

# St Matthew's Church Newsletter

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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**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 & 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 5th January between  
 10:30-11am to sign forms for school applications, passports, etc.

## Father Anthony's Desk

Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to making our Christmas celebrations such a memorable and moving event. I should like also to express my gratitude for all the cards and gifts I received, especially for the kind messages so many of you wrote in your cards.

I shall be away from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January, so the last opportunity for school forms to be signed will be **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1030-1100 in the Parish Hall.**

Often when people are coming to our church by car and using their satnav, they miss the entrance to the car park in Dunbar Street as the postcode to the street address brings them to the front of the church, by which time they are in the one-way system and confused as to where they should go: this even happened to the police when I had to call them out once and then had to go looking for the patrol car! The postcode for the carpark is **SE27 9JY**: if you are giving drivers directions, please

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTION
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 30TH DEC	9:00am	Uche Josephene Ebele
	11:00am	Douglas Matthews RIP
MONDAY	-	No Mass
TUESDAY	11.30am	Mass at The British Home
	7:00pm	Mary Marshman RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Robert Barg RIP
THURSDAY	9:30am	Ellis - Holy Souls
FRIDAY	9:30am	W M Marshman RIP
SATURDAY (VIGIL)	6:30pm	George Burns RIP
SUNDAY 6TH JAN	9:00am	UCM
	11:00am	People of the Parish

**Order of Mass:** Parish Mass Book Page 7  
 Vigil & 9am: Preface Nativity I Page 66  
 Eucharistic Prayer III Page 28  
 11am Eucharistic Prayer with Children

**Parish Mass Book for Readings:** Page 105

### Response to the Intercessions:

...we love you and we need you.

### Communion Antiphon:

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

### Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

## 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.**

**ROTA 30 DEC—6 JAN****More volunteer cleaners are required please—contact the parish office if you can help ☺****HOUSE CALLS (6th)** Mr J Abraham, Mr L Akisanya, Mr M Vamboi, Mrs A Kouakou, Mrs A Greentree**READERS (5th/6th)** Ms N Mehari (Sat 6:30pm), Mrs E Sanders (Sun 9am) Ms J Ahunanya (Sun 11am)**OFFERTORY (5th/6th)** Z McGee (Sat 6:30pm), UCM (Sun 9am), Gooding Family (Sun 11am)**CHURCH CLEANING (2nd)** K Questelles, T de Bertodano **(5th)** Arinze/Chika/Patience**FLOWER ARRANGING (5th)** Mrs E Kelly **(12th)** Ms K Walker**COUNTERS (30th)** M Edwards, G Jemmott **(7th)** G Fonseca, S Thompson**TEAS & COFFEES (30th)** Volunteers required please **(6th)** UCM 9am, French Community 11am*If you cannot fulfil the above duty please arrange for a substitute to fill your place. Thank you.***FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019**

First Holy Communion classes will resume on Saturday 5th January 2019 at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you then.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY FEDERATION**

The biggest Catholic Youth event in England and Wales is back! FLAME takes place on 2nd May 2019 at the SSE Arena, Wembley. £23 per person.

For bookings and info: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame2019/>**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK**

Church Maintenance Fund

**VACANCY - DATA MANAGER**

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

PEAKS HILL, PURLEY, SURREY, CR8 3YP

Tel: 020 8660 4555

Required from January 2019

Salary scale 4/5 point 18 - 25 £20,667 - £24,999

Required to start in January 2019 or sooner if possible.

Hours will be 36 per week, 52 week contract.

[www.johnfisherschool.org/Career-Opportunities](http://www.johnfisherschool.org/Career-Opportunities)Closing date noon on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019.Interviews week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.**SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES FOR SALE**

A useful guide of parishes, priests, schools, associations and a calendar for the liturgical year. The 2019 Southwark Directory can be purchased from the Sacristy, priced £3.50.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

All donations for the foodbank are most gratefully received.

Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

**CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES AT ST JOSEPH'S**

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

Infants: 020 8670 2385 Juniors: 020 8653 7195

[www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/key-information/admissions/](http://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/key-information/admissions/)

Applications considered throughout the year.

**OPEN DAY for Year 12 in Sept 2019****ST FRANCIS XAVIER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**

10 Malwood Road, Balham, London SW12 8EN

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 10am-2.30pm**[www.sfx.ac.uk/openday](http://www.sfx.ac.uk/openday) to register**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass intention envelopes are available at the back of the Church. There is a selection of Mass Cards available from the Sacristy or from the Parish Office. If you wish to have a mass on a particular date, please contact the office in good time to secure the date in the diary.

**CRIB OFFERINGS**

This Christmas our Crib Offerings will be donated to the

**Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund.**

This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donation to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

**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](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) or call 020 8466 9901**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tue 15th Jan

8pm UCM Meeting (no meeting on 01/01/19)