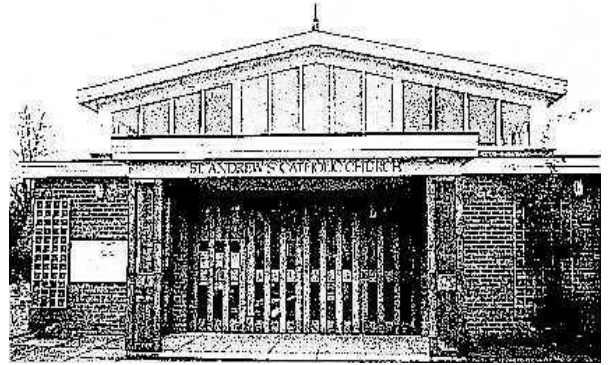


# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine  
**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila DMJ

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30<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

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## Message from Deacon Errol

### The Eucharist and I

In the Catholic Church the Eucharist (Body and Blood of Christ) celebration is a divine worship – the Mass. This is also known as the Eucharistic liturgy, celebrated after the liturgy of the Word. The Eucharist, often called 'Holy Communion' is one of the Sacraments of Initiation (along with baptism and confirmation).

According to the Catholic teaching the bread and wine when changed or transubstantiated, is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord Himself instituted the Eucharist as a sacrifice of his Body and Blood at the Last Supper on the night he was betrayed (see 1 Cor 11: 23-25; CCC1323). As Catholics the Eucharist is the very source of our entire lives. To receive the Eucharist, we must prepare ourselves in **prayer** and **humility**. Unless we are frail, we come from a kneeling posture to meet Christ.

To receive the Body, we make a crown/throne, and the Body is placed in the palm or extend our tongue to receive and consume immediately. To receive the Blood, we hold the chalice with **both hands**. Unless we **have physical challenges**, or **holding a baby**, we **take the chalice with the free hand**. For those who do not wish to receive, we still come to receive a blessing, by placing the hands across the chest. The Eucharist must be received reverently and not taken for granted.

Any leftover of the Eucharist (the Body and Blood of Christ) after Mass are then kept safely in a tabernacle ready to be taken to the sick and dying after Mass; also, for the Eucharistic adoration as Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar.

Jesus, our Saviour, is the Eucharist (see Luke 22:19-20), and as our expression of our love and gratitude, it is always our duty to adore and honour him.

**Numbers 11:25-29**

**Psalm 18**

**James 5:1-6**

**Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48**

### This Sunday's Readings

**Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!**

**The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart**

**Your wealth is all rotting**

**Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> 26 <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>	S. Gonsalves (Birthday)  In Honour of Our Lady of Africa William Otchere-Pobie Jnr (1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)  Parishioners
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> St Therese of the Child Jesus Job 1:6-22 Lk 9:46-50	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)</b> <b>7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</b> <b>7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)</b>	Francis & Ursula Kershaw Joseph Zho RIP (Anniv)
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> The Holy Guardian Angels Ex 23:10-23 Mt 18:1-5. 10	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>6.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)</b> <b>7.45pm R.C.I.A. (hall)</b>	Holy Souls Paddy Callery RIP
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> Feria Job 9:1-12. 14-16 Lk 9:57-62	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b> <b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b> <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Holy Souls Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b> St Francis of Assisi Job 19:21-27 Lk 10:1-12	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>4.00 – 5.00pm School forms</b> <b>7.30pm Spirituality Talk (hall)</b> <b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b>	Holy Souls Michael D'Souza RIP
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> First Friday Harvest Fast Day Job 38:1. 12-21. 40:3-5 Lk 10:13-16	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Benediction</b> <b>6.30pm Syro Malabar Mass</b>	Holy Souls Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> St Bruno Job 42:1-3. 5-6. 12-17 Lk 10:17-24	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>11.30am EMCH Training (Church)</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls  John & Edith Chapman & Sons RIP
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> 27 <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>	Theresa Maria Amassah RIP (Anniv) James Brennan RIP (Months Mind)  Parishioners

### Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,214.09 (£1.21 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,975.09
Collection Parish Building Maintenance Fund	£ 719.13

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 2  
 Next week Team 3



#### Church Cleaners

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

# St. Andrew's Parish Notices

## PARISH CLERGY

We welcome Fr Francis Nonyelu who has joined us as one of our new Assistant Priests. Fr Francis is from Nigeria and has just finished a doctorate in Systematic Theology in Lublin Poland. He has previously been Parish Priest of St Mary Cray and is a great addition to the Parish.

