

# Parish Newsletter

SAINT MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, WEST NORWOOD

37 Norwood High Street, London, SE27 9JU

Third Sunday of Easter (B), 14th April 2024

## PARISH SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** 6:30pm (Sat),  
9am & 11am.

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** 7pm every  
Tuesday. 9:30am Wednesday & Friday.  
12 noon every First Friday.  
11am every Thursday at the British Home.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5:30pm -  
6:15pm and at call.

**ADORATION:** Every Tuesday by 6:30pm

**RCIA:** Contact the priest or parish  
office if you want to join the catholic  
faith, return to faith or prepare for  
adult confirmation

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Contact  
Parish Office

**PARISH OFFICE:** Open office/  
surgery ,Friday 10am - 12:30pm and  
2:30pm - 4:30pm. Other days with  
appointment, please.

**UCM:** Every First Friday at 12noon.

**YOUTH CLUB:** 4:30pm, 3rd Saturday  
of every month

**BAPTISM :** Contact Parish Office

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**Diocesan Website:** [www.rcaos.org.uk](http://www.rcaos.org.uk)

## PARISH INFORMATION AND FAITH NEWS

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For the role of women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION 21ST APRIL:** The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** We will be having our first meeting with parents and candidates for confirmation on Saturday 11 May 2024 by 4:30pm at the parish hall.

**YOUTH EVENTS:** (under 18) and young adults (over 18) in the Archdiocese: **Youth Days (10-14 years)** The next Youth Day, for young people aged 10 to 14, will take place at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 11 May. The day will include faith input, prayer, sports, games, and pizza. Parents can book their children, and group leaders can register [here](#).

A write-up and video of the March Youth Day is [here](#).

**Retreat Days (13-17 years).** The next Retreat Day for young people aged 13 to 17 will take place on Saturday 15 June at Richard Challoner School, New Malden. These days are opportunities for teenagers to grow in faith and friendship in a fun environment. Parents can book their children, and group leaders can register [here](#) and further details will be available soon. write-up of the last retreat day in February, which was given by NET Ministries, is [here](#).

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:** There will be a mass in celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage on the 13th of July at St George’s Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please email [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) by the 31st of May. You should provide the following details: your names in the format of ‘John and Mary Smith’, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of your vows during mass. Please write your parish (Norwood West) in the subject line of your email.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FATHER DAVID STANDLEY:** Funeral Mass at Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George Lambeth Road SE1 6HR , on Thursday 25th April 2024 at 10 am.

**PARISH MINISTRY**

	<b>13th/14th APRIL</b>	<b>20th/21st April</b>
<b>READERS</b>		
<b>6:30PM</b>	Saviot/Liane	Myra/Lilly
<b>9AM</b>	Maria/Sinead/Eliza	John/Melba
<b>11AM</b>	Arav/Chukwuma	Chiebuka/Munachi
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>		
<b>6:30PM</b>	Russell	Jenny
<b>9AM</b>	Albertina	Albertina
<b>11AM</b>	Deacon/Kereine	Deacon/Kereine
<b>CHURCH CLEANING:</b>	Catherine/Noelie	Albertine/Justine/Justina

**Order of Mass and readings:** Parish Mass Book page 7. Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter, from page 258 of Parish Mass book.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTION</b>
<b>SAT 13TH</b>	Vigil Mass	6:00pm	Madeline Daly RIP
<b>SUN 14TH</b>	3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Albertina D’Cruz RIP
		11:00am	Pro Populo
<b>MON 15TH</b>	Feria	9:00am	No Mass
<b>TUE 16TH</b>	Feria	6:30pm	Adoration
		7pm	Bridie Hunt RIP
<b>WED 17TH</b>	Feria	9:30am	Hannah Young RIP
<b>THUR 18TH</b>	Feria	Mass @ BH	Mary Tobin RIP
<b>FRI 19TH</b>	Feria	9:30am	Steve Lobo RIP
<b>SAT 20TH</b>	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Mary Marshman RIP
<b>SUN 21ST</b>	4th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Steve Lobo RIP
		11:00am	Pro Populo

**We are grateful for all you do to support the parish.**

**Setting up a Standing Oder is the most efficient way to make a donation to the parish without incurring fees. You can use the following details for one-off donations or set up a Standing Order or Direct Debit: Natwest Bank; Account Name: RCAS Norwood West, Sort Code: 60-23-19; Account Number: 44115369. Thank you .**