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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

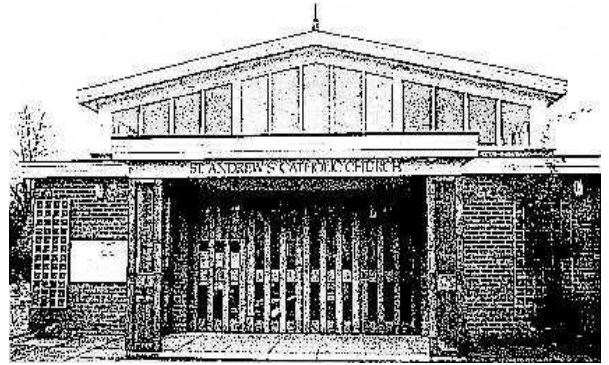
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Len Tatt  
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**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila DMJ



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1<sup>st</sup> July 2018  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

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Message from Fr Nishant

## **The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of reconciliation is an encounter with God that is realized through an encounter with a priest. In the light of God's Word, we recognize our sins, not by looking at ourselves, but by looking at God's love for us. Sin is a break from communion with God, a breach of love. The sacrament of reconciliation expresses and realizes a conversion that brings at once God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church made of brothers and sisters in faith. This sacrament is currently experiencing a marked disaffection; many have abandoned the practice of confession and others have lost the sense of the sacrament. The sacrament of reconciliation responds to a deep need of the human heart. This sacrament gives us peace of heart, alleviates our guilt conscience and gives us strength to heal our weaknesses.

Since the Second Vatican Council, its full name is the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: it is the free act by which God forgives the repentant sinner, and offers him or her peace. Conversion, penance, forgiveness, reconciliation, confession: each of these words in some way designates this sacrament; but no single word can express it adequately. Conversion first marks a radical shift in the focus of life. Penance realizes a personal step of conversion and repentance. This term is not meant to evoke the false idea of a punishment inflicted for sin. Forgiveness refers to the initiative of God who shows mercy. Reconciliation means the result of the whole process: the renewed friendship between God and the human person.

To speak only of conversion or penance risks focusing attention solely on the efforts of human person. Conversely speaking only of forgiveness may lead to see only the gift of God, omitting our initiative. Finally, speaking only of reconciliation may refer to something as quickly acquired, while it realized only at the end of the process. To be reconciled, it is not enough for God to forgive the sinner; it is not enough for the sinner to repent for what he or she has done: forgiveness and repentance must go together. The term confession, though insufficient, has the advantage of expressing the idea that I acknowledge (I confess my faith) that God has entered into a Covenant with His people (of which I am a part), a Covenant fully realized in His Son Jesus Christ. I recognize that God, in his love, offers me his forgiveness.

### **This Sunday's Readings**

**Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24**

**Psalm 29**

**2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15**

**Mark 5:21-43**

**It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world**

**I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me**

**In giving relief to others, balance what happens to be your surplus now against their present need**

**Little girl, I tell you to get up**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	In Honour of our Lady of Africa
	9.30am Mass	Noel Johnson RIP
	11.30am Mass	Fr Arthur Mostyn
	<b>5.00pm Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm Mass	Parishioners
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>Amos 2:6-10. 13-16</i> <i>Mt 8:18-22</i>	7.30am Mass	Salus Fernandes RIP
	10.00am Mass	J. Okoroafor & Family
	<b>5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	
	<b>7.00pm Liturgy Children's Meeting (Convent)</b>	
<b>7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)</b>		
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> <i>St Thomas</i> <i>Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29</i>	7.30am Mass	Mary Donelly
	10.00am Mass	Clementina Fernandes RIP
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i> <i>Amos 5:14-15. 21-24</i> <i>Mt 8:28-34</i>	7.30am Mass	John Lawrence Fernandes RIP
	10.00am Mass	For those who have no-one to pray for them
	<b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b>	
	<b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b>	
<b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>		
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Anthony Zaccaria</i> <i>Amos 7:10-17</i> <i>Mt 9:1-8</i>	7.30am Mass	For those who visit the sick
	10.00am Mass	Filipina Fernandes RIP
	<b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b>	
	<b>8.00pm Baptism course (hall)</b>	
<b>8.00pm Maintenance Group Meeting</b>		
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Maria Goretti</i> <i>First Friday</i> <i>Amos 8:4-6. 9-12</i> <i>Mt 9:9-13</i>	7.30am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am Mass followed by	Pobrina Fernandes RIP
	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction</b>	
	<b>6.00pm Altar Server Training Teams 1, 2 and 3</b>	
<b>6.30pm Syro Malabar Mass</b>		
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>Amos 9:11-15</i> <i>Mt 9:14-17</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b>	
6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Lawrence & Antonette D'Souza RIP	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	9.30am Mass	For those who work in schools
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	<b>5.00pm Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm Mass	Kathleen Carrapiett RIP (Anniv)
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	

### Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,561.27 (£1.56 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,322.27
Second collection for Parish Building Maintenance Fund	

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 1  
Next week Team 2



#### Church Cleaners

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

# St. Andrew's Parish Notices

## **CHURCH AISLES**

Please do not leave prams and other obstacles in the aisles, in front or outside of fire exit doors or passageways due to health and safety reasons. Please leave these areas clear and put anything that could cause obstructions away in a safe place. Thank you.

## **CAR PARK**

By law we are obliged to leave access to the car park for Fire engines and Ambulances but some people are parking in the wrong places and are blocking access in and out of the car park. As well as the emergency vehicles the priests hold the hospital bleep on a Sunday. Should the priest have to rush to the hospital for an emergency, he would be unable to get his car out of the car park.

## **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The second collection this weekend is for the Parish Building Maintenance Fund and this will be our third collection. We are raising money so that the exterior of the Priest house and the interior of the Church can be painted. The work on both of these is starting soon. 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. If you have already contributed – thank you very much.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

It is hoped to re-launch the Liturgy of the Word for Children here at St Andrew's in September. There will be a meeting for all existing and prospective Children's Liturgy helpers on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7pm in the Convent, 38 Brook Road. Please come along if you are willing to continue to help, wish to join or simply want to find out more about this worthwhile and rewarding ministry. All are welcome.

## **FIRST FRIDAY**

This coming Friday is First Friday and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the end of the 10am Mass until Benediction at 12.30pm. All welcome.

## **CONFIRMATION GROUP**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Confirmation candidates on their recent coffee/cake mornings and together with the money raised from the Confirmation collection, £317 has been given to each of their two chosen charities, Croydon University Hospital Neonatal Unit and CAYSH (a Croydon based charity delivering accommodation, advice and support services for young people facing homelessness).

## **ENGLAND FOOTBALL MATCH GET-TOGETHER IN THE HALL**

Now that England have progressed into the final 16 (hooray!), we want to show their next match in the Church hall and invite you all to come and join in the fun. So depending on where they finished in their group (sorry our newsletter was completed before their Thursday match) we will show the match on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.00pm or Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.00pm. Please come along and watch the match while enjoying a drink or two! There will be a licensed bar and some snacks and all money raised will be going towards our Parish Building Maintenance Fund. All are welcome for this fun and social evening – please come along and bring your friends too.

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

Tickets are on sale after all Masses for the Italian Evening being held in the Church hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 for adults and £6 for children which includes a 3 course meal and a glass of prosecco. There will be a licenced bar, raffle and disco. Telephone 020 8684 4648 for more information. The last day to purchase tickets will be Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## **CHURCH KEY REGISTER**

We have been asked by our insurance company to ensure that we have an up-to-date register of everyone who hold Church keys (just for the Church, not the hall/house). It is important that we comply with this request for insurance purposes. *There are still some people who have not come forward to sign so please can we ask*

*that everyone who has Church keys to let us know as you will have to come in to sign your details in our register.*

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: SEA SUNDAY**

The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) collection is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. The AoS in Great Britain is part of an international network known to the maritime world as Stella Maris, working in more than 250 ports around the world. 90% of world trade is transported by ship, however the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. The AoS relies wholly on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection.

## **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.

## **A TIME FOR MOURNING**

Anger, resentment, depression... Those are some of the feelings often experienced in grief. When will they end? How to cope? Such questions are common among those who have been bereaved. On October 12-14 there will be a retreat/workshop for those suffering the pain of loss. It takes place at Aylesford Priory and is residential. For more details telephone Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670880, email [earpartridge@gmail.com](mailto:earpartridge@gmail.com), or collect a leaflet from the porch.

## **THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP**

The summer camp is at Aldham, Essex. This is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows:

Week One Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July to 28<sup>th</sup> July for boys

Week Two Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August for boys

Week Three Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August to 11<sup>th</sup> August for girls

It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. For an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>.

## **THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)**

The nationally accredited Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides an introduction to Catholic theology for teachers, catechists, chaplains and school governors. This course is an introduction to the teaching and beliefs of the Catholic Church and is managed in this Archdiocese on behalf of the Bishops' Conference by the Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF). If you want to find out more about the CCRS please attend introductory evenings on Tuesday 11 September 7.30 – 8.30pm at the CCF, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS or Thursday 13 September 7.30 – 8.30pm, at The Angelus Centre, Bexley Road, Erith DA8 3HQ. For more info 020 8672 7684 or email [ccrs@ccftootingbec.org.uk](mailto:ccrs@ccftootingbec.org.uk).

### **Quote of the Week**

“The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of Healing”

*Pope Francis*

### **Contact Numbers**

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