

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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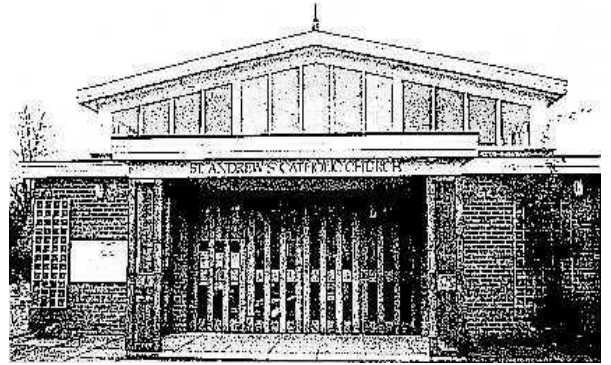
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PASTORAL TEAM

Priests: Fr Len Tatt
Fr John Ehichioya
Fr Nishant Irudayadason
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin Rev. Errol Quagraine

Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy: Sr. Sheila DMJ



28th January 2018 4th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Len

The Mass is the central act of worship in the life of a Catholic. Each and every Mass is a celebration of the incarnation death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Mass is not a re-enactment of what Jesus did, the Church uses a Greek word to describe what the Mass is, *Anamnesis*, this word means to make present. In other words through the mass we are actually present to all that Jesus did for us and he is there with us. The best way to understand it is to think of the Mass as sacred time. The Mass then becomes an experience of eternity which is why the Church teaches that the sacrifice of Jesus is the sacrifice to end all sacrifices.

One of the important aspects of the Mass is this aspect of the incarnation. The Son of God incarnated, or became a human being 2000 years ago but each Mass is a reflection of God's desire to incarnate into our lives, to become part of them and to share them with us. This is the reason why the Eucharist is so important. We consume the Body and Blood of Jesus to be consumed by him. Here the words of John the Baptist are so important, we must decrease so that he may increase. This is of course counter cultural in a world which believes that happiness is about getting what I want, but God tells us differently, happiness is a result of sharing our lives with God and acting how Jesus acted. Jesus, being God showed God's love for everyone in everything that he did, he did not condemn anyone or reject anyone. Jesus loved his enemies and those that rejected him and asks us to do the same.

The problem is that we are so far removed from where we should be that we have to immerse ourselves in God's love again and again so that we might just begin to get it. This is the reason why we listen to scripture readings. God created the world through his word, we read in sacred scripture "in the beginning God said let there be light and there was light" (Genesis 1:4). Therefore through scripture, which is the word of God, we begin to be recreated in the image and likeness of God.

When coming to Mass we must remember that God is there, we have entered sacred time so we are getting a foretaste of Heaven and are being transformed so that we regain the image and likeness of God lost at the fall. That being so we should never go to Mass half heartedly but enter into it with Joy and anticipation, not just at what God has done in the world in the past but realising that he is still active right now, through the Mass.

This Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 94

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

**I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth
O that today you would listen to his voice!**

Harden not your hearts

**An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs;
all she need worry about is being holy**

He taught them with authority

Diary for the Week

Sunday 28th January <i>4th Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Gateao Saberras RIP
	9.30am	Mass	Hayfron Family Patrick Omoghoatimomo RIP
	11.30am	Mass	
	5.00pm	Rosary	Gill Patient RIP
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	
7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group		
Monday 29th January <i>Feria</i> 2 Sam 15:13-14. 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20	7.30am	Mass	Holy Souls Mrs Lesley O’Sullivan RIP
	10.00am	Funeral Mass	
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 30th January <i>Feria</i> 2 Sam 18:9-10. 14. 24-25. 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43	7.30am	Mass	Mr & Mrs Raimunda De Souza (25 th Wedding Anniv) Martha Dias RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.45pm	R.C.I.A. (hall)	
Wednesday 31st January <i>St John Bosco</i> 2 Sam 24:2. 9-17 Mk 6:1-6	7.30am	Mass	For the Suffering Souls RIP Teresa Carrasco
	10.00am	Mass	
	2.00pm	Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
Thursday 1st February <i>Feria</i> 1 Kg 2:1-4. 10-12 Mk 6:7-13	7.30am	Mass	Deceased Members Andradi Family RIP Joan Friel RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	8.00pm	Maintenance Group Meeting	
Friday 2nd February <i>Presentation of our Lord</i> First Friday Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40	7.30am	Mass	Noel Byrne RIP Christine Haywood
	10.00am	Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction	
	6.30pm	Syro Malabar Mass	
Saturday 3rd February <i>St Blaise, St Ansgar</i> 1 Kg 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34	9.15 – 11.15am	First Holy Communion	Holy Souls John Fernandes RIP
	9.30am	Mass	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 4th February <i>5th Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	9.30am	Mass	Salus Fernandes RIP Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	
	4.00pm	Confirmation Catechists Meeting (EA room)	Roque & Rosalind Fernandes RIP
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	
7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group		

