

St Matthew's Church Newsletter



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

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From Fr Anthony's Desk

Some parishioners have asked me about the mosaic of the Divine Mercy which dominated the church from the east wall. This is at present being carefully stored in one of the rooms off the Narthex. Once the church reordering is complete, we can decide where it would best be placed.

I am aware that the mosaic was commissioned, at great expense, to mark the centenary of the church. However, whether it is appropriate to impose what is effectively a private devotion on the whole parish congregation is another matter. No-one has to believe in any reported supernatural apparition. It is, in fact, the official teaching of the Catholic Church that, after the time of the New Testament, no new public manifestation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ (Dei Verbum 4). I have pointed out to some of those who enquired that the best sign of Christ's love and mercy in St Matthew's church is his real presence in the Blessed Sacrament. This is one of the basic beliefs of Catholics, one which we might all reflect on during this time of

Order of Mass: Parish Mass Book Page 7
 Vigil & 9am: Preface Lent III, page 71
 Eucharistic Prayer III, page 28
 11am Eucharistic Prayer with Children

Parish Mass Book for Readings: Page 153

Response to the Intercessions:

...but deliver us from evil.

Communion Antiphon:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

If you have any concerns about safeguarding at St Matthew's please email: 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 NOT be available on Saturday 16th March for general administration. Please contact office for appointment.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTION
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	Canon John P Devane RIP
SUNDAY 10TH MAR	9:00am	Margaret McAndrew RIP
	11:00am	People of the Parish
MONDAY	-	No Mass
TUESDAY	10:15am	Mass at The British Home Crown Lane SW16 3JB
	6.15pm*	Mass in the Presbytery
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	Ricardo Prada RIP
THURSDAY	9:30am	Alice Gleeson RIP
FRIDAY	9:30am	HMT Currie (Foundation)
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 17TH MAR	9:00am	Cecilia Vaz RIP
	11:00am	Jean McGee RIP

* Please note earlier 6.15pm start time for Tuesday evening Mass

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Church Maintenance Fund

NEXT SUNDAY: CAFOD Lenten Fast

CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY

Friday 15th March at 12.30pm

Please join us in the parish hall for a simple Lenten Lunch (soup and bread roll for a minimum donation of £2) to raise funds for CAFOD's work for the needy in our world. We look forward to seeing you.

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

*** PLEASE NOTE: MEETING ON 12.03.19 AT 7PM FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS ***

HOUSE CALLS (17th) Mr J Abraham, Mr L Akisanya, Mr L D'Costa, Mrs A Kouakou, Miss V Marshman

READERS (16th/17th) D Dela Paz (Sat 6:30pm), Mr M Vamboi (Sun 9am), Volunteer required please (Sun 11am)

OFFERTORY (16th/17th) Ms A Clay (Sat 6:30pm), H Matthews, F Rocca (Sun 9am), L'Arche Community (Sun 11am)

CHURCH CLEANING (11th) Ms M Oliveira **(16th)** Ms V Gyamfi, Ms A Anson

FLOWER ARRANGING (NO FLOWERS DURING LENT)

COUNTERS (10th) Ms B Cunningham, Mr J Remedios **(17th)** Ms K Kabanova, Ms V Milner

TEAS & COFFEES (10th) Mrs Schwartz, Mrs Sanders **(17th)** SVP

If you cannot fulfil the above duty please arrange for a substitute to fill your place. Thank you.

*** Copies of the rotas are available from the Sacristy or by email from norwoodwest@rcaos.org.uk ***

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the soul of Mrs Cacilda Fernandes who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Mrs Fernandes will be held at St Matthew's on Thursday 21st March at 9.30am. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

THANK YOU FROM THE UCM

The UCM wish to thank all those that supported their cake sale last weekend. £74 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society to support those coping with Dementia and their Carers. Many thanks.

UCM AGM ELECTION

Congratulations to the following ladies who were elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers on Tuesday evening.

PRESIDENT: Miss Maureen McGee

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mrs Ann Doe

SECRETARY: Vacant

TREASURER: Mrs Karine Combie

WELFARE: Mrs Eileen Sanders

We wish you well for the coming year and thank you for your work in our community.

A SPECIAL LENTEN FAST (CAFOD)

Give up harsh words: use generous ones.

Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.

Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.

Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.

Give up worrying: take up trust in God.

Give up complaining: value what you have.

Give up stress: take up prayer.

Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.

Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.

Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.

Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.

Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 12th Mar	12 noon Film about Pope Francis
Tue 12th Mar	7pm Meeting for Ministers & Volunteers
Thurs 14th Mar	7.30pm Scripture Talk
Fri 15th Mar	12.30pm CAFOD Harvest Fast Lenten Lunch
Sat 30th Mar	3.00pm Community Mass at Cheviot Gardens

CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT

WED 13 MARCH 2019 4.30PM-7.30PM

Pre-register online: www.ctksfc.ac.uk

Tel: 020 8297 9433

HOLY WEEK WALKING PILGRIMAGE

12th-21st April 2019 studentcross.org.uk

PEACE & SPACE IN A BUSY WORLD

RETREATS AVAILABLE

There are many retreat centres across the country and some excellent centres in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/retreats>

The Friars Aylesford

<http://www.thefriars.org.uk> Tel: 01622 717272

Urban Oasis (Sisters of St Andrew, Lewisham)

<http://www.sisters-of-st-andrew.com>;

e-mail: welcome@sisters-of-st-andrew.com

The Kairos Centre (Roehampton, London)

<http://www.thekairoscentre.co.uk/> 020 8788 4188

The Living Well (Nonington, Kent)

<http://www.the-living-well.org.uk> Tel: 01304 842847

Minster Abbey (Minster, Thanet)

<http://www.minsterabbeynuns.org/>

The Retreat Association provide information on retreat centres up and down the country:

<http://www.retreats.org.uk/> Phone: 01494 569 056

LENTEN REFLECTIONS FROM THE DIOCESAN TEAM

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

TELEPHONE LINE

Unfortunately the parish telephone line was out of order from Thursday to Saturday but is now up and running again. Apologies for any inconvenience.

CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available at the back of the church today. Please use them for next week's CAFOD Lenten Fast Day collection. See separate notice for Friday's Lenten Fast Lunch invitation. All welcome.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We continue to remember and pray for the sick and housebound of our parish at all our Masses at St Matthew's. Please call the parish office to let us know if you or a neighbour require a home visit.