

St Matthew's Church Newsletter



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

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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 6th April between
 10.30am-11am for general administration.

From Fr Anthony's Desk

At the time of writing, the roof of the church is well under way with being restored. You will notice that the acoustics are much improved. This will help the readings and speaking to be heard more easily, and also with singing and musical accompaniment. Please note that the choir and other leaders or the singing are precisely that: leaders, not performers. The hymns and sung parts of the Mass are for everyone to join in. It is noticeable that some people do not even bother to open their hymn books to take part, so may I encourage everyone to take their proper full part in the liturgy by joining in the singing at Mass.

The lists for readers and ministers for the Easter Vigil will be available next weekend, so may I invite all those who can assist at the services of Holy Week and the Triduum to indicate when they will be available. Thanks to you all in advance.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTION
SATURDAY	6:30pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 31ST MAR	9:00am	Jim & Eileen Holland RIP
	11:00am	Reg Dewar RIP
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	Holy Souls
THURSDAY	9:30am	Jacqui's Intention
FRIDAY	11:00am	Requiem Mass: Debra Ann Smith RIP
SATURDAY	6:30pm	Cancio Fernandes RIP
SUNDAY 7TH APRIL	9:00am	UCM
	11:00am	People of the Parish

Order of Mass: Parish Mass Book Page 7
 Vigil & 9am: Eucharistic Prayer I for Reconciliation, page 36
 11am Gospel: the Man Born Blind, page 174.
 Eucharistic Prayer with Children

Parish Mass Book for Readings: Page 168

Response to the Intercessions:

...supply our needs

Communion Antiphon:

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
 Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
 Gospel: John 8:1-11

*** SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY ***

CAFOD Emergency Cyclone Idai Appeal

Please support our parish second collection for this appeal. Your donation will give food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. Gabriele, our expert working with the Church in Mozambique at this time, tells us: "We know that Idai has wiped out crops and livestock, damaged water supplies and wrecked sanitation facilities, leaving vulnerable families even more exposed. With the support and generosity of the Catholic community, we can reach the people who really need urgent emergency aid."

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 (7th) Ms A Collaco, Mrs G Grehan, Mrs J Swain, Mrs C Isamah, Ms T de Bertodano

READERS (6th/7th) Mrs P Abraham (Sat 6:30pm), Mrs A Doe (Sun 9am), Miss L Meerabux (Sun 11am)

OFFERTORY (6th/7th) Mrs P Burns (Sat 6:30pm), McGrath Family (Sun 9am), Swain Family (Sun 11am)

CHURCH CLEANING (3rd) Ms T de Bertodano **(6th)** Arinze, Chika, Patience

FLOWER ARRANGING (20th) All Florists please

COUNTERS (1st) Mr G Fonseca, Mr S Thompson **(7th)** Ms B Cunningham, Mr J Remedios

TEAS & COFFEES (31st) *Volunteers required please (7th) UCM-9am, French Community-11am*

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

DRIVERS WANTED

Would you be willing to offer an occasional lift to Mass? Several people have a regular lift to enable them to join us on Saturday evening or Sunday - some of them have a wheelchair which needs to accompany them in the car. When the regular lift-giver is away they cannot get to Mass. Would you be willing to help out occasionally? If so, would you let the office know which Mass you usually attend and if we may pass on your details?

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Islington, Sunday 7th April, 3pm. Charles Dickens, a forgotten Catholic heroine, and much more. Meet at St John the Evangelist, 39 Duncan Road, London, N1 8AL. Nearest Tube: Angel

In the Footsteps of John Henry Newman, Monday 8th April, 7pm. Meet at St Elizabeth's, The Vineyard, Richmond, TW10 6AQ. Nearest Tube & Station: Richmond.

Contact: chwalkslondon@gmail.com
or see www.catholichistorywalks.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 2nd April	8pm UCM Meeting
Thur 4th April	7.30pm Scripture Talk
Fri 5th April	7pm Stations of the Cross
Wed 10th April	7.30pm Lenten Penetential Service
Sun 12th May	11am First Holy Communion Mass (Group 1)
Sun 19th May	11am First Holy Communion Mass (Group 2)
Sun 26th May	5pm Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the soul of **Debra Ann Smith** who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 5th April at 11am. We also pray for **Patrick Heneghan**, a former resident of the British Home, who died this week. Please remember Debra and Patrick in your prayers.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

ALMSGIVING

One of the traditional works of Lent is Almsgiving. This may take the form of giving money to those in need or by contributing to a charity that provides this support. You may wish to contribute dried food items to the basket in Church. The contents are brought to the altar at the Offertory of the Mass and taken to the Food Bank at St Luke's during the week. Your donations are always gratefully received. Thank you.

PENETENTIAL SERVICE

In preparation for Easter please join us for a Penetential Service on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

HOLY WEEK POSTER DISTRIBUTION

Members of the KSC will be distributing Holy Week posters after all the Masses this weekend. Donations to support the Seminary Fund for new and young priests will be very much appreciated.

WITH LOVE TO ALL MOTHERS

A very Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers in our community and for those mothering throughout the world. May God bless them abundantly for the love and support they have shared with those around them.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We remember the sick and housebound members of our parish. May they feel the support of our prayers and may their Carers be blessed too.