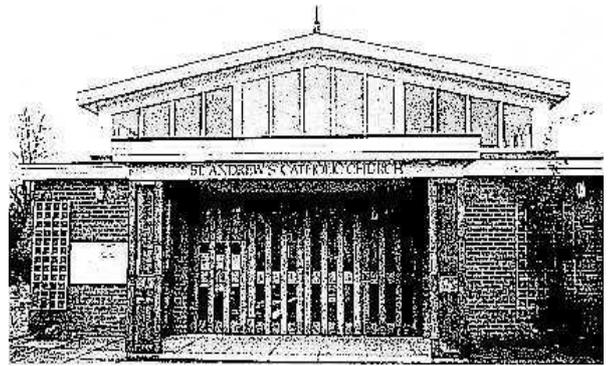


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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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13<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)

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## Message from Deacon Tony

This Sunday is World Communications Day, Every year on the Sunday before Pentecost the Church celebrates the achievements of the communications media and focuses of how it can best use them to promote gospel values. An expression we have seen a lot in the media of late is “fake news”. This year, the Pope’s World Communications Day message is a warning of the dangers of fake news; he tells us:-

“The term “fake news” has been the object of great discussion and debate. In general, it refers to the spreading of disinformation online or in the traditional media. It has to do with false information based on non-existent or distorted data meant to deceive and manipulate the reader. Spreading fake news can serve to advance specific goals, influence political decisions, and serve economic interests.

The effectiveness of fake news is primarily due to its ability to mimic real news, to seem plausible. Secondly, this false but believable news is “captious”, inasmuch as it grasps people’s attention by appealing to stereotypes and common social prejudices, and exploiting instantaneous emotions like anxiety, contempt, anger and frustration. The ability to spread such fake news often relies on a manipulative use of the social networks and the way they function. Untrue stories can spread so quickly that even authoritative denials fail to contain the damage.”

He goes on “disinformation thus thrives on the absence of healthy confrontation with other sources of information that could effectively challenge prejudices and generate constructive dialogue; instead, it risks turning people into unwilling accomplices in spreading biased and baseless ideas.”

This is nothing new to Catholics as our beliefs have been subject to suspicion and misinformation since the time of the Ascension. But it reminds us to be wary of what is not true when we are a people of truth.

### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Acts 1:15-17, 20-26</b>	<b>We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us</b>
<b>Psalm 102</b>	<b>The Lord has set his sway in heaven</b>
<b>John 4:11-16</b>	<b>Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him</b>
<b>John 17:11-19</b>	<b>That they may be one like us!</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Margaret O'Leary
	9.30am	Mass	Elissa Maria Rosa Fernandes RIP (Anniv) Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Session</b>	Holy Souls
	<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>		
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>St Matthias</i> <i>Acts 1:15-17. 20-26</i> <i>Jn 15:9-17</i>	7.30am	Mass	Brigid Cauty RIP Esther Oyeyinka (Birthday)
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>5.45 – 7.15pm</b>	<b>Beavers (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.00 - 8.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Surgery</b>	
	<b>7.00 – 8.00pm</b>	<b>Family Holy Hour</b>	
<b>7.30 – 9.00pm</b>	<b>Scouts (hall)</b>		
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Acts 20:17-27</i> <i>Jn 17:1-11</i>	7.30am	Mass	Cleta Andradi RIP Ritchie Family
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>R.C.I.C. (hall)</b>	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>St Simon Stock</i> <i>Acts 20:28-38</i> <i>Jn 17:11-19</i>	7.30am	Mass	Special Intention Holy Souls
	10.00am	Mass	
	<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 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Acts 15:7-21</i> <i>Jn 15:9-11</i>	7.30am	Mass	Holy Souls Holy Souls
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Faith Talk (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.00 – 8.30pm</b>	<b>Cubs (St James the Great)</b>	
<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Baptism course</b>		
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>St John 1</i> <i>Acts 25:13-21</i> <i>Jn 21:15-19</i>	7.30am	Mass	"Alicia" Holy Souls
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>St Dunstan</i> <i>Acts 28: 16-20. 30-31</i> <i>Jn 21:20-25</i>	9.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	<b>9.50 – 11.15am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>	
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Ritchie Family (Intention)			
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> (B)	9.30am	Mass	Pat Carney Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Session</b>	Holy Souls
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	

### Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,285.44 (£1.28 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,046.44
Second collection for World Communications Day	

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 3  
Next week Team 1



#### Church Cleaners

This week Sancho's Dusters  
Next week St Jude's Group

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK**

The second collection this week is for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on national matters, and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women. Please take a card for more info.