Fr Des has moved to another parish in Tooting. We thank him for his help during his short stay with us.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY, FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

On Family Fast Day CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and to give in order to help the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world. CAFOD invites us to eat simply - perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal - and give the money we save to help those in desperate need. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the Church porch and return for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you again for your care and generosity.

## ANNUAL MASS COUNT

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

## 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 second Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) meeting is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm 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.

## 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 Therese of Liseux" with Fr Len. 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 a few more dates in order for you to meet with Fr Len. The dates are: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 4.00 – 5.00pm, 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.***

## 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.

## NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group are meeting Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October for their Annual Harvest Thanksgiving after the 11.30am Mass in the hall. Following Mass the group would like to invite parishioners to join them for some entertainment and celebrations in the hall.

## 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.

### 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 on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### 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 (GDPR).

### MASS OFFERING BOOKINGS THROUGH PAYPAL

The parish now has the facility for you to book your mass intentions and donate through paypal. You can do this from anywhere in the world, all you need is a computer and the internet. On our website you will find this facility under the “Donations” menu. Please follow the instructions given there. Mass bookings can still be booked in the normal way (envelopes in the porch).

### ST JAMES THE GREAT RC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Open Days: The school is holding Open Days for prospective Nursery and Reception children on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October between 9.10 - 10.15am. Please report to the school office on arrival and you will be given a tour of the school.

Also the school is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced office administrator 36 hours per week (Monday to Friday inclusive), term time only plus 5 INSET days (plus up to additional 10 days per annum as required). For more info please see the school’s website: [www.stjamesthegreat.org](http://www.stjamesthegreat.org) or call the school office on 020 8771 3424.

Congratulations to St James the Great School: St James the Great had a diocesan inspection towards the end of the last academic year and was graded *outstanding* in eight out of nine categories. Copies of the inspection report are at the back of the church if you wish to read it. There will also be copies of the school’s newsletter available in future.

### COLOMA SCHOOL AUTUMN BALL - SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

The Coloma Parents' Association are holding an Autumn Ball on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The Ball commences at 7.00pm and ends at 1.00am. The event is being held at Hilton Hotel, 101 Waddon Way, Purley Way, Croydon, CR9 4HH. Tickets are priced at £50 which includes a welcome drink, a 3 course meal, half a bottle of wine per person, live entertainment from the fabulous Aloma Music - <http://www.alomamusic.com/>. If you would like to attend the Autumn Ball please send an email to [coloma.pa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:coloma.pa@hotmail.co.uk) confirming the number of tickets you require.

### BISHOP THOMAS GRANT SCHOOL: PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



The Province 7 heat of the National Catenian Sixth Form public speaking competition will take place in the theatre at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham SW16 2HY on Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7.30 p.m. Why not come along and support our young people and hear some great speakers and Bishop Pat Lynch is one of the judges. Refreshments will be served. If you need wheelchair access please contact John Woodhouse [johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com](mailto:johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com) 0790 8888 586 (by text) 0208 653 2373 in advance as there are stairs at the venue.

#### Quote of the Week

A successful marriage requires falling in love many times,  
always with the same person

*Mignon McLaughlin*

#### Contact Numbers

		
Chair of the PPC	Maureen Jones	020 8239 0615
Convent	Sr Jennie Eldridge	020 8689 0454
Gift Aid Organiser	Albert Tang	07703 263631
400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins	(email: <a href="mailto:club_400@hotmail.com">club_400@hotmail.com</a> )
Minibus Bookings	Frances Gilbert (Parish Groups only)	020 8689 7319
Parish Secretary	Danielle Lewin	020 8684 3013
Primary School	St. James the Great	020 8771 3424

