

St Matthew's Church Newsletter



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)
24 MARCH 2019

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From Fr Anthony's Desk

Work on removing the false ceiling is due to begin tomorrow (Monday) and should be completed by next weekend.

Stations of the Cross will now be celebrated during Lent on Friday at 7pm.

At the recent meeting, several people observed that the introduction and welcome which used to be read out before Mass has slipped into misuse and should be re-instated. Would **Readers** please note that the sheet is now at the front of the Folder which holds the Intercessions/Bidding Prayers and they should read this out before Mass begins.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We remember the sick and housebound members of our parish. May they feel the support of our prayers.

Order of Mass: Parish Mass Book Page 7
Vigil & 9am: Preface II of Lent, page 70
Eucharistic Prayer II, page 25
11am Gospel: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman, Page 165.
Eucharistic Prayer with Children

Parish Mass Book for Readings: Page 160

Response to the Intercessions:

Heavenly Father, lead us.

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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 30th March between 10.30am-11am for general administration.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTION
SATURDAY	6:30pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 24TH MAR	9:00am	Private Intention
	11:00am	Michelle Anne Fernandez RIP
MONDAY	-	No Mass
TUESDAY	10:15am	Mass at The British Home Crown Lane SW16 3JB
	7:00pm	Mass in the Presbytery
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	Holy Souls
THURSDAY	9:30am	Fr Alfred Cole (RIP)
FRIDAY	9:30am	Elizabeth Ellis (Foundation)
SATURDAY	6:30pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 31ST MAR	9:00am	Jim & Eileen Holland RIP
	11:00am	Reg Dewar RIP



Our next Taizé Mass will be on Saturday 30th March at 6.30pm



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Church Maintenance Fund

WEEKDAY MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place in the Parish Hall while works are underway.

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

VOLUNTEER ROTAS

HOUSE CALLS (31st) Mrs K Guest, Ms S Osho, Mr I Reeves, Mrs B Leonard, Mrs A Greentree

READERS (31st/1st) Vacant (Sat 6:30pm), Ms B DeSouza (Sun 9am), Ms C Thorpe (Sun 11am)

OFFERTORY (31st/1st) Ms Z McGee (Sat 6:30pm), UCM (Sun 9am), Gooding Family (Sun 11am)

CHURCH CLEANING (25th) Ms F Rocca, Ms K Questelles **(30th)** J Nweke, N A Budu-Manuel, J Ahunanya

FLOWER ARRANGING (30th) Mrs C Fallen (*Flowers are permitted on Laetare Sunday*)

COUNTERS (24th) Mr G Jemmott, Mr S Swain **(1st)** Mr G Fonseca, Mr S Thompson

TEAS & COFFEES (24th) Gooding Family **(31st)** *Volunteers required please*

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

*** Copies of the rotas are available from the Sacristy or by email from norwoodwest@rcaos.org.uk ***

GAP YEAR PEER MINISTRY TEAM

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service are currently recruiting for a volunteer gap year team for Sept 2019. This a unique opportunity to live and work in a Christian community at St Vincent's, sharing your faith with other young people through group work, prayer, art, drama, games and music. You will 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 Priory. Open to those aged 18 - 25. For more detail email scys@rcaos.org.uk

VACANCIES

TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

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PARISH ASSESSMENTS FOR 2019

Our parish has received the assessments for the annual amounts we pay to the Diocese, based on our Mass attendance numbers.

Diocesan Development Fund: £9100

Bishops' Fund: £712

Safeguarding: £534

Health and Safety: £1050

Your regular weekly contributions help us to meet these outgoings and are very much appreciated.

BOOK STAND AT ST MARY'S CLAPHAM

RP Books (Redemptorist Publications) will be setting up a book stand in St Mary's Monastery Clapham. All parishioners are most welcome to visit from 8.45am - 1.30pm on Sunday 24th March.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS FROM THE DIOCESAN TEAM

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to attend the Stations of the Cross in the parish hall at 7pm on Friday 29th March.

COMMUNITY MASS AND ANOINTING SERVICE AT CHEVIOT GARDENS

All parishioners are welcome to join with the residents at the sheltered housing development at 36 Cheviot Road, SE27 0DD for a Community Mass and Anointing Service on **Saturday 30th March at 3pm**. The Mass will be followed by refreshments and all are welcome to join with the parishioners who live at Cheviot Gardens.

Volunteers required please: If you can spare an hour or two to help serve teas/coffees after the Mass we'd be very grateful. Please call the parish office on 020 8670 1765 or email norwoodwest@rcaos.org.uk if you can help.

Companionship is always warmly welcomed too. It's a great chance to chat to existing friends and make new ones.

If you require transport to attend the Mass please contact the parish office on 020 8670 1765.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

HOLY WEEK POSTER DISTRIBUTION

Members of the KSC will be distributing Holy Week posters after all the Masses next weekend. Donations towards their fundraising will be very much appreciated.

CLICK TO PRAY APP

Join the Pope in prayer: <https://clicktopray.org/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 28th March	7.30pm Scripture Talk
Fri 29th March	7pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 30th March	3.00pm Community Mass at Cheviot