### **NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

There is a general meeting of the Nigerian Catholic Community today Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May after the 11.30am Mass in the hall until 2.30pm.

### **FAMILY HOLY HOUR: MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

You are invited to attend the Family Holy Hour on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May from 7.00 - 8.00pm here at St Andrew's Church. During the hour there are readings from scripture, hymns, bidding prayers and also a short period of silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament with the youth taking an active part. Please join us even if only for 10 minutes.

### **LENTEN FAITH TALK**

Please join us for the last session on the DVD course "Catholicism" presented by Robert Barron on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The session will commence at 7.30pm in the hall, which will be open at 7.00pm. Teas and coffees are available before the session begins.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Please can we remind parents/guardians to keep your children with you at all times. It is your responsibility to look after your children in Church and keep them seated with you and to not let them wander around on their own. If your children need to go to the toilet, please ensure that an adult accompanies them. Please remember that the Church attracts all sorts of people and we cannot presume that we are always in a safe environment.

### **COFFEE/CAKE SALE: NEXT WEEK WITH OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Please come along to support our Confirmation candidates next Sunday morning in the hall after the 9.30am Mass for tea and coffee and lots of cake. As part of their Confirmation journey our candidates are raising funds for Croydon University Hospital Neonatal Unit (the hospital's specialised Neonatal Unit provides emergency care for newborn and premature babies) and CAYSH (a Croydon based charity delivering accommodation, advice and support services for young people facing homelessness). All are most welcome.

### **CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES**

You are invited to join us on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May at the 9.30am Mass where we will be asking all married couples to re-dedicate themselves to their marriage by re-taking their marriage vows. Afterwards we can meet in the hall to celebrate with a cup of tea!

### **MAINTENANCE**

We have bought new doors for the sheds outside the Church annex. These house equipment for some of the parish groups. We are looking for a carpenter to fit the doors, preferably a parishioner. Remuneration negotiable. Please speak to Fr Len.

## 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.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week is for the Parish Building Maintenance Fund. We are trying to raise money to have the exterior of the Priest house and the interior of the Church painted. This much needed work will help to protect the properties from damage and make them look cared for and loved which will help us give glory to God in our properties. We will need to have a few more collections over the coming months so thank you for your support.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE: ITALIAN NIGHT – SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY

The Social Committee will be having an Italian night in the Church hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30-10.30pm. There will be a glass of prosecco on arrival followed by a 3 course meal, dancing, a raffle and a licenced bar. Tickets are £12 each for adults and £6 for children and they will be on sale after all Masses from 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUPS

You are invited to the Pentecost Holy Mass, prayer, praise and worship and healing event on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May starting at 1.00pm at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 73 Comerford Road, Brockley, London SE4 2BA. Please see the poster in the porch for more info. Also please note that our Charismatic Prayer Group will be attending this event so will not be meeting on the Sunday evening.

## CATHOLIC RADIO NEEDS FUNDS TO EXPAND

Heaven's Road Catholic Radio needs ongoing funds. They broadcast 24/7 with a wide mix of Catholic-orientated programmes including prayers, original features and music. Their Mission is to celebrate our Catholic Faith – and bring the joy and comfort of Our Lord to listeners, especially those confined to their homes and unable to attend Mass or other parish activities. They are a not-for-profit Catholic online Radio which is run by a small team of unpaid volunteers and is funded entirely by donations from friends and listeners. They would really appreciate your support for their Mission to spread God's love.

Visit their website and listen to inspiring programmes on the radio, watch live daily Holy Mass from 25 churches in England and Ireland. St John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford, GU5 0QX, [www.heavensroadfm.com](http://www.heavensroadfm.com), or [admin@heavensroadfm.com](mailto:admin@heavensroadfm.com).

### Quote of the Week

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Matthew 28:18-20*

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