

## St Matthew's Church Newsletter

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

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Mass on Saturday 6:30pm (Sunday)  
Mass on Sunday 9am, 11am  
Morning Mass 9:30am (Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri)  
Evening Mass No Tuesday Evening Mass this week

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

### ***From Father Anthony's Desk:***

This weekend we celebrate the first of our First Holy Communion Masses. I should like to thank everyone who has put so much time and effort into the preparations for this special occasion. Many people say that their First Communion is the clearest memory of their childhood: I hope that this will be the case for all of our candidates this weekend and next Sunday.

Two other important occasions coming soon are the Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May and the Healing Mass which we shall celebrate on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 15:00. All parishioners are welcome to take part in this event: several residents from the British Home and Hospital attend, so this is a good opportunity to welcome them at the liturgy and for tea in the Hall afterwards.

I shall be away from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May: this is partly to meet Fr Jorge who will be coming from the Argentinian College in Rome to look after the parish in August as Frs Matias and Marcelo have done over the last two years. I am sure that he will be just as acceptable as they were ...

**Order of the Mass:** Parish Mass Book Page 6

**Vigil & 9am:** Preface Ascension 1, page 61.  
Eucharistic Prayer 111, page 28.

**11am** Eucharistic Prayer with Children 1

**Parish Mass Book page 273 for the Readings.**

**Response to the Intercessions:**

*...fill us, Holy Spirit of God.*

**Communion Antiphon:**

*Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.*

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

**Acts 2:1-11**

**1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13,**

**Gospel: John 20: 19-23**

### **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 do let us know if you require a visit at home.

### **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.

**ROTA - 13/20 MAY**  
**HOUSE CALLS (20th)** Mrs A Doe, Miss A Collaco, Mrs B Leonard  
**READERS (19-20th)** Dorie Dela Paz (Sat 6:30pm )Mr M Vamboi (Sun 9am ) Ms S Williamson (Sun 11am)  
**OFFERTORY (19-20th)** Ms A Clay (Sat 6:30pm), H Matthews/F Rocca (Sun 9am), Esiso Family (Sun 11am)  
**CHURCH CLEANING (Mon 14th 10am)** Group 2 Miss Marshman, **(Sat 19th)** Vera Gyamfi, Amelia Anson  
**FLOWER ARRANGING (19th)** Mrs C Fallen  
**COUNTERS (13th)** Ms B Cunningham, Mr J Remedios, **(20th)** Ms K Kabanova, Mr S Swain  
**TEAS & COFFEE (13th)** Mrs Schwartz & Mrs Sanders, **(20th)** St Vincent de Paul Society

*Thank you to all our volunteers who support our Church community.  
 If you are unable to fulfil your duty then please arrange for a substitute.*

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: World Communications Day**

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on national matters, and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women.

**REQUIRED - A ROOM TO RENT**

A local Writer wishes to rent a room, preferably in a quiet home to allow them to work undisturbed. They are willing to pay a contribution towards the rent and to provide support by way of cleaning, companionship, shopping, admin tasks, house-sitting, etc. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

**UCM MEETING & TALK ON POPE PAUL VI**

The Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) will meet on Tuesday 15th May at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Fr Anthony will be speaking about Pope Paul VI and **all** members of the parish are welcome to attend. Tea & coffee will be available.

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>	
<b>Sunday 13 May - 11am</b> <b>Sunday 20 May - 11am</b>	First Holy Communion Group 1 Group 2
<b>Tuesday 15 May - 8pm</b> <b>in Parish Hall</b>	UCM meeting and Talk on Pope Paul VI by Fr Anthony. <b>ALL WELCOME</b>
<b>Sunday 27 May - 5pm</b>	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
<b>Saturday 9 June - 3pm</b>	Healing Mass & refreshments

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Sunday 27th May.

This will begin with Mass at 5pm followed by the procession and a get-together in the hall. Entry fee to the hall is £1.

We would like to see as many of our church family as possible to this event. Do come and bring friends with you if possible.