

St Matthew's Church Newsletter

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)



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Father Anthony's Desk

If there is a child in your family who is due to start school next September and you need an application form to be signed, please be aware that the closing date is January 15th. I shall be away from the parish during the preceding week, beginning on Monday 11th, so I shall not be available to sign any forms. The last opportunity for having a form signed in time will be Saturday 9th January, 1030-1100 in the Parish Hall.

Some weeks ago I invited parishioners to submit their ideas about what we could do to build up our common life as disciples of Jesus. I have not forgotten about presenting a summary of the comments, but would like at the same time to offer possibilities in regard to parish activities which are either presently available or which could be started. However, with various events which have been happening and with the festive season under way, I thought it better to wait until life has returned to normal and we all have more time to consider what we might do individually

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We remember in our prayers the housebound members of our parish; all those who are sick; those in hospital; those patiently awaiting an operation; those going through treatment and those who are recovering. We trust that God will watch over them all and we continue to hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY

**Mother of Christ, hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep and portal of the sky.
Mother of him who thee from nothing made,
Striving we sink and call to thee for aid.
O by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.**

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 be available on Saturday 22nd December between 10:30-11am to sign forms for school applications, passports, etc.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTION
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 16TH DEC	9:00am	Clive Moniz RIP
	11:00am	Hahn Family (Foundation Mass)
MONDAY	-	No Mass
TUESDAY	10:15am	Mass at the British Home Crown Lane, London SW16 3JB
	7:00pm	Ellis Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	William John Long RIP
THURSDAY	9:30am	Edmund & Irene Tissier (Foundation)
FRIDAY	9:30am	Jacqui's Intention
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	Terry & Mary Spaczynski RIP
SUNDAY 23RD DEC	9:00am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Katherine Carter RIP

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Eucharistic Prayer III Page 28
11am Eucharistic Prayer with Children

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Response to the Intercessions:

... Emmanuel, God with us.

Communion Antiphon:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

ROTA 16-23 DECEMBER More volunteer cleaners are required please—contact the parish office if you can help ☺

HOUSE CALLS (23rd) Mr R Vickers, Mr I Reeves, Mrs B Leonard, Mr T Cheng

READERS (22nd/23rd) Ms E Isamah (Sat 6:30pm), Ms B De Souza (Sun 9am) Mrs E Nzekwu (Sun 11am)

OFFERTORY (22nd/23rd) Vickers Family (Sat 6:30pm), Hagan-Tetteh Family (Sun 9am), Petrilli Family (Sun 11am)

CHURCH CLEANING (17th) Ms F Rocca, Ms M Oliveira **(22nd)** Ms J Nweke, Ms J Ahunanya

FLOWER ARRANGING (22nd & 29th) Mrs K Hill

COUNTERS (16th) Mr S Swain, Ms K Kabanova, Ms V Milner **(23rd)** Mr M Edwards, Mr G Jemmott

TEAS & COFFEES (16th) St Vincent de Paul Society **(23rd)** Gooding Family

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

L'ARCHE NATIVITY PLAY — ALL WELCOME

Saturday 22nd December 3-5pm
All Saints Church, Lovelace Road SE21 8JY

SUMMER IN THE FOREST

Our local West Norwood Picturehouse is screening the film "Summer in the Forest", a film celebrating the L'arche community, on Thursday 20th December at 6pm. The screening will raise funds for a new minibus, with proceeds being split between Picturehouse and L'Arche.

https://www.picturehouses.com/cinema/West_Norwood/film/larche-fundraiser-summer-in-the-forest-qanda

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS APPLYING FOR A CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2019

If you are applying to a Catholic school for your child you are required to complete a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** in addition to the online Common Application Form (CAF) to your local council. If you need help in completing the forms please contact the school directly. Your Parish Priest will need to sign a reference form. Forms can be brought for signature on **Saturday morning at 10.30am** or please call the office to make an alternative appointment soon.

Please note that Fr Anthony will not be available to sign forms in the week before the closing date of 15th January 2019.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

Visits and applications to our local Catholic Primary School, The Federation of St Joseph's Junior, Infant & Nursery Schools, are always warmly welcomed. Please call for an appointment:

Infants: 020 8670 2385 Juniors: 020 8653 7195

<http://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/key-information/admissions/>

Applications considered throughout the year.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Church Maintenance Fund
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOLUNTEERING COMMITMENT

The new rotas for volunteers will be issued shortly. We are very grateful to all those who share their time and talents to support our parish. If you can no longer volunteer and do not wish to be on the new rota please contact the parish office on 020 8670 1765 or email norwoodwest@rcaos.org.uk THANK YOU.

PAID CLEANER REQUIRED PLEASE

Do you have two hours a week available to help keep a home clean and tidy? Please call Fr David Standley on 020 7207 2392

LEND YOUR VOICE TO HELP OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

Do you enjoy inspiring people by giving talks and presentations or would you like to learn? Are you free two weekends a year to inspire others with stories of CAFOD's work with people facing poverty and injustice? How about joining our team of CAFOD volunteer speakers across Southwark Archdiocese?

Your passion and skills will bring CAFOD's work to life and get more people involved in making the world a fairer place.

For more information and to book on our next training day on Saturday 16 February in Waterloo, please email southwark@cafod.org.uk or call 020 8466 9901

CAFOD'S FREE INTERACTIVE ADVENT CALENDAR

CAFOD have released an online interactive Advent Calendar to aid your daily reflection and prayer time: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-Calendar>

THE ROSE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING—1ST CLASS FREE

Available to boys and girls aged 3+

Classes on Monday (Mitcham) and Thursday (Upper Norwood)

Call for more information on 07808 084550

Email: amyfoley12@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/theroseschool/>

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED PLEASE

A single or double room is wanted for a female. Please contact Maria on 07459 247258 or Damson on 07448 808341.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 17th Dec	7.00pm Bishop Thomas Grant School Carol Service at St George's Cathedral
Tues 18th Dec	2.00pm Carol Service at the British Home
Tues 18th Dec	8.00pm UCM Carols and Party
Wed 19th Dec	7.30pm Reconciliation Service