

St Matthew's Church Newsletter

THE PASSION OF THE LORD (PALM SUNDAY)

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From Fr Anthony's Desk

Last Tuesday, the priests of the Deanery held their regular meeting here at St Matthew's. This was the first time for a long period that this had happened. I should like to thank Olga and Kate most sincerely for providing an excellent lunch, which was well appreciated by all those who were present.

Today we begin Holy Week, during which we recall in our liturgical celebrations the events of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. On Good Friday, there will be the ecumenical Walk of Witness when we join our fellow Christians in drawing the attention of the general public of West Norwood to the significance of this day. The assembly point will be the Methodist Church at Tulse Hill at 1100, and I encourage all parishioners to take part, if possible. See you there!

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Church Maintenance Fund

GOOD FRIDAY

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. The Good Friday collection is taken for their upkeep and to maintain Christian schooling in the area.

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 NOT be available on Saturday 20th April.
Please call the office if you wish to make an appointment.

Order of Mass: Parish Mass Book Page 7

All Masses: Preface of the Passion, page 73
Eucharistic Prayer II, page 25

Parish Mass Book for Readings: Page 184

Response to the Intercessions: ..we welcome you!

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

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
To Christ, our Saviour, and your Son.

EASTER OFFERINGS FOR YOUR PARISH PRIEST

There is only one collection next 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 priest's income.

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

If you are away over Easter you may wish to put your 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. Your offerings are very much appreciated.

ALL EASTER SERVICES ARE LISTED ON THE NOTICEBOARD AND ON OUR WEBSITE: www.stmatthews-westnorwood.org.uk

VOLUNTEER ROTAS**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME & TALENTS FOR OUR CHURCH****HOUSE CALLS (21st)** Mrs K Guest, Mr L Akisanya, Mr L D'Costa, Mrs A Kouakou, Mr T Cheng**READERS (20th/21st)** Ms E Isamah (Sat 6:30pm), Ms B De Souza (Sun 9am), Mrs E Nzekwu (Sun 11am)**OFFERTORY (20th/21st)** Vickers Family (Sat 6:30pm), Hagan-Tetteh Family (Sun 9am), Petrilli Family (Sun 11am)**CHURCH CLEANING (15th)** Ms M Oliveira **(20th)** V Gyamfi, A Anson**FLOWER ARRANGING (20th)** All available Florists please**COUNTERS (15th)** Mr G Fonseca, Mr M Thompson **(21st)** Mr G Jemmott, Mr S Swain**TEAS & COFFEES (14th)** Mrs Schwartz, Mrs Sanders **(21st)** SVP**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.

THANKS FROM THE UCM

The proceeds of last week's cake sale raised £119.25 towards the CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal. Thank you for your support and generosity and thanks to the wonderful bakers too.

THE CO-WORKERS OF MOTHER TERESA

Invite you to a Day of Recollection 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.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Starting at Tulse Hill Methodist Church, Christchurch Road, London SW2 3DQ at 11am on Friday 19th April, walking to St Luke's Church in West Norwood. All welcome.

COMMUNITY MASS - THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all those that attended the recent Community Mass at Cheviot Gardens. This is a highly valued outreach opportunity within our parish. Thanks to the volunteers who provided refreshments and tidied up afterwards. Your help was very much appreciated. Thank you.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**CONFESSIONS**

Confessions at call on Holy Saturday, 20th April from 11am to 12noon.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS**The King's Good Servant - Sat 4 May, 2.30pm.**

The story of heroic St Thomas More.

Meet: Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Cheyne Row SW3 5HS.

Richmond - Sun 5 May, 3.30pm & Wed 22 May, 7pm.

Meet :St Elizabeth's Church, The Vineyard, TW10 6AQ.

Contact: chwalkslondon@gmail.com or Facebook or see website: catholichistorywalks.com Cost: £5.

PARISH OUTING - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are considering a parish outing to Whitstable on Saturday 1st June. Travelling by minibus/coach, lunch at the seaside, etc. There will be limited spaces available.

THANKS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMA

The donations received for the Holy Week posters totalled £65.96 for the Seminary Fund. Many thanks.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTION
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	<i>Silvio Pereira RIP</i>
PALM SUNDAY 14TH APRIL	9:00am	<i>Irma Casali RIP</i>
	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	Eucharistic Service
	11:30am	Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral
MAUNDY THURSDAY	9:30am	Morning Prayer
	7:30pm	<i>Private Intention</i>
GOOD FRIDAY	9:30am	Morning Prayer
	3:00pm	Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
	7:30pm	Prayer around the Cross
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	9:30am	Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Solemn Easter Vigil <i>Eileen Cullinane (Foundation)</i>
EASTER SUNDAY 21ST APRIL	9:00am	<i>Cancio Fernandes RIP</i>
	11:00am	People of the Parish

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 16th April	8pm UCM Meeting
Fri 19th April	11am Walk of Witness starting from Tulse Hill Methodist Church SW2 3DQ
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