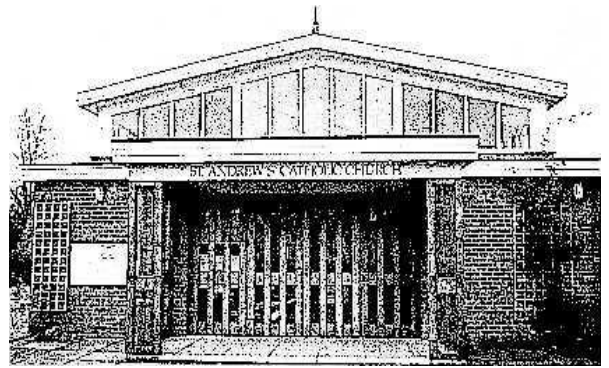


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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
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## 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

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### Message from Deacon Errol

#### The Catholic Life

We begin last week of Lent, Holy Week with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and received with such enthusiasm only for the same crowd to turn against him. Lent officially ends at the beginning of the Triduum with the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

The Christian life is a life lived by faith and action. Christ Jesus did not just say things; he acted to bring them into being. By faith we enter into the Christian life, and it is by faith that we live it out in service to one another. At the beginning of our Christian journey we come to Christ for forgiveness of sin (Confession) and have to understand that what we seek cannot be obtained by any other means than by faith.

For the Catechumens and Elect still undergoing preparation for Baptism at Easter, they have acted on their faith by attending this course of preparation to be fully initiated into the sacred mysteries. And the baptised faithful accompany them in prayer and practical support.

The Christian life is also a life of selflessness by sacrificing our own desires, ambitions, and glories and replacing them with those of Christ Jesus. And diligently reading and study of the Bible, accompanied by prayer for understanding and wisdom, and for a more intimate relationship with God through Christ Jesus.

During Holy Week, may we meditate on the Passion of Christ Jesus so that it becomes a source of healing and wellbeing and see our faith grow as we come to know more and more about the God who saved us (*Psalm 68:20; 2Tim 1:9*), and reveals himself us in Christ.

Want to know more about the Catholic Faith? Ask a Practicing Catholic.

#### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Isaiah 50:4-7</b>	<b>I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed</b>
<b>Psalm 21</b>	<b>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</b>
<b>Philippians 2:6-11</b>	<b>He humbled himself; but God raised him high</b>
<b>Mark 14:1-15:47</b>	<b>The Passion</b>

## Diary for the Week

<p><b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>                      (B)</p> <p><i>Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses</i></p>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Michael Hegarty RIP
	9.30am	Mass	Legion of Mary
	11.30am	Mass	Maria Conceicao Afonso RIP (Anniv)
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Session</b>	
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	Parishioners
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Choir practice</b>	
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	
<p><b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <i>Is 42:1-7</i>  <i>Jn 12:1-11</i></p>	7.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am	Mass followed by Confessions	John & Errol Nunes RIP
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Mass: Croydon Uni Hospital</b>	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Parish Penitential Service</b>	
<p><b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <i>Is 49:1-6</i>  <i>Jn 13:21-33. 36-38</i></p>	7.30am	Mass	Power & Fennelly Families
	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>R.C.I.C. (Church)</b>	
	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>R.C.I.A. (hall/Church)</b>	
<p><b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <i>Is 50:4-9</i>  <i>Mt 26:14-25</i></p>	7.30am	Mass	J. Okoroafor & Family
	10.00am	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	George Barrett RIP
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	
<p><b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  <i>Ex 12:1-8. 11-14</i>  <i>Jn 13:1-15</i></p>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	Parishioners
		<b>Watching until Midnight</b>	
	<b>11.45pm</b>	<b>Night Prayer</b>	
<p><b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>Good Friday</b>  <b>Fast and Abstinence</b>  <i>Is 52:13-53:12</i>  <i>Heb 4:14-16. 5:7-9</i>  <i>Jn 18:1-19:42</i></p>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Children's Stations of the Cross</b>	
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Walk of Witness</b>	
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>CAFOD lunch (hall)</b>	
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday</b>	
	<b>(5.00pm)</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Liturgy)</b>	
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<p><b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>  <b>Holy Saturday</b>  <i>Rom 6:3-11</i>  <i>Lk 24:1-12</i></p>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	Parishioners
	<i>There will be no 6pm Mass</i>		
<p><b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>  <b>Easter Sunday</b>                      (B)</p>	9.30am	Mass	The Ezike Family
	11.30am	Mass	Special Intention
	6.00pm	Mass	Michael Malone RIP

### Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£ 931.26 (93p per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,692.26
Collection for Institutes of Missionary Sisters	£ 894.35
Collection on Good Friday for Holy Places	

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 2  
 Next week Team 3



#### Church Cleaners

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

Please join us on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm as we will be holding our Parish Penitential Service. This is a great way to prepare for Easter and there will be other Priests available to hear individual confessions.

### **PARISH SURGERY**

Please note that there is no Parish Surgery on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The next one is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

### **LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

There will be Mass at 12noon in Croydon University Hospital on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

There will be Stations of the Cross after the 10am Mass on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

This is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

The Good Friday collection is for the Holy Places. The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

### **GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

We did not get enough children attending the rehearsals for Stations of the Cross. We still need children to carry banners on the day. If any children would like to take part please turn up at the Church hall on Good Friday at 9.00am. Any child taking part needs to wear dark trousers, dark shoes and plain white t-shirt (no motifs) - thank you. Please contact Sheila Behan on 07989 977094 for more information.

### **GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**

In our secular world this is rare opportunity for Christians of all denominations to come together and witness to the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **To have maximum effect we need as many people as possible to take part. Please help us increase the numbers from last year. If you can invite a friend or two to join us it will make all the difference.** Organised by a group of churches in Thornton Heath, the procession will begin at the job centre in the High Street at 12 noon (assemble at 11.45am please) and process to Ambassador House for a short service. We will then process along Brigstock Road to Trumble Gardens where we finish at 1pm. After the walk everyone is invited back to St Andrews Hall for a hunger lunch (soup and rolls) donations gratefully received will be given to the charity CAFOD.

Also we are looking for a photographer. The Ecumenical Walk of witness will take place on Good Friday from 12noon until 1pm. The Thornton Heath Chronicle have requested photographs for next years' paper or even for a report on this years'. If you are able to volunteer to take some photos of us on the Walk please call Mary Cameron 07928670 639.

### **GOOD FRIDAY CAFOD LUNCH**

Please join us in the hall on Good Friday at 12.30pm for the CAFOD lunch (soup and rolls). All proceeds raised will go directly to CAFOD. Everyone is very welcome.

### **EASTER TIMETABLE**

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

## REPOSITORY

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

## NEWSLETTER

The newsletter next week will cover two weeks. Please ensure any notices are received in the office by mid morning on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## LECTIO DIVINA GROUP – WEDNESDAY

The Wednesday group are taking a break for Easter and will resume again on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

## ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

The group are now on their Easter break and will resume again on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The sessions on the DVD course "Catholicism" presented by Robert Barron continue after Easter on Thursdays the 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May. The first session after Easter is titled "Word made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist". Sessions will commence at 7.30pm in the hall, which will be open at 7.00pm. Teas and coffees available before the session begins.

## RAGS TO RICHES: MARY'S MEALS – SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Mary's Meals UK is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (*no duvets or pillows please*) and they will be at our Church until 11.30am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April to collect them all (please bring your donations on 15<sup>th</sup> April and not before). Please put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Church where the charity will be here to pick them up. Amazingly four full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! A volunteer from Mary's Meals will be here on 15<sup>th</sup> April to give us more information. Thank you.

## ST CHAD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

You are invited to attend The Feast of Divine Mercy Celebration at St Chad's Catholic Church, 5 Whitworth Road, SE25 6XN on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April starting at 1.00pm.

## LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

The social group for young Catholics meets every month. For further details visit their Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242. Their next social evening is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm at The Gourmet Burger Kitchen, Waterloo, SE1 8UL.

### Quote of the Week

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible"

*St. Thomas Aquinas*



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

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