

St Matthew's Church Newsletter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)
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From Fr Anthony's Desk

This weekend, we celebrate the first of our two First Holy Communion Masses. Please keep the children, their families and catechists in your prayers.

At the time of this writing, the Diocesan Art and Architecture Committee are due to meet: one of the items on the agenda is our proposal for the new altar and lectern, so we should have some news by the weekend. Once that work is carried out, the sanctuary area can be recarpeted, and then we can begin to think about new covering for the floor of the church. Hopefully, we will be able to have the completed work consecrated before too

SECOND COLLECTION

THIS WEEK: Ecclesiastical Education

This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

| DATE | MASS TIME | INTENTION |
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| SATURDAY (VIGIL) | 6:30pm | Noreen Gonsalves RIP |
| SUNDAY 12TH MAY | 9:00am | Cacilda Fernandes RIP |
| | 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 | Antonio Ikulayo RIP |
| THURSDAY | 9:30am | Jean Vanier RIP |
| FRIDAY | 9:30am | Maureen Sheehan RIP |
| SATURDAY (VIGIL) | 6:30pm | Michael Conneally RIP |
| SUNDAY 19TH MAY | 9:00am | Clive Moniz RIP |
| | 11:00am | People of the Parish |

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 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 18th May between
10:30am-11:00am for general administration matters.

The Parish Office will be open on Monday, Tuesday and
Friday from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

**Apologies for any inconvenience as the telephone line
has been awaiting repair . We hope it will be fixed soon.**

Order of Mass: Parish Mass Book Page 7

Readings in Parish Mass Book, page 269

Vigil/9am Preface V of Easter, page 75

Eucharistic Prayer II, page 25

11am Eucharistic Prayer with Children

Response to the Intercessions: ...to love you more and
more.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the soul of Mrs Maureen Sheehan, formerly of Dasset Road, who died this week after a long period of ill health. We pray for her family members and friends and hold them all in our prayers at this time. May she rest in peace.

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.

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

HOUSE CALLS (19th) Miss A Collaco, Mrs G Grehan, Mr J Hagan-Tetteh, Mrs O Van der Borgh, Miss V Marshman
READERS (18th/19th) Volunteer Req'd (Sat 6:30pm), Mr M Vamboi (Sun 9am), First Holy Communicants (11am)
OFFERTORY (18th/19th) Ms A Clay (6:30pm), H Matthews, F Rocca (9am), First Holy Communicants (11am)
CHURCH CLEANING (13th) M Oliveira **(18th)** V Gyamfi, A Anson **(20th)** F Rocca, K Questelles
FLOWER ARRANGING (18th) Mrs C Fallen **(26th)** Mrs K Hill
COUNTERS (12th) Ms B Cunningham, Mr J Remedios **(19th)** Ms K Kabanova, Ms V Milner
TEAS & COFFEES (12th) Mrs M Schwartz, Mrs E Sanders **(19th)** SVP

**REST IN PEACE
JEAN VANIER RIP
FOUNDER OF L'ARCHE**

This week we received the sad news of the passing of Jean Vanier RIP, the Founder of L'Arche. Jean passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 7 at 2:10 am in Paris surrounded by some relatives.

Information regarding his funeral and the celebration of Jean's life are available on the website JeanVanier.larche.org, where you may wish to post a message or a testimonial.

In his last message, a few days ago, Jean said:
"I am deeply peaceful and trustful. I'm not sure what the future will be but God is good and whatever happens it will be the best. I am happy and give thanks for everything. My deepest love to each one of you".

On Thursday 16th of May, members of our local L'Arche community are joining together for a Vigil for Jean Vanier in St Matthew's Parish Hall at 7pm. Everyone is most welcome to join L'Arche to celebrate Jean's life with an evening of prayer and celebration.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Sun 12th May | 11am | First Holy Communion Mass (Group 1) |
| Wed 15th May | 7.30pm | Buildings and Finance Committee |
| Thur 16th May | 7pm | L'Arche Vigil in Parish Hall |
| Sun 19th May | 11am | First Holy Communion Mass (Group 2) |
| Sun 26th May | 5pm | Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Mass, Procession and Social in hall |
| Thur 30th May | 7:30pm | Women's Forum in Parish Hall |

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be celebrated with Mass at 5pm on Sunday 26th May, followed by a procession and a get together in the hall. Adult entry to hall minimum £2 donation to St Christopher's Hospice. Children under 12 admitted free.

VACANCY - EXAMS OFFICER

The John Fisher School, Peaks Hill, Purley CR8 3YP
Required from Sept 2019 or sooner if available.
See Church noticeboard for more details or website:
www.johnfisherschool.org/Career-Opportunities
Closing Date Tuesday 21st May 2019.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA EVENT

Easter Sing Along - Sat 18th May - 7pm to 11pm
International Food & Music in the Church Hall of
St Margaret Clitherow, 22 Dulwich Wood Park, London SE19 1HL
Admission: Adult: £10. Under 18: £5. Under 10: Free.
Bring your own beverages.
Sing along to easy lyrics, group Karaoke-style.
Organised by KSC Norwood. Brother Lawrence: 07539 404107.

REFLECTION DAY - WORTH ABBEY, SUSSEX

Saturday 18th May 2019

The day will include Mass, reflection and discussion sessions, Rosary Walk, etc. Registration forms available in the Narthex for return by Sun 12th May. Teas and coffees provided. Bring a packed lunch. Transport available from Upper Norwood.

For more info call

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