

# St Matthew's Church Newsletter

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

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Mass on Saturday 6:30pm (Sunday)  
Mass on Sunday 9 am, 11am  
Morning Mass 9:30am (Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri)  
Evening Mass 7:00pm Tuesdays

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  
Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri 9:30am-2:30pm

## From Father Anthony's Desk:

I should like to thank most sincerely everyone who worked so well and hard to make our Easter services such a profound and moving experience. I am sure that all who took part benefitted greatly from our celebration of the liturgy.

I would like to thank you all personally for your good wishes and gifts for Easter. I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness very much.

The next Confirmation session will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 19:30. Anyone who still has to submit their letter of application must do so by Thursday or bring their letter to the meeting. The list of candidates will appear in next week's Newsletter.

**Next Sundays Readings:** Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2:1-5, Luke 24: 35-48

**Order of the Mass:** Parish Mass Book Page 6  
Preface Easter 1, page 60. Euch Prayer 3, page 28.  
11:00- Euch Prayer 2, page 24.

**Parish Mass Book page 256 for the Readings.**

### Response to the Intercessions:

*My Lord and my God.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*

### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:

After the 9am Mass, please join the mothers in the hall for tea, coffee and cake sale, proceeds in aid of St Christopher's Hospice.

The second collection this week is for the Church Maintenance Fund.

### 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,  
For the Lord has risen indeed,  
    alleluia.

**A warm welcome** to Marley-Rose who was baptised in our parish last weekend. We pray for her, her parents and godparents.

**The following Baptism Certificates are ready for collection:**  
Ozias Pencille and Maximillian Ridgway

ROTA - 8/15 APR:

HOUSECALLS (15th) Mrs A Doe, Mrs C Isamah, Mr J Hagan Tetteh, Mr T Cheng, Mrs G John Baptiste, Mr F Paul

READERS (15th) Mrs P Abraham (Sat 6:30pm) Mrs A Doe (Sun 9am) Miss C Leonard (Sun 11am)

OFFERTORY (15th) Mrs P Burns (Sat 6:30pm) Giraldo Fmly (Sun 9am) Swain Fmly (Sun 11am)

CHURCH CLEANING SAT 14 APR Ms E Martin/ Ms J Nweke

FLOWER ARRANGING – 14 APR- Vacant

COUNTERS 8 APR—Ms B Cunningham, Mr J Remedios 15 APR-Mr S Swain, Ms K Kabanova

TEAS & COFFEE : 8 APR-UCM (9AM) Mrs Schwartz/Mrs Sanders(11am) 15 APR St Vincent de Paul Society

*If you are unable to fulfil your duty then please arrange for a substitute.*

### UCM PRAYER

Lord Jesus you lived with Mary and Joseph at Nazareth and enjoyed family life, growing in wisdom and stature in the sight of God the Father and ourselves. Help the members of the Union Catholic Mothers to follow this example in prayer, love and active witness to Marriage, Family and Christian Life in the world.

Make us understanding and caring to all experiencing difficulties and generous in support, so that one day we may all rejoice together in our Eternal Home.

AMEN

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving Father,  
touch and transform us by the joy of your love.

Make us missionary disciples, empowered to carry the love of Christ to our neighbour.

May young people be inspired by our example to take up the path of Christian discipleship and dedicate their lives to the service of the Gospel.

Raise up new vocations by the power of your Holy Spirit to the priesthood and the consecrated life:

send us men and women inspired to be living signs of your mercy.

Grant us all an openness of heart that we might readily respond to your call, and proclaim with joy the Good News to the whole world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **We pray for those who have died recently:**

Patricia Delaney and James Holland

### **We pray for the sick:**

Michael, Mrs Dorothy Nichol, Mrs Mary Wallace, Mrs Peggy Phillips, Fr. Anthony Bailey, Mr Patrick Heneghan, Mrs Maureen Sheehan, Mr Martin Fisher, Ms Shelagh Mc Donough, Mrs Sheila Bohan and Monsignor James O'Neill.

### **Dates for your Diary**

<b>Friday</b>	Confirmation— Bishop Pat Lynch presiding
<b>Sunday May 13, 11am</b>	First Holy Communion Group 1
<b>May 20, 11am</b>	Group 2
<b>Sunday May 27 5pm</b>	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

### **THE GIFT**

“Organise Life in the Spirit Seminars to your parishes.” Pope Francis speaking to 1000 priests in Rome last year. **St Chad’s parish, 5 Whitworth Rd. South Norwood** is running Life in the Spirit Seminars after Easter this year commencing **Monday 9th April** and then every Monday in the six weeks to Pentecost Sunday. The Seminars will begin at 7:30pm and end at 9:30pm and will include talks on DVD by well known speakers including Charles Whitehead and Michelle Moran. Sharing in small groups will follow each talk and there will be time to chat to fellow parishioners over refreshments. More details can be found on the poster at the back of the church.

**Next Sunday 15 April** the charity Mary’s Meal will be here to collect your unwanted clothing/bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**) Put your clothing/bedding in a tied black sack and bring them with you when you come to church— the cut off time for collection is **11am**. The charity is committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance.