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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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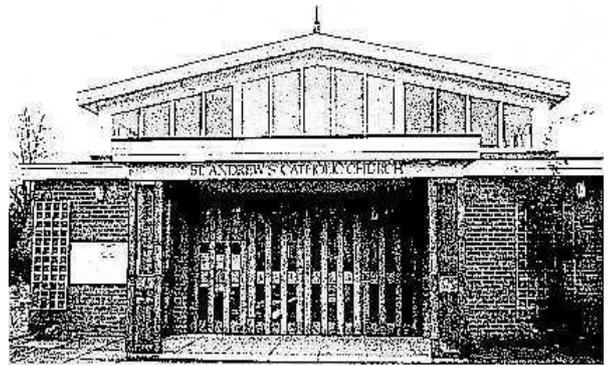
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## PASTORAL TEAM

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**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila DMJ

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## 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

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### Message from Deacon Errol

#### Time

How do you use your time? It's interesting how we often talk as though we own time. Jesus used his time on earth with you in mind, and even when he was about to leave the earth, he said he was going to prepare a place for you; again, working with you in mind. How are you using your time? If God's ordained time is anything to go by, then we don't have a lot to waste it on immorality.

The Bible tells us we only have limited time on this planet and tells us to make the most of that time; and to be wise about what we do in that time: It says, **“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”** *Ephesians 5:15-17* (ESV)

Let us reflect on the three things this passage tells us:

1. Make the most of our limited time.
2. Live wisely, not unwisely.
3. Understand the will of God.

They are all connected and make our short stay worthwhile. We make the most of our limited time here by living wisely, not unwisely. And to be able to live wisely, we need to understand the will of God. Of course, God's overarching will and purpose throughout the ages is to know him, to love him, to serve him, and to love our neighbour.

If you knew you only had a certain amount of time to live, what would you do with it? Surely, it is only wise to put Christ at the centre of our time, working with him daily. Why? Because, our book of life will be opened before him to give account.

#### **This Sunday's Readings**

<b>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</b>	<b>The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour</b>
<b>Psalm 24</b>	<b>Lord, make me know your ways</b>
<b>1 Corinthians 7:29-31</b>	<b>The world as we know it is passing away</b>
<b>Mark 1:14-20</b>	<b>Repent, and believe the Good News</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday  9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Rosary</b> <b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00pm Choir Members reception - (hall)</b>  <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Gerald O’Leary RIP  David Errol Joseph RIP (Anniv) John Lawrence Fernandes RIP (Anniv)  Parishioners
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> St Vincent 2 Sam 5:1-7. 10 Mk 3:22-30	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 8.00pm Exposition and Adoration</b> <b>7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</b> <b>8.00pm PPC Meeting</b>	“Jessie Mary” Joseph Cyril Phokeerdoss RIP
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> Feria 2 Sam 6:12-15. 17-19 Mk 3:31-35	7.30am Mass <b>10.00am Funeral Mass</b> <b>6.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)</b> <b>7.45pm R.C.I.A.</b>	Martin Gonsalves Desmond Bullard RIP
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> St Francis de Sales 2 Sam 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b> <b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b> <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	“Elizabeth” Virginia Athayde RIP (Anniv)
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> Conversion of St Paul Ac 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Maria Piedade Fernandes RIP John & Luiza Fernandes RIP
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> SS Timothy and Titus 2 Sam 11:1-10. 13-17 Mk 4:26-34	7.30am Mass <b>10.00am Funeral Mass</b> <b>7.00pm Liturgy Meeting</b>	For the Suffering Souls RIP Henry Victoire RIP
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b> St Angela Merici 2 Sam 12:1-7. 10-17 Mk 4:35-41	9.30am Mass <b>9.50 – 11.15am First Holy Communion</b> <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls  Gateao Saberras RIP
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Rosary</b> <b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Hayfron Family Patrick Omoghoatimomo RIP  Gill Patient RIP

### Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,285.79
Payment by Standing Order	£ 369.00
Total offertory	£1,654.79
White Flower Appeal collection	£ 626.55

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 2  
 Next week Team 3



#### Church Cleaners

This week Sancho’s Dusters  
 Next week St Jude’s Group

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> during the 11am Mass. Anyone wishing to be confirmed must be in year 9 and above and may apply initially by speaking to Sr. Jennie or Deacon Errol after Sunday Masses in January. Please be prepared to give your reasons for wanting to be confirmed. Please note that all applications must be in by 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### **GHANAIAN COMMUNITY**

The Ghanaian Group are meeting today Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

### **EXPOSITION AND ADORATION**

On Monday between 7.00 and 8.00pm, we have Exposition and an hour of silent prayer. This happens every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month and is an opportunity to pop in and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord. There are no organised prayers and people are free to come and go as they wish. It ends with a simple Benediction just before 8.00pm.

### **ALL CHOIR MEMBERS**

The Pastoral team would like to have a get-together with all our Choir members from all our groups, it would just be an informal occasion for us all to meet and socialise. We hope that as many of you as possible can come along to the hall on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January from 7.00 – 8.00pm, there will be some refreshments.

### **THANK YOU**

The Carlyle and Hayward families would like to thank everyone who supported their CAFOD stall at the St James the Great Christmas Fair and also those who gave most generously after the event, including anonymous donations. They have been able to pass on over £500 to CAFOD - a wonderful total! If you wish to find out more about CAFOD Candlelight funds please go to the website [www.cafod.org.uk/candlelight](http://www.cafod.org.uk/candlelight).

### **ST ANDREW'S MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP**

Please note the group are not meeting this week but will resume again on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. If you have young children, please go along on Tuesday mornings (term time only) from 9.30 – 11.15am, £2.00 per session, lots of play, crafts, stories, singing and a snack.

### **HYMN BOOKS**

We will shortly be ordering another 100 new books. We are asking for the new books to be sponsored as before. If you would like to sponsor a book on behalf of a family or in memory of a loved one, we will place a paper plaque inside each book saying to whom it is dedicated. If you'd like to dedicate a book for someone at £7 each, please put the money in an envelope together with the name(s) for the dedication and pass to one of the pastoral team or put it through the letterbox at the Presbytery, 45 Brook Road, clearly marked.

### **TIDYING UP AFTER MASS**

We are increasingly having to tidy up after the end of each Mass, so please can we ask that you tidy up after yourselves when Mass has finished. Please return your hymn books to the porch, take your newsletter home or return it to the porch and take your rubbish home with you or dispose of it in the bin – thank you.

### **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

The second collection on 28<sup>th</sup> January is for Racial Justice Sunday. This collection is to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

## LECTIO DIVINA

Please consider joining our Lectio Divina group who meet every Wednesday evening at 6.00pm for one hour in the hall. Pope Benedict spoke about Lectio Divina on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2006: "I would like to recall and recommend the ancient tradition of Lectio Divina: the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart. If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church – I am convinced of it – a new spiritual springtime".

Please come along to the group on Wednesdays or call Maria for more info on 020 8660 6451 or 07720 444940. All are most welcome.

## CHURCH CLEANERS

Please consider joining one of our dedicated groups to help carry out this important work for the Church. Our groups are very friendly and meet approximately once a month for an hour or so. We are always in need of new members. Please call Fifi on 07932 764273.

## THE ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10.00am Mass (and Saturday 9.30am). After Mass the Rosary will be said immediately and then, after a short pause, other devotional prayers will be prayed. All are welcome to join however long you can stay – there is no formal membership, just a desire to pray the Rosary.

## APPEAL FOR HELP

A young man, with learning disability, in our parish, owns an X-Box One Game consol. He needs help to use it! Is anyone able to give him assistance on how to use it? If so, please contact Frances 07904 023967 - many thanks.

## ST ANNE'S GROUP: FUN FAMILY DISCO

The St Anne's Group are having a Fun Family Disco to raise funds for a much needed shower and toilet block at the Kahangi Community Maternity Clinic near Fort Portal in Uganda. The disco is being held at St James the Great School hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 7.00 – 10.00pm. Adults £5, children £2. To purchase tickets please see the poster in the porch or call Cathy 07956 862956 or Sue on 07932 714477.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in The Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 11am (finishing at 12.15pm). Refreshments served. See poster in the porch for further details of how to attend.

### Quote of the Week

*"The lesson will always repeat itself, unless you see yourself as the problem - not others."*

Shannon Alder



Chair of the PPC  
Convent  
Gift Aid Organiser  
400 Club Organiser  
Minibus Bookings  
Parish Secretary  
Primary School

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