

St Matthias Church
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 28th July 2019

Welcome all visiting with us for the first time and invite you all to join us, after mass, for Coffee/tea at the back of Church

Sunday 28th	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Parish Mass 11am
Monday 29th	S Martha	No Mass
Tuesday 30th	Feria of 17th Week in ordinary time	No Mass
Wednesday 31st	S Ignatius of Loyola, P	No Mass
Thursday 1st	S Alphonsus Liguori, BDr	
Friday 2nd	Feria of 17th Week in ordinary time	
Saturday 3rd	Our Lady on Saturday	Mass 10am
Sunday 4th	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Parish Mass 11am

ALTERNATIVE EPISCOPAL OVERSIGHT

As discussed at the last PCC, it was agreed that we would have a discussion with everyone involved in the life of this church family. Therefore, throughout summer, we hope that we will all fully engage in conversation as to whether we feel/believe that we should come under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham; Rt Rev Jonathan Baker.

Bishop Jonathan has agreed to come and visit us to lead a debate on this very issue and will be visiting on Tuesday 3rd September and offering mass at 7pm and then have a talk afterwards. We hope that as many can come and to meet him, but also to engage in talks. This is very important as it does involve the future of where we want to stand and it is vital that all PCC members should try and be present, but it is open to all, please make a note of this very important date.

The PCC will have a casting vote at the next meeting on 5th October.

WINDRUSH CAMPAIGN

The Council is urging residents who have been adversely affected by the Government's 'hostile environment' immigration policies to apply for compensation.

The Home Office's 'Windrush Compensation Scheme', named after the large numbers of the Windrush generation who have been mistreated over recent years, is available for those who have 'suffered a loss' because they could not easily demonstrate their right to live in the UK.

The scheme has a very broad criteria for both who is eligible for compensation, and what counts as 'suffering a loss'. There will probably be many individuals, family members or friends who may be eligible without realising.

It is open to anyone from a Commonwealth country - not just the Caribbean - who arrived before 1 January 1973, and those with a 'right of abode' or 'settled status' who arrived in the UK before 31 December 1988, regardless of their original nationality. As well as those directly affected, it also covers family members and carers who may have been impacted financially, emotionally or otherwise, as well as the estates of those who are now deceased but who would have otherwise been eligible to claim.

Compensation could be paid for loss of employment, immigration fees incurred, loss of tenancy and being made homeless, impact on health and education, non-access to banking, wrong detention and removal, and general impact on 'normal daily life'.

Two or more people could be eligible for 'loss' associated with the same case, for example an individual who may have been wrongly deported and their family members/friends who had to spend time, money and effort seeking redress through the immigration system.

Anything you can do to raise the profile of the compensation scheme among your wider networks, such as including this in your newsletters, social media channels and WhatsApp groups, would be very welcome. The Council will be organising workshops in the autumn to offer support and guidance to people who want to apply for compensation. We will share information on these in due course.

For more information on the scheme visit www.gov.uk/guidance/windrush-compensation-scheme.

For other information on immigration issues visit the Council's Windrush page www.hackney.gov.uk/windrush.

FABRIC OF THE CHURCH

Whilst works have been carried out, it has come to light that the aisle roof is now leaking seriously; the plaster in the Lady Chapel is now a H&S matter; the tower is still a major concern; We have spent a fortune on the electrics (and we still need to raise funds for the project) and we are now in need of renovating the church and need to focus our attention back to the fabric. We cannot do this unless we are all committed to seeking ways of supporting the church...How can WE do this?

PARISH DAY TRIP TO BRIGHTON – SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2019

Are you coming to support this fund-raising activity? See Sheryl for further details. seats are going very quickly. Monies MUST be PAID before we travel (for insurance purposes) and also to pay for the coach. Please support this Fund-Raising event for the sake of the electrics! £20 Adult/s - £15 Children (Under 16)

**Pastoral Matters: Including: Baptisms, Confirmation, Weddings, Funerals and Confessions.
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