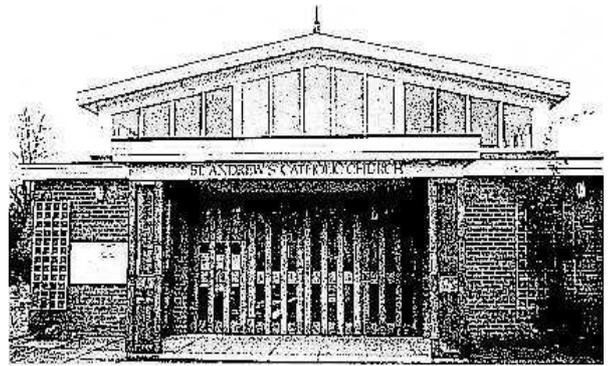

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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4th March 2018
3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

Message from Fr Len

The Cleansing of the temple (Jn 2:13-25)

Our gospel reading for the third week of Lent is John's account of the cleansing of the temple. In John's gospel this account appears at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus however in the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) the cleansing of the temple appears at the end of the ministry of Jesus and leads directly to his passion. Many Theologians believe that these Accounts are not contradictions and that Jesus actually cleansed the temple twice. The reason for this can be found in our first reading from Exodus 20 where the people are reminded that they should have no God but the one true God.

The problem is that we often create God in our own image, God then becomes the solution to all our problems and we use God to get what we want instead of worshiping him in spirit and truth. This is what the money lenders are doing who are using God for profit and thereby clouding any understanding of who and what God is, not just to themselves but to those entering the temple. It is something that we do whenever we try and barter with God to get what we want. We do this when we believe that if we pray enough, if we are good enough then God will see what we are doing and reward us. When we do this we are trying to control God and of course we can never do that.

God wants our worship to be selfless and unconditional, as his love for us is selfless and unconditional. Of course the human condition being what it is we like to think that only good things will happen to us if we are good. If that were true then only good things would have happened to Jesus who is goodness itself. Suffering is a natural part of love and we have to accept that we will experience it.

To worship God in spirit and truth we have to constantly examine our conscience, which grows and develops as we develop spiritually, and see if there is anything that is taking us away from true worship of God and if there is, then we need to pray for God's help to correct it. This is something that we must do again and again so that we keep our lives on track, focused on God and his Son Jesus.

This Sunday's Readings

Exodus 20:1-17	The Law was given through Moses
Psalms 18	You, Lord, have the message of eternal life
1 Corinthians 1:22-25	Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God
John 2:13-25	Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up

Diary for the Week

Sunday 4th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Glenda McGrath RIP
	9.30am Mass	Hayfron Family
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
6.00pm Mass	Harry Jarvis RIP (Anniv)	
7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group		
Monday 5th March <i>Lev 19:1-2, 11-18</i> <i>Mt 25:31-46</i>	7.30am Mass	Brigid Furey RIP (Anniv)
	10.00am Mass	Annie Mary Samuels RIP
	7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 6th March <i>Dan 3:25, 34-43</i> <i>Mt 18:21-35</i>	7.30am Mass	“Frank”
	10.00am Mass	Theresa Adgei-Mensah RIP
	6.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)	
	7.45pm R.C.I.A. (hall)	
Wednesday 7th March <i>SS Perpetua & Felicity</i> <i>Deut 4:1, 5, 9</i> <i>Mt 5:17-19</i>	7.30am Mass	Adrian Gladwin Freeman RIP
	10.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	Ruby D’Souza RIP (Anniv)
	2.00pm Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 8th March <i>St John of God</i> <i>Jer 7:23-28</i> <i>Lk 11:14-23</i>	7.30am Mass	G.K.G. Fernandes
	10.00am Mass	C. D. Costa
	7.00pm Lent Talk (hall)	
	8.00pm Baptism Course (Convent)	
Friday 9th March <i>St Frances of Rome</i> <i>Hos 14:1-10</i> <i>Mt 12:28-34</i>	6.30am Mass	Margaret Moriarty RIP
	10.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	Mrs Lucia Daye
	7.00pm Liturgy Group meeting	
	8.00pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 10th March <i>Hos 6:1-6</i> <i>Lk 18:9-14</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	9.50 – 11.15am First Holy Communion	
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	12 – 1.30pm Altar Server Training	
	3.00 – 4.00pm Children’s Stations (rehearsal)	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Ivan D’Cruz RIP
Sunday 11th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> (B) <i>Mother’s Day</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	4.00 – 5.45pm Confirmation Session	
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Roque & Ana Rita Fernandes RIP
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,080.32 (£1.08 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,841.32

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

This week Judie’s Crew
Next week Fifi’s Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2018/2019

Could parishioners who are using gift aid envelopes collect their new boxes during the weekends of 11th March and 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.

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 (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 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 "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God". Sessions will commence at 7.30pm in the hall, which will be open at 7.00pm. Teas and coffees available before the session begins.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

Children from St. Andrew's parish, years 1 to 6, who are interested in taking part in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday please come along to rehearsal on Saturday 10th March in the Church from 3.00-4.00pm in readiness for Good Friday 30th March at 10.00am to get costumes and be ready for Stations of the Cross. The younger children will carry banners and take part in the procession (you all get to dress up) and the older children who are good readers will read the stations.

It is very important that all children involved attend the rehearsal and are available on Good Friday. If you require any further information please contact Sheila Behan on 07989 977094.

CAFOD – FAMILY FAST DAY

This Family Fast Day, our parish raised £1,360.76 to help end hunger and poverty around the world. This has been doubled by the UK Government, meaning a total of £2,721.52 has been raised so more of our brothers and sisters can live lives free from hunger. Thank you! Thank you for fasting in solidarity and please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers throughout Lent.

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)

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 2nd March latest. Also the Altar Servers Day out is on May Bank holiday 7th 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.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY DAY

There is a Youth Ministry Day which takes place at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark on 10th March. This day links to some of the themes of the upcoming Synod in October – Youth People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment. It's a day for adult leaders working in our parishes and communities, from 10:30am for an 11am start and finishing at 4:30pm. Fr David O'Malley will be providing input in key themes from the Synod preparation document and offering some practical guidance in working with young people. In the afternoon there will be workshops which will run twice. Please bring a packed lunch. St Andrew's would like to send a representative who can support young people at a local level and give an insight into some current work along with other preparation material. Please let Fr Len know if you are interested and would like to go on our behalf.

DEMENTIA TALK

Please go along on Monday 5th March 7.30pm and find out about the early signs of dementia. Our Lady of the Annunciation main hall, Bingham Road, CRO 7EN. There will be some refreshments, all are welcome. Supported by Norwood Catenian circle.

Quote of the Week

Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water

Hebrews 10:22

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400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins (email: club_400@hotmail.com)	
Minibus Bookings	Frances Gilbert (Parish Groups only)	020 8689 7319
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