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri)

Evening Mass 7:00pm Tuesdays

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

Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri 9:30am-2:30pm

From Father Anthony's Desk:

Christ is Risen! This is the essential message of Easter and I wish everyone in the parish every grace and blessing on this, the most important Feast of the Christian year. I should like also to thank everyone who has given so much time and effort into preparing for the services of Holy Week.

The next Confirmation session will take place on **Thursday April 12th**. This will be conducted by Fr Joseph Owusu-Ansah from St Thomas More Parish, Dulwich. This is also the closing date for applications for candidates to be confirmed, so please bring your letter requesting to be confirmed and your reasons for wishing this. I apologise that I gave the wrong date on my letter about this matter.

Once again, I wish everyone a very Happy Easter and hope that the holidays will be a time of rest and good preparation before the exams for all those who are due for any in the coming term.

PARISH SICK LIST

Michael ,Mrs Dorothy Nichol, Monsignor James O'Neill, Mrs Mary Wallace, Mrs Peggy Phillips, Fr. Anthony Bailey, Mr Patrick Heneghan, Mrs Maureen Sheehan, Mr Martin Fisher, Ms Shelagh Mc Donough , Mrs Sheila Bohan

Please keep them in your prayers.

Easter Offerings:

There is only one collection this Sunday which is your Easter Offering to your Parish Priest. Catholic priests in this country do not receive a salary but are supported directly by the people they serve in their parishes. The Easter (and Christmas) offerings are the main source of the priests income.

Easter offering envelopes can be found on the two tables at the back of the Church and in the Narthex

If you are away over Easter can put Easter offering envelope in the collection this weekend or post it through the presbytery letter box.

Any Gift Aid amount claimed will go to the Church.

Mary's Meals: Over the next few weeks Mary's Meal will be here to collect your unwanted clothing and bedding. ***(no duvets or pillows please)*** Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass. The charity feeds children at school in **14** countries. **PLEASE NOTE, THE CUT- OFF TIME FOR COLLECTION IS 11:00AM ON SUNDAY 15 APRIL)**

THANK YOU FROM THE MISSIONARY SISTERS -

This week we received confirmation from the sisters for our donation of **£515.95** from their visit to our parish. This helps with sharing in their work.

Details of vacancies for Exam Invigilators at Bishop Thomas Grant & St Philomena's can be found on the notice board.

Parish Mass Book page 6 : Order of the Mass

Preface: Preface Easter 1 of Easter, page 60

Euch Prayer 3, page 28

Parish Mass Book page 251 for the Readings.

Response to the Intercessions:

Who does all things well.

Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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,
For the Lord has risen indeed,
 alleluia.

Next Sundays Readings: Acts 4: 32-35, 1 John 5: 1-6, John 20: 19-31

ROTA - 1/8 APR:

HOUSECALLS (8th) Mrs S Osho, Ms V Marshman, Ms A Collaco, Mrs A Greentree, Mrs B Leonard, Mrs K Guest

READERS (8th) Mrs P Abraham (Sat 6:30pm)Mrs A Doe (Sun 9am) Miss C Leonard (Sun 11am)

OFFERTORY (8th) Mrs P Burns (Sat 6:30pm) Giraldo Fmly (Sun 9am) Swain Fmly (Sun 11am)

CHURCH CLEANING WED 4 APR- Ms K Questelles/ Ms T de Bertodano, **SAT 14 APR** Ms E Martin/ Ms J Nweke

FLOWER ARRANGING – 14 APR- Vacant

COUNTERS 1 APR –NO COUNTING

8 APR -Ms B Cunningham, Mr J Remedios

TEAS & COFFEE : 4 MAR-French Speaking Group (11am)

8 APR-UCM (9AM) Mrs Schwartz/Mrs Sanders (11AM)

If you are unable to fulfil your duty then please arrange for a substitute

Finance for 25 March 2018

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| Gift Aid Envelope | 93 |
| Loose | 161 |
| 84 Bankers Orders | 460 |
| Second Collection | 420 |
| Parish Total | £1134 |
| Mass Attendance | 291 |

As usual your generosity is always appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

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| Friday 27 April 7pm | Confirmation– Bishop Pat Lynch presiding |
| Sunday May 13 11am | First Holy Communion Group 1 |
| May 20, 11am | Group 2 |
| Sunday May 27 5pm | Feast of Our Lady of Fatima |

COULD YOU SHARE YOUR SKILLS AS A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

St Joseph’s Junior, Infant and Nursery Schools (Upper Norwood) welcomes expressions of interest from practising committed Catholics who are keen to work in close co-operation with the Headteacher and all staff.

Key Roles of Governors:- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; - Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and - Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent. St Joseph's would benefit from volunteers with skills/experience in Finance, Data Analysis, Education, Strategic Planning, Site Management, HR and IT. Free training in school governance is available throughout the period of service.

For more details, or to arrange a visit to St Joseph's, please telephone St Joseph’s Junior School Office: 020 8653 7195 , Email office@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk ,Website: <http://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk>

More vacancies available at other local Catholic Schools– See poster for details.