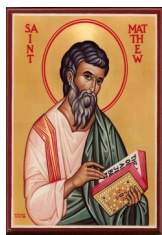


# SAINT MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, WEST NORWOOD



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**Sunday 28th April 2024**

**Fifth 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.

**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](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral). Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504. Cash / Cheque – please use the envelopes.

**A Year of Encounter:** With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate London:** is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

**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 \(rcaos.org.uk\)](#)

**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.

**Archdiocesan viral prayer campaign.** As part of the year of prayer, the Archdiocese is running a campaign called [#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](#)

**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 \(rcaos.org.uk\)](#)

**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.

**PARISH MINISTRY**

**27/28th April**

**4/5th May**

**READERS**

**6:30PM Ann**

**Leyla Meerabux, Ann Doe,**

**9AM Brenda**

**Savio Monit, Sinead Hunt,**

**Maria Iloh**

**11AM Daniel/Marie**

**John Preston, Melba Moore,  
Chiebuka Obichukwu**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**6:30PM Russell**

**Jenny**

**9AM Albertina**

**Albertina**

**11AM Deacon or Patience**

**Deacon/ Kereine**

**CHURCH CLEANING**

**Hugo/Lina/Eugenie**

**Chika/Patience/Juliana**

**Order of Mass and readings:** Parish Mass Book page 7. Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter, from page 264 of Parish Mass book.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTION</b>
<b>SAT 27TH</b>	Vigil Mass	6:00pm	Alan Quinn RIP
<b>SUN 28TH</b>	5th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Anne D'Sousa RIP
		11:00am	Parish Benefactors
<b>MON 29TH</b>	Saint Catherine of Sienna	9:00am	
<b>TUE 30TH</b>	Feria	6:30pm	Anne Lagerwell
		7pm	
<b>WED 1ST</b>	Feria	9:30am	Joyce Betts wellbeing
<b>THUR 2ND</b>	Saint Athanasius	Mass @ BH	Soldiers / Sailors / Army Personnel
<b>FRI 3RD</b>	Saints Philip & James	9:30am	Union of Catholic Mothers
<b>SAT 4TH</b>	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Maureen Marsham
<b>SUN 5TH</b>	6th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Celestina Isamah, in T/giving
		11:00am	Pro populo

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

**Setting up a Standing Order 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 .**