

# St Matthew's Church Newsletter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

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## From Fr Anthony's Desk

Recently, I proposed having an evening forum for the women of the parish (and beyond) on the subject of their experience of being members of the Church with a male-dominated hierarchy. I did not realise at the time that the date I suggested was also the Feast of the Ascension and a Holyday of Obligation. The meeting will now take place on the following Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, at 1930 in the Parish Hall. I apologise for my oversight in not checking the calendar and for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The mosaic of the Divine Mercy is at present on loan to the Polish Church at Balham. It remains the property of St Matthew's and is there on this understanding. A copy of the covering letter to the priest at Christ the King is available on the notice board in the Narthex.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTION
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	Joseph Lunn
SUNDAY 26TH MAY	9:00am	Cacilda Fernandes RIP
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	5:00pm	First Holy Communicants
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
THURSDAY THE ASCENSION	9:30am	Edith Sanders RIP
	7:30pm	Fr Anthony Bailey RIP
FRIDAY	9:30am	Bridget Harris RIP
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 2ND JUNE	9:00am	UCM
	11:00am	Cacilda Fernandes RIP

### SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

If you have any concerns about safeguarding at St Matthew's please email: [safeguardingstmatthewwn@gmail.com](mailto: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 1st June between 10:30am-11:00am for general administration matters.

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

**Order of Mass:** Parish Mass Book Page 7

Readings in Parish Mass Book, page 274

Vigil/9am Preface III of Easter, page 74

Eucharistic Prayer II, page 25

11am Eucharistic Prayer with Children

**Response to the Intercessions:** ...every step of the way.

### Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Second Reading: Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17,20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

### HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of The Ascension of Our Lord falls on Thursday 30th May and is a Holyday of Obligation. We have Mass in the parish at 9.30am and 7.30pm. (Please note the subsequent change of date for the Women's Forum which will now take place on Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall).

### FR ANTHONY BAILEY SDB

Mrs Kathleen Pearce contacted us on Thursday to advise that her brother, **Fr Anthony Bailey SDB**, had died peacefully on Wednesday in Nazareth House Nursing Home, Manchester. He was very fond of St Matthew's Parish and the lovely parishioners he met in his time in West Norwood. His eloquent sermons and thoughtful poems for special occasions were enjoyed by many. May he rest in peace.

### 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 (2nd)** Mr F Paul, Mr L Akisanya, Mr M Vamboi, Mrs G John Baptiste, Mrs A Greentree

**READERS (1st/2nd)** Volunteer required please (Sat 6:30pm), Mrs E Sanders (Sun 9am), Ms J Ahunanya (11am)

**OFFERTORY (1st/2nd)** O'Sullivan Family (6:30pm), UCM (9am), Gooding Family (11am)

**CHURCH CLEANING (1st)** Arinze, Chika, Patience **(5th)** Ms T de Bertodano

**FLOWER ARRANGING (1st)** Mrs L Kelly **(8th)** Ms K Walker

**COUNTERS (26th)** Mr M Edwards, Mr G Jemmott **(3rd)** Mr G Fonseca, Mr M Thompson

**TEAS & COFFEES (26th)** Gooding Family **(5th)** UCM 9am, French Community 11am

**REQUIEM MASS FOR MAUREEN SHEEHAN RIP**

We pray for the soul of Mrs Maureen Sheehan, formerly of Dasset Road, who died recently. Maureen's Requiem Mass will take place at St Matthew's on Wednesday 5th June at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.

**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 Priory. Open to those aged 18-25 (Sep '19—July '20). Email: [scys@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:scys@rcaos.org.uk)

**VOCATIONS RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
DOWRY HOUSE, WALSINGHAM, NORFOLK**

**Friday 7th - Sunday 9th June 2019**

A retreat for men and women aged 18 - 35 who are open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

~ Prayer ~ Spirituality ~ Talks ~ Discernment ~ Fellowship ~ Support ~ Accompaniment ~

This retreat will be hosted by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham on behalf of the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady.

Special rates will be available. For more details, please visit [www.dowryhouse.org.uk/](http://www.dowryhouse.org.uk/)

**Lambeth Learning Disability Assembly AGM**

**Tuesday 4th June 2019 10:30am-2:30pm**

**Meeting at:**

**"We are 336", 336 Brixton Road, SW9 7AA.**

Annual Report. Vote for Co-Chairs. Buffet lunch. Workshop to review year and share ideas for future.

For more information contact

[lambethassembly@healthwatch.org.uk](mailto:lambethassembly@healthwatch.org.uk)

Or ring Jane Abraham on 07974564235

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING so we have enough food AND can aim to meet ANY ACCESS NEEDS.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Please join us for the celebration of 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.

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: [londonswcatholicocial@gmail.com](mailto:londonswcatholicocial@gmail.com) Upcoming events include a trip to the Epsom Derby on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**MASS AND ANOINTING SERVICE**

**Saturday 1st June at 3pm**

We look forward to seeing as many members of our extended parish community as possible. Volunteers to help with transport, companionship and refreshments are always welcomed.

If you require transport to attend please contact the office on 020 8670 1765 or by email on [norwoodwest@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:norwoodwest@rcaos.org.uk)

**NEXT COMMUNITY MASS AT CHEVIOT GARDENS**

**Saturday 22nd June at 3pm.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

We recently received a message from Christina Reeves, who wished to thank the parish and wider community for their prayers and kindness during her ill health. We continue to pray for all the sick and housebound members of our parish.

They are often in our thoughts and prayers throughout the week and are remembered regularly at Mass.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

THIS WEEK: Church Maintenance Fund

Next Week: World Communications Day

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sun 26th May	5pm	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Mass, Procession and Social in hall
Sat 1st June	3:00pm	Mass and Anointing Service
Thurs 6th June	7:30pm	Women's Forum in Parish Hall
Sat 22nd June	3:00pm	Community Mass at Cheviot Gardens