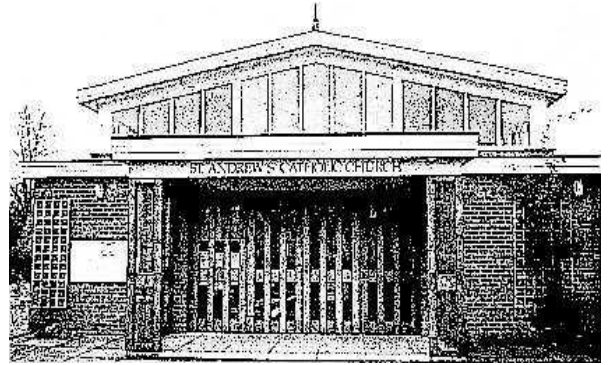

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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11th March 2018
4th Sunday of Lent (B)

Message from Deacon Tony

The priests and deacons are wearing pink, what's all that about! This is something I touched during Advent. In the advent wreath there are three violet and one rose candle. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, the vestments worn at Mass are rose coloured.

We have not had rose coloured vestments at St Andrew's until now. So what is this about? What is the reason for having this colour? Here's a simplistic explanation: -

When we exercise it's always beneficial to take a break. This helps us to renew our oxygen levels and let some of the lactic acid building up in our muscles to abate. When we work, it's always helpful to stop for coffee or simply take ten minutes to ourselves. This Sunday, the fourth in Lent is also Laetare Sunday. It's a small respite from the Lenten rigours of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the three pillars of Lent. They are there to help us to build up our spiritual resilience.

Praying helps us to refresh our relationship with God so we are not just praying when we want something. As Corrie ten Boom said "prayer should be our steering wheel, not our spare tyre". Fasting helps us to resist temptation. The devil will not tempt us with chocolate, a fizzy drink, pastry or anything else we are happy to admit to fasting from during Lent but by resisting these things we help build up our resilience to temptation. Almsgiving is something we are all familiar with at St Andrew's.

As I said, Laetare Sunday is just a brief respite from the rigours of Lent, given to us by the Church because we are human and need to regroup from time to time, use it well.

This Sunday's Readings

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalms 136

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Diary for the Week

<p>Sunday 11th March 4th Sunday of Lent (B)</p> <p><i>Laetare Sunday</i> <i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday</p> <p>9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass</p> <p>4.00pm Confirmation Session 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</p> <p>6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</p>	<p>Ivan D'Cruz RIP</p> <p>Holy Souls Parishioners</p> <p>Roque & Ana Rita Fernandes RIP</p>
<p>Monday 12th March <i>Is 65:17-21</i> <i>Jn 4:43-54</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass</p> <p>7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</p>	<p>Vagn Yde Pedersen RIP John Messina RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 13th March <i>Ezk 47:1-9. 12</i> <i>Jn 5:1-16</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass</p> <p>7.45pm R.C.I.A. (hall)</p>	<p>Mr Joseph D'Silva (Birthday) Azeb Kidane RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 14th March <i>Is 49:8-15</i> <i>Jn 5:17-30</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross</p> <p>2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</p>	<p>Anthony Britto RIP (Anniv) Souls In Purgatory</p>
<p>Thursday 15th March <i>Ex 32:7-14</i> <i>Jn 5:31-47</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Lent Talk (hall)</p>	<p>Fr Antony Megalansellam (Birthday) Lucrelia Sabina D'Souza RIP</p>
<p>Friday 16th March <i>Wis 2:1. 12-22</i> <i>Jn 7:1-2. 10. 25-30</i></p>	<p>6.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross</p> <p>8.00pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>James Tylee RIP Gill Patient RIP</p>
<p>Saturday 17th March <i>Jer 11:18-20</i> <i>Jn 7:40-53</i></p>	<p>9.15 – 11.15am First Holy Communion 9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 12.00 – 1.30pm Altar Server Training 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>Holy Souls</p> <p>Saloma Rebello RIP</p>
<p>Sunday 18th March 5th Sunday of Lent (B)</p>	<p>9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass</p> <p>4.00pm Confirmation Session 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</p> <p>6.00pm Mass 7.00pm Choir Practice 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</p>	<p>The Ezike Family Holy Souls</p> <p>Parishioners</p>



Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,307.36 (£1.30 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,068.36

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

This week Fifi's Group
Next week Sancho's Dusters

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2018/2019

Could parishioners who are using gift aid envelopes collect their new boxes during this weekend 11th March and next weekend 18th March after Mass. The new tax year begins on 6th April 2018. If you pay UK tax and are not in the Gift Aid scheme then please sign up so that the parish can benefit from the tax we could claim. We would not be able to claim any tax from HMRC if the monies are put in the baskets that come round every week. For example, a £10 donation in an envelope is worth £12.50 to the parish simply by joining the scheme at no extra cost to you. At present we only claim 25% of the money we could get back from the Government so please come along to speak with a member of the finance team for more information and how to join.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

During the Family Holy Hour on Monday, 12th March from 7 to 8 pm in the Church we will have readings from the bible and sing hymns. We hope our children and families will take an active part at this service. Please join us even if only for 10 minutes.

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.

There is Mass every Friday morning at 8.30am at St James the Great School.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Fridays 10.30am Stations of the Cross (led by parishioners) and at 8.00pm (this week led by the Ghanaian Group) 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 15th 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 Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure". Sessions will commence at 7.30pm in the hall, which will be open at 7.00pm. Teas and coffees available before the session begins.

EASTER TIMETABLE

Please collect your Easter card from the porch with all the information about our services for Easter. Also there are Easter collection envelopes in the porch. The Easter collection is for our two Priests of the Parish and with the Christmas collection forms the main part of their personal income.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

On Monday 26th March at 7.30pm we will be holding our Lenten Reconciliation service. This is a great way to prepare for Easter and there will be other Priests available to hear individual confessions.

REPOSITORY

Please visit our Repository to see our Easter stock and to make your purchases early to avoid disappointment.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

All children taking part in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, 30th March, please come along at 10.00am to get costumes and be ready. If you require any further information please contact Sheila Behan on 07989 977094.

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)

THE GHANAIAN COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting on Sunday 18th March after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection will be for the Institutes of Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. This is our Annual Mission Appeal in our Diocese as agreed by our Bishop. One of the Sisters from the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here to give more information on this appeal.

OUR WEB ADDRESS

Our web address has slightly changed. Please note that our new address is www.standrewsthornntonheath.org.uk.

COOK WANTED

We are looking for someone experienced in cooking in different styles and cuisines for the Presbytery. The applicant should be hard working, organised and creative as well as working unsupervised. The applicant will be responsible for food preparation, cooking, plating and presentation skills, kitchen maintenance and cleaning, maintaining and ordering stocks and supplies, menu planning and be able to follow food safety requirements. Hours and salary negotiable. Please send your CV and a covering letter to 45 Brook Road, addressed to Fr Len.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CROYDON

Admissions for September 2018: The school reports a significant increase in the number of successful Year 7 applications from Catholic families this year. If parents are disappointed that they have not been allocated a Catholic school for their child, there are now just a few places available at St Mary's for September. Please contact the school regarding admissions (0208 6863837), or visit the school's website.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed in the chaplaincy at Brixton Prison. No qualifications necessary. Initially it would mean attending Sunday Mass at the prison for a period of discernment, with the possibility of more involvement in the future. Attending Mass there once a month would be a good start. Please contact Mary Cameron on 07928 670 639 for more information.

ONE DAY RETREAT OF QUIET REFLECTION

You are invited to a one day retreat of quiet reflection: Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team on Saturday 24th March from 11:00am – 5:00pm at The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Programme includes: Rosary, Latin Mass, lunch (please bring your own lunch), Blessed Adoration, Healing Prayers and more - see the poster for more info.

Quote of the Week

“The prospect of the righteous is joy”
Proverbs 10:28

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