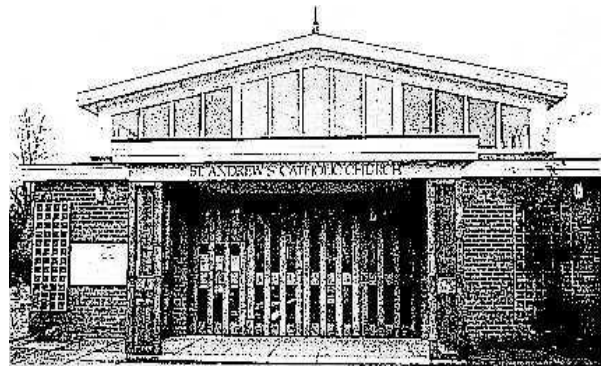


# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
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25<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)

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## Message from Deacon Errol

### Whose Way Are You Following?

When Jesus was baptised, the Father declared him to be his beloved Son. So when he emerged from the waters of baptism the Satan had other plans for him and was led into the wilderness of temptation. There the Son of God meets the Adversary of God. Of course, Jesus must decide whether to follow the way of the Father or the way of Satan. His new beginning is a time of change and a time of temptation. But it is also a time for clarification. It always helps to know who and what we are against. And who better than our enemy/adversary to help us clarify what we must oppose and what we must defend.

The same voice that was heard at Jesus's Baptism was heard at his transfiguration when he was changed, and his clothes became dazzlingly white. God's voice was heard saying **"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."** *Mark 9:2-10*

Moses and Elijah who lived centuries before Jesus came down from heaven, also appeared by the side of Jesus.

The change of Jesus and the appearance of Elijah and Moses means in Jesus we too will be changed and rise to new life. But change can only happen if we ask the Holy Spirit to help us remain faithful to Jesus. God's word (the Bible) imparts words of life and hope to give us confidence to use the gifts he has blessed us with to draw others to God.

This Lent Jesus is calling us to repent and believe in the Good News. May he transform our hearts and minds to understand the depth of his love for us and seek to walk in his ways.

Can you hear God calling you to a new way of life?

This Sunday's Readings	
Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18	The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith
Psalms 115	I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living
Romans 8:31-34	God did not spare his own Son
Mark 9:2-10	This is my Son, the Beloved

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Rose Freeman RIP (Anniv)
	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	Ajibola Oyeyinka RIP (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Session 2</b>	
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	Family Intention
<b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>		
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b> Dan 9:4-10 Lk 6:36-38	7.30am	Mass	Iggy Fernandes Stephen Martial RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Mass Croydon Uni Hospital</b>	
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	<b>7.00 - 8.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Surgery</b>	
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> Is 1:10. 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	7.30am	Mass	Antoinette Underwood (Birthday) Botelho & Carrasco Families
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>R.C.I.A. (hall)</b>	
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	7.30am	Mass	Holy Souls Filipina Fernandes RIP
	10.00am	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Active Retirement Group</b>	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	7.30am	Mass	Geraldine Larkin RIP Gerry & Brigid O'Donovan RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Lent Talk (hall)</b>	
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Baptism Course (Convent)</b>	
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> First Friday Mt 21:33-43. 45-46	<b>6.30am</b>	Mass	Denis Patrick Nelligan RIP (Anniv) Donnovan Thorpe RIP (Anniv)
	10.00am	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>	
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> Mic 7:14-15. 18-20 Lk 15:1-3. 11-32	<b>9.50 – 11.15am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>	Holy Souls  Glenda McGrath RIP
	9.30am	Mass	
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)	9.30am	Mass	Hayfron Family Parishioners  Harry Jarvis RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am	Mass	
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	

### Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,412.91 (£1.41 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,173.91
Second collection for CAFOD Fast Day	
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 1  
Next week Team 2



#### Church Cleaners

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **FR JOHN RIP**

Thank you to everyone who helped with arrangements for Fr John's funeral. The service on Tuesday evening and the funeral on Wednesday was very well attended and the Archbishop and Bishops wanted to pass on their condolences as well as their grateful thanks to all the parishioners of St Andrew's. Fr John's funeral in Nigeria is being held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. We have sent his family our Book of Condolence, thank you to everyone who wrote a message – we hope in time his family will read our messages and see how much we appreciated his ministry with us and how much we will miss him.

### **SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

This Lent your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong - please give generously, with grateful thanks.

### **SCOUT GROUP CAKE SALE TODAY**

Please join our 26<sup>th</sup> Croydon Scout Group in the hall after the 9.30am Mass today for a cake sale. Please go along to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and enjoy lots of cake and also warm sausage rolls! All profits are used to buy equipment and run activities for our young members. All welcome.

### **LENT 2018**

#### **LENTEN MASSES IN CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

There is Mass every Monday during Lent at 12noon. All are most welcome.

#### **FRIDAY MASSES**

Please note that our usual 7.30am Mass will be at **6.30am** on Fridays.

#### **LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

Fridays 10.30am Stations of the Cross (led by parishioners) and at 8.00pm (led by different Parish groups) and also after 10am Mass on Wednesdays (led by parishioners).

This year Lent faith discussion sessions will take place on the Thursdays in Lent which commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> February and will continue after Easter. There is 10 sessions in all. We will be following the DVD course "Catholicism" presented by Robert Barron Bishop of Los Angeles. The Session this week is titled "The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater can be Thought". Sessions will commence at 7.30pm in the hall, which will be open at 7.00pm. Teas and coffees available before the session begins.

#### **HELP NEEDED!**

Preparations for Good Friday are underway and help is needed to organise the Good Friday Walk of Witness. It is an ecumenical event and around 200 people attend. If you would like to get involved in the preparations please ring Mary Cameron (020 8689 8360 or 07928 670 639)

#### **ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP**

The group will resume again on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Applications are now open for those young people in Year 5 and above who wish to become an Altar Server. The application forms may be found in the porch. The forms should be returned to the Priests' house by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March latest.

Also the Altar Servers Day out is on May Bank holiday 7<sup>th</sup> May to Margate. Please collect a form from the Sacristy for more information and complete it if you would like to go.

### OUR WEB ADDRESS

Our web address has slightly changed. Please note that our new address is [www.standrewsthornntonheath.org.uk](http://www.standrewsthornntonheath.org.uk).

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking for a new leader for the Children's Liturgy and some more adult volunteers who are willing to help support and run our Liturgy classes. The classes are held each Sunday (during term time) at the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses (except for the second Sunday of each month, which is Parade Sunday for the uniformed groups). All children aged between three years up to the time of making their First Holy Communion are welcome to join the class. If you think you can help by taking the lead on our Children's Liturgy classes, please speak to Fr Len urgently because if we do not receive someone soon the classes may have to stop.

### VOTIVE CANDLES

Some people are again bringing in their own votive candles to use personally but also donating them to the Church. Please can we ask for this to stop. The Church can only use votive candles that are supplied by authorised suppliers to the Church for health and safety reasons. It is important that we follow this rule as we could be liable for breaking the fire and safety laws. If other candles are found we will throw them away.

### PRAYER AFTER MASS

It is often difficult to spend a few minutes in quiet prayer and thanksgiving after Mass on Sundays. While it is good to greet each other as members of a community it is also important to be aware of those who would like to spend some personal time with Our Lord. During Lent we are asking if people could be particularly aware of quiet in the Church after Mass, keeping our chatting to outside (or in the hall).

### ST DAVID'S DAY CONCERT IN AID OF THE PASSAGE

A charity working with homeless people. There will be a concert at Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate Westminster SW1H 9NH on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm with the London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloists Rebecca Evans and Gary Griffiths present by the comedian Andy Hamilton. Tickets £20, details: [passage-stdavidsday-concert.eventbrite.co.uk](http://passage-stdavidsday-concert.eventbrite.co.uk), tel. 020 7592 1856 or [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

### A WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY FOR MARRIED COUPLES


Enrich your marriage with a Marriage Encounter weekend. This non-residential event, on April 28-29 in Purley, Croydon, is aimed at couples with average/good marriages who would like to make them a bit better. It is designed for couples married a few years or some decades. Here is your chance to improve your communication skills and your relationship (there is no group work). More details from Philip and Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or email [marriage2014@virginmedia.com](mailto:marriage2014@virginmedia.com)

#### Quote of the Week

Salvation belongs to the sinner. Jesus has bought the salvation of the worst sinner, just as he did for us. That's the reason he told us to go tell the Good News; go tell sinners they're reconciled to God.

*Kenneth Hagin*

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