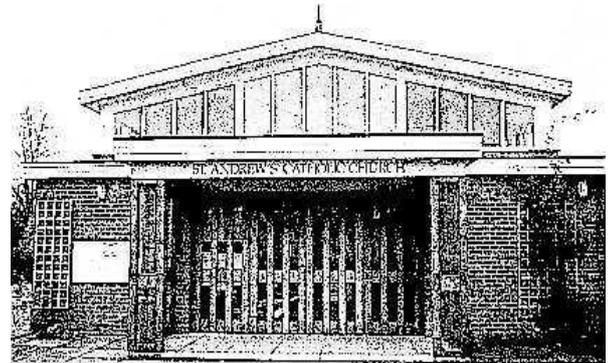


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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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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7<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

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### Message from Fr Francis

I am a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Awka in Nigeria. I am here to serve St. Andrew's Catholic community. God Bless you!

### WHAT GOD HAS JOINED

“They are no longer two but one flesh” (Mk 10:8). The readings of today talk about the bond of love that marriage creates between man and a woman, a bond that God does not wish to see broken. It means they are no longer two but one. Unfortunately, through selfishness and isolationism, we often do break it. Catholic married couples are meant to build up the Church but far too many Catholic marriages end in divorce and thus the Church is weakened.

Christ teaches that the marriage bond comes from God and that it is permanent and indissoluble. Catholic married couples have to ask themselves today: “Are we still joined in God?”

However, faith, trust, and understanding between couples are more necessary than ever. When two people decide to get married they agree to link their lives together in love and complete freedom. God then seals and blesses the bond. But what God has joined together could easily be tested. We, therefore, ask for the grace always to be faithful because married couples would take the lead in showing broken, bruised humanity how much God loves them.

God made us for love – to give love and to receive love. A marriage without love is like a summer without the sun. With maturity and real communication, Catholic married couples will accept each other as they are – two imperfect and vulnerable human beings. In testing their love, the difficulties they encounter can become an opportunity for growth and when it is really bad, they can seek help. God will never abandon us and we hope to find support and love in the Christian community.

### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Genesis 2: 18-24</b>	<b>They become one body</b>
<b>Psalms 127</b>	<b>May the Lord bless us all the days of our life</b>
<b>Hebrews 2:9-11</b>	<b>The one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock</b>
<b>Mark 10:2-16</b>	<b>What God has united, man must not divide</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday  9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Rosary</b> <b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	John & Edith Chapman & Sons RIP  Parishioners James Brennan RIP (Months Mind)  Theresa Maria Amassah RIP (Anniv)
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> Feria Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)</b> <b>7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</b> <b>7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour</b> <b>7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)</b>	For the Church Ann Hickey RIP
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> St Denis & Companions, St John Leonardi, Blessed John Henry Newman Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>6.00 – 7.00pm School forms</b> <b>7.45pm R.C.I.A.</b>	Holy Souls Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> St Paulinus of York Gal 2:1-2. 7-14 Lk 11:1-4	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b> <b>4.00 – 5.00pm School forms</b> <b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b> <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Holy Souls Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> St John XXIII Gal 3:1-5 Lk 11:5-13	7.30am Mass <b>10.00am Funeral Mass</b> <b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b> <b>7.30pm Spirituality Talk (hall)</b>	Rev. Mgr. Patrick McCoy Margaret Mason RIP
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> St Wilfrid Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Holy Souls Hayfron Family
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b> St Edward the Confessor Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls  Gonsalves Family
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Rosary</b> <b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Holy Souls Holy Souls  Parishioners

### Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,488.81 (£1.48 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,249.81
Collection CAFOD Family Fast Day	

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 3  
 Next week Team 1



#### Church Cleaners

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **SCOUT GROUP – REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.30AM MASS**

Please join our 26th Croydon Scout Group in the hall after the 9.30am Mass today as they will be serving lots of refreshments. Please go along and join them for a cuppa and slice of cake and maybe a sausage roll or two! All are welcome.

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

Please return your Fast Day envelopes today. Thank you again for your care and generosity.

### **NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

The group are sorry to let you know that they will not be meeting today for their Annual Harvest Thanksgiving after the 11.30am Mass due to the sudden death of one of their members. Please accept their apologies for the short notice.

### **ANNUAL MASS COUNT**

Thank you to our PPC members who will be counting the numbers,

### **FAMILY HOLY HOUR**

Once a month we have the Family Holy Hour during which time we are trying to strengthen our faith and love for the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Scripture is read, hymns are sung, bidding prayers offered up and there is also a time of silence. Please join us in the Church on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October from 7.00 - 8.00pm, even if only for 10/15 minutes - it will bring a blessing on you, your family and our parish.

### **THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or just want to learn more about the Catholic faith? If so, the RCIA group is the place for you. Please let the Priests know if you are interested or ring the Parish office and leave your contact details. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7.45pm in the hall.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (R.C.I.C.)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) will have their third session on Tuesday at 6.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> October in the parish hall. This is for children over the age of 7 years who have not been baptised and for those children in year 5 and over who have not made their First Communion. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is the last session at which new candidates will be accepted for this year.

### **STEWARDSHIP TALKS: THURSDAYS AT 7.30PM IN THE HALL**

Please join us for St Andrew's An Encounter with the Lord through Spirituality talks. The talks explore some of the spiritualities of the Church and to encounter the Lord. The talks have been very well attended and are on Thursday evenings in the hall starting at 7.30pm. This week the talk is "The Spirituality of St John of the Cross" with Fr Kevin Alban O'Carm. Please take a leaflet from the porch with all the details. We look forward to welcoming you.

### **SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS**

Due to the number of parents who have not been able to complete their school reference forms in time to see Fr Len, we have put aside some more dates in order for you to meet with Fr Len. The two remaining dates are Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 6.00 – 7.00pm and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 4.00 – 5.00pm. ***Please note that these will be the last dates for you to meet with Fr Len.***

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

There will be a training day here at St Andrew's for Youth Ministry on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30 – 4.30pm. The day is aimed at those who are involved with young people, including Confirmation catechists, youth leaders/volunteers (and those who might be interested in doing so). We will focus on an introduction to youth ministry, resources, safeguarding and of course networking. To reserve a place on the day please email: [knorth@scys.org.uk](mailto:knorth@scys.org.uk) (and please bring a packed lunch with you on the day). We hope to see as many of you as possible, please have a word with Fr Len if you need more info.

## DATA AND BARRING SERVICE CERTIFICATE

**Please be aware:** Only those who have a Data and Barring Service certificate (DBS) may enter the Sacristy once any Altar servers are present. To do so contravenes the safeguarding policy, it is the responsibility of all of us to uphold. Confident that each of us would agree on its importance, please advise any member of the pastoral team if you are aware of any issues around it. Let's all work to keep St Andrew's a safe place for our children.

## PLANNED GIVING WEEKLY OFFERINGS

If you give your weekly offerings using the "Planned Giving" envelopes, please collect a new set of boxed envelopes from the porch. The first envelope will be used today Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The collection will be for the Parish Building Maintenance Fund. The money raised so far has helped considerably with the long list of jobs that need fixing for the Church, hall and priest's house but we still have a way to go. Thank you for your continued support.

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note we have a new email address: [thorntonheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:thorntonheath@rcaos.org.uk). The diocese has given us a new email address for our parish in order to comply with the Guide to the General Data Protection Regulation.

## CHURCH CLEANERS

Please consider joining one of our dedicated groups to help carry out this important work for the Church. Our groups are very friendly and meet approximately once a month for an hour or so. Please call Fifi if you can help on 07932 764273.

## BROWNIES

Our Brownies now meet in St Andrew's Church hall on Friday evenings during term time, 6.30 – 8.00pm. Age 7 -10 years, contact Maggie for further info 07971 882753.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

The Society has produced postcards so that you can send a message to your MP urging him/her to vote against a dangerous abortion bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Postcards are available in the porch. Thank you.

## FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY ST CHAD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL SE25

A foundation governor vacancy has arisen at St Chad's RC Primary School in South Norwood. They welcome expressions of interest from practising Catholics who have skills/experience in education, data analysis and strategic planning. For info contact Michelle Nze email: [mnze.306@lgflmail.org](mailto:mnze.306@lgflmail.org).

## NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALK: HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

Child abuse is a shocking reality in our society. How to deal with it? How to recognise it? What should you do? Find out the answers to those questions at a talk on Monday October 15<sup>th</sup> at St John the Baptist Church hall, 48 Dale Rd, Purley. Speaker is Fr Dominic Allain, starting at 8pm. Everyone is welcome.

### Quote of the Week

A soul cannot live without loving. It must have something to love, for it was created in love.

*St. Catherine of Siena*

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