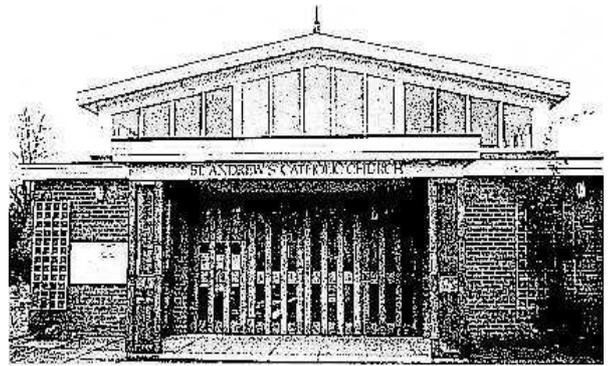


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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
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## 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

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### Message from Fr Len

#### Warnings in Times of Crisis

Every Year just before we enter Advent and start to look at God coming into the World, the Church turns to look at the end times. This is of course part of the liturgical seasons of the Church and reflects the seasons that we find in nature. This is more evident at Easter, which is a lunar festival, Christmas is a solar festival and is celebrated when everything looks bleak and barren and we turn to God for new life which only he can give. This is also mirrored in our own lives which also reflect the seasons, we have times of plenty and times of lack and our task is to treat them both as the imposters that they are.

It is for this reason that our first reading comes from the book of Daniel, which is one of the apocalyptic books. These books are written in times of crisis to give the people hope and encouragement. Their basic message is "we have been through this before and God got us through it, he will do so again, God will never abandon his people". The problem is that periods of crisis occur again and again in our lives very much like the seasons do. We are encouraged to persevere until the end of our lives when our biggest crisis will occur which is something else that God has conquered and asks us not to be afraid of. We have to prepare for our deaths by realising that it can creep up on us at any time but can do so armed with the knowledge that God is always with us.

It is important that we prepare ourselves by looking at the end times so that we can enjoy fully the celebration of the incarnation of God that comes at Christmas, one leads to the other. The hope of the church is, that by reminding us of our mortality we will realise more keenly our need for God and allow him to be incarnated in us more deeply this Christmas season.

#### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Daniel 12:1-13</b>	<b>When that time comes, your own people will be spared</b>
<b>Psalms 15</b>	<b>Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you</b>
<b>Hebrews 10:11-14, 18</b>	<b>By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying</b>
<b>Mark 13:24-32</b>	<b>He will gather his chosen from the four winds</b>

## Diary for the Week

<p><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b> 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)</p> <p><i>World Day of the Poor</i></p>	<p>6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday</p> <p>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></p>	<p>Parishioners</p> <p>November List Michael Ryan RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Gaston &amp; Marie Lourdes Leung RIP</p>
<p><b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Feria</i> Rev 1:1-4. 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43</p>	<p>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></p>	<p>John Lawrence Fernandes RIP November List</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Feria</i> Rev 3:1-6. 14-22 Lk 19:1-10</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.45pm R.C.I.A.</b></p>	<p>November List Paul Etuka RIP</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Rev 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28</p>	<p>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></p>	<p>Pam Freeman (Birthday) November List</p>
<p><b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> <i>St Cecilia</i> Rev 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b> <b>7.30pm Spirituality Talk (hall)</b></p>	<p>John &amp; Jules Fernandes RIP November List</p>
<p><b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> <i>St Clement I</i> Rev 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass</p>	<p>November List Marie &amp; Antoni Hadjizorzi RIP</p>
<p><b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions</i> Rev 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40</p>	<p>9.30am <b>Bereavement Mass</b> <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday <b>7.30pm Social Committee: The Feast of St Andrew's</b></p>	<p>November List</p> <p>Patrick Tiernan RIP</p>
<p><b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> (B)</p>	<p>9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass (Mass parts in Latin) <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></p>	<p>Mr &amp; Mrs McCabe (Anniv) November List</p> <p>Parishioners</p>

<b>Money Matters</b>		
	Collection Last Sunday	£1,670.07 (€1.67 per person)
	Payment by Standing Order	£ 761.00
	Total offertory	£2,431.07
	Collection Archbishops' Administration Fund	£ 574.90
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

<p><b>Altar Servers</b></p> <p>This week Team 3 Next week Team 1</p>		<p><b>Church Cleaners</b></p> <p>This week Fifi's Group Next week Sancho's Dusters</p>
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## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (S.V.P.) COFFEE MORNING TODAY**

You are all invited to the SVP coffee morning and table top sale today Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November in the hall. Please go along to help support the group by buying lots of goods and at the same time drinking coffee/tea and buying lots of cake! All money raised will help support local people who are in need by way of food, clothing and furniture.

### **NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

The group will be meeting for their next General Meeting today Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

### **NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

During the month of November we particularly pray for those who have died. A list of the deceased whose funerals took place here at St Andrew's will be displayed in the front of the Altar. Anyone who has a relative or friend who has died elsewhere in the last year should give in their names and date of death to the office or to one of the Priests and the name will be added to this list.

Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch for you to place your lists of deceased. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November. On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am we will hold our annual Mass for those who have died in the last year. We will try to invite relatives of those whose funerals took place here in the last year and hope that any parishioner who has had a death in the family in the last year will also come.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Please can all Eucharistic Ministers let us know their availability for the Christmas period. Please can you send a note into the office with your availability – thank you.

### **ST ANDREW'S NIGHT**

The Social Committee will be celebrating the feast of St Andrew's this Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the hall from 7.30 - 10.30pm. The entertainment for the evening will be by tribute artist Gary Glenn who pays tribute to Elvis, Tom Jones, Dean Martin, Neil Diamond, Frank Sinatra and many more. We will have a licenced bar and raffle. Tickets will be sold in advance only, prices £10 adults, £5 children and this price includes a hot meal. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses. Telephone: 020 8684 4648 or 020 8406 7450 for more info.

### **SPICES – THANK YOU**

Joyce Lumsden would like to thank everyone who bought her spices and herbs in aid of the Indonesian Tsunami through CAFOD. Joyce raised £52.95 - thank you again to everyone.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

For those that missed the first meeting you can obtain a form from the Presbytery during the Parish Surgery on Monday evenings. Please note that the closing date for applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### **STEWARDSHIP TALKS: THURSDAY 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 talk is on Thursday evening in the hall starting at 7.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> November when the talk is "The spirituality of Thomas Merton" with Fr Gareth Powell. Next week please join us for our last Stewardship Talk on 29<sup>th</sup> November when Deacon Tony and Geraldine Daly are giving a talk on Adoration which will explain their experiences at the recent Adoramus conference including Adoration.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thank you for all those who signed up at our recent Mission for Eucharistic Adoration. We are trying to organise a program to develop our Eucharistic Adoration in the parish so please watch this space. In the meantime you are reminded that there is Adoration every Sunday afternