

St Matthew's Church Newsletter



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

Today we celebrate the second of our First Communion Masses. I should like to thank most sincerely our Catechists, Caroline, Anna and Maureen, who have given up their time on Saturday mornings to conduct the classes. We could do with more volunteers to help with the next First Communion sessions, so if anyone would like to take part, even occasionally, please contact any of the Catechists, myself, or leave a message at the parish office. A simple enquiry as to what is involved, without any commitment, will be welcome.

There was a meeting of the Diocesan Art and Architecture Committee on Thursday of last week (9th May). As one of the matters on the agenda was the new altar and lectern for our church, I was invited to attend, so I went to Archbishop's House with Marcin, the carpenter who will carry out the work. After some discussion and clarifications, the plans were accepted, so the next stage is for us to submit the final designs and costing, and then we can see to constructing these important focal points for our Eucharistic worship.

Please remember that next Sunday we celebrate the Mass and Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima: the service begins at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

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 25th May between 10:30am-11:00am for general administration matters.

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

Order of Mass: Parish Mass Book Page 7
 Readings in Parish Mass Book, page 271
 Vigil/9am Preface 1 of Easter, page 74
 Eucharistic Prayer II, page 25
 11am Eucharistic Prayer with Children

Response to the Intercessions: ...Lord, hear our prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings:
 First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
 Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
 Gospel: John 14:23-29

 **Our next Taizé Mass will be on Saturday 25th May at 6.30pm** 

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTION
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	Michael Conneally RIP
SUNDAY 19TH MAY	9:00am	Clive Moniz RIP
	11:00am	People of the Parish
MONDAY	-	No Mass
TUESDAY	10:15am	Mass at The British Home Crown Lane SW16 3JB
	7:00pm	Eucharistic Service in the Presbytery
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	John McMillan RIP
THURSDAY	9:30am	Holy Souls
FRIDAY	9:30am	Margaret Meyer RIP
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 26TH MAY	9:00am	Cacilda Fernandes RIP
	11:00am	Katherine Hill
	5:00pm	First Holy Communicants

SECOND COLLECTION
 THIS WEEK: Church Maintenance Fund

MASS AND ANOINTING SERVICE
 Saturday 1st June at 3pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
 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 God.

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 (26th) Mrs K Guest, Mr R Vickers, Mr L D'Costa, Mrs B Leonard, Ms T de Bertodano

READERS (25th/26th) Ms E Isamah (Sat 6:30pm), MS B De Souza (Sun 9am), Mrs E Nzekwu (11am)

OFFERTORY (25th/26th) Vickers Family (6:30pm), Hagan-Tetteh Family (9am), Petrilli Family (11am)

CHURCH CLEANING (20th) F Rocca, K Questelles **(25th)** J Nweke, N A Budu-Manual, J Ahunanya

FLOWER ARRANGING (26th) Mrs K Hill **(1st)** Mrs L Kelly

COUNTERS (19th) Ms K Kabanova, Ms V Milner **(26th)** Mr M Edwards, Mr G Jemmott

TEAS & COFFEES (19th) SVP **(26th)** Gooding Family

PARISH OUTING - CHANGE OF DATE

Unfortunately, it has been necessary to delay the parish outing to Whitstable as the volunteer driver now has another commitment. We hope to announce a new date soon.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Some places are still available on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Paul Hendricks. Dates: 23-30 August 2019. A range of hotels are available, with options for travel by air from Stansted or Manchester, or by train from London. Advantages of travelling with a diocesan pilgrimage include better participation in Lourdes events and devotions, facilities for pilgrims who need assistance, options for local excursions – and the support of a community devoted to Our Lady and to all that Lourdes means to us. For details please see: www.tangney-tours.com/CA and its special section for Southwark.

MATT MAHER AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

On Friday 31st May, Matt Maher - International Christian music artist, songwriter and worship leader, will be performing at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. Online booking £10 a ticket to cover costs. www.tickettailor.com/events/cathedraltour

LOOKING FOR A GAP YEAR WITH A DIFFERENCE?

Spend a year living and working with other young people, sharing your faith. Develop your gifts, gain new skills and have an experience that will stay with you for life. The gap year team work with residential groups at St. Vincent's and day retreats at Aylesford

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 the hall is a 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
See Church noticeboard for more details or website:
www.johnfisherschool.org/Career-Opportunities
Closing Date Tuesday 21st May 2019.

London SW Catholic Social Group is a group for Catholic adults (18 and over) to meet for regular social and networking events in a friendly and relaxed setting with the aim of making new friends, enjoying new experiences or just to socialise. We host a monthly social at a pub or restaurant in South West London as well as other events either in SW or Central London. We can be found on Facebook – 'London SW Catholic Social Group' or email: londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com
Upcoming events include Mass, Pub Lunch and Walk on 26th May and a trip to the Epsom Derby on 1st June. Please contact us for details.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Theme: Discernment and Vocation

Dates: 24-26 May 2019 Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact
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