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,009.98
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 302.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,311.98
Second collection for Racial Justice Sunday	
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

This week St Jude’s Group
Next week Judie’s Crew

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday June 9th 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 4th February.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

The second collection today, 28th 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.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS

Please do go along to the hall after every 9.30am Sunday Mass for tea and coffee and cakes. All are most welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY

This coming Friday is First Friday and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the end of the 10am Mass until Benediction at 12.30pm.

YOUNG PEOPLE – YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

Pope Francis is holding a synod in Rome this year in an effort to encourage the involvement and participation of young people in the Church. As a result we are holding an evening for those aged 16-24 to discuss the Church, your place in it, what you want from it, what it offers you and all sorts of other things. This is your chance to discuss you and your Church. The evening will be on Saturday 17th February at 7.00pm in the hall followed by refreshments and also a chance to socialise.

BRENDAN GRENNAN

After many many years of looking after the grounds around our Church and the gardens of the Presbytery, Brendan has decided that it is now time to stop. We would like to record our grateful thanks to Brendan for all the years he has given to the Church in keeping our grounds and garden looking clean and tidy, thank you for all your hard work, your cheerful greetings and for your enthusiasm for brightly coloured flowers!

Whilst we cannot replace Brendan, if anyone would like to volunteer in helping to take care of the Church's grounds for us, please speak to Fr Len.

ST ANDREW'S MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

Please note the group resumes again on Tuesday 30th 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.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Nigerian Catholic Community General Meeting is being held on Sunday 11th February after the 11.30am Mass in the Church hall.

HYMN BOOKS

We will shortly be ordering our new hymn books. We are asking for the new books to be sponsored so 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. Please hand these in by Monday 5th February latest.

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 ended. 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.

PARISH SURGERY

Every Monday evening, between 7pm and 8pm, one of the Pastoral Team is available in the Presbytery to see parishioners without an appointment. It is an opportunity to collect forms (e.g. Baptism), to ask a question about the Parish, or to arrange an appointment to discuss whatever you want. We realise that the only opportunity many people have to speak to us is on a Sunday and then we can be quite busy. The Pastoral Team take Surgery in turn and are also available at other times, so please do ask if you want to see one of us.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

Appropriate religious and spiritual care is really important to most of us when we're in hospital but the hospital may not know you are a Catholic and medical staff may not ask you if you are admitted or record a more general "Christian". Realising how important it is to know a patient's faith and provide appropriate support during an admission, Croydon University Hospital have given the full time Chaplains permission to enter religious details on the electronic patient record system at the request of the individuals concerned. Please note the chaplains cannot do this without your permission, and if you give permission this is all they can do, they will not have access to your private medical data. So please do let the staff know.


LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. Their next social evening is on Saturday 3rd February at 7.00pm at The Star of India, Cheam SM3 8SD. For further details visit their Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242 .

Quote of the Week

“Every day He humbles Himself just as He did when descending from His heavenly throne into the Virgin’s womb; every day He comes to us and let us see Him in lowliness, when He descends from the bosom of the Father into the hands of the priest at the altar”

Francis of Assisi

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