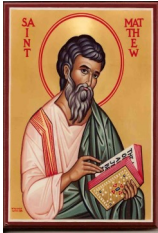


SAINT MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, WEST NORWOOD



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Sunday 21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact
Parish Office

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

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

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

UCM: Every First Friday at 12noon.

ADORATION: Every Tuesday by 6:30pm

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

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

BAPTISM : Contact Parish Office

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.

PARISH MEETING: Those invited for this important parish meeting, please be reminded that it will take place on Friday 26 April by 7pm at the parish hall.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION: 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. Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504. Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church

Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham - 27 April. Bishop Philip Moger is leading an Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 27 April. Bishop Philip was the former Rector of the Shrine and the pilgrimage will include adoration, confession, the rosary and Mass. Find out more [Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham 27 April 2024: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcaos.org.uk\)](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/Archdiocesan-pilgrimage-to-Walsingham-27-April-2024)

Youth Training Day - 27 April. The Southwark Catholic Youth Service is running a training day at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral on 27 April on how to engage with young people and grow youth ministry in your parish. There are lots of interesting guest speakers. Sign up here: [Youth Training Day 27 April 2024: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcaos.org.uk\)](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/Youth-Training-Day-27-April-2024)

Archbishop John to lead pilgrimage to Lourdes - August 2024. Join Archbishop John and Bishop Paul on a pilgrimage to Lourdes from **23 to 30 August 2024**. Details on the pilgrimage, including volunteering and accommodation options can be found on diocesan website. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

Migrant Worker Mass - 6 May. The annual Migrant Worker Mass will take place at St George's Cathedral on **Monday 6 May at 12.30pm**. It will be led by Archbishop John and is in partnership with Westminster and Brentwood, and supported by Justice and Peace and the Ethnic Chaplaincies. We expect it to be well attended, so please arrive by 12pm to secure a seat. Details here: [Migrant Mass 6 May 12.30pm: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcaos.org.uk\)](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/Migrant-Mass-6-May-12.30pm)

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Will you be able to support the parish with children's liturgy during the 11am mass every Sunday? Please speak to Fr Celestine.

GIFT AID: Will you be able to support the parish with the gift aid processes? Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office.

St George’s Cathedral Second Collection 28th April: For over half a century, St George’s Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George’s has been a beacon of light. Today, St George’s Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls’ choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George’s Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and ‘beehive’ for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark. St George’s Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you! · Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral. Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504. Cash / Cheque – please use the envelopes.

Archdiocesan viral prayer campaign. As part of the year of prayer, the Archdiocese is running a campaign called [#GivePrayerAGo](https://www.facebook.com/GivePrayerAGo). The campaign produced and shared prayer videos on social media every day during Lent, which went viral and had a reach of over **12 million people on Facebook alone**. After the campaign hit 1.5 million in just a week, it was picked up by the media, including the [Catholic Herald](https://www.catholic-herald.com/)

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

20th\21st April

27/28th April

READERS

6:30PM Myra/Lilly

Ann

9AM John/Melba

Brenda

11AM Chiebuka/Munachi

Daniel/Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6:30PM Jenny

Russell

9AM Albertina

Albertina

11AM Deacon/Kereine

Deacon or Patience

CHURCH CLEANING

Albertine/Justine/Justina

Hugo/Lina/Eugenie

Order of Mass and readings: Parish Mass Book page 7. Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter, from page 261 of Parish Mass book.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MASS	TIME	MASS INTENTION
SAT 20TH	Vigil Mass	6:00pm	Mary Marshman RIP
SUN 21TH	4th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Steve Lobo RIP
		11:00am	Pro Populo
MON 22ND	Feria	9:00am	
TUE 23RD	St George	6:30pm	Joyce Betts, wellbeing
		7pm	
WED 24TH	Feria	9:30am	William Marshman RIP
THUR 25TH	St Mark	Mass @ BH	Elis Holy Soul
FRI 26TH	Feria	9:30am	Peter Vaz RIP
SAT 27TH	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Alan Quinn RIP
SUN 28TH	5th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Annie D'Sousa RIP
		11:00am	Parish Benefactors

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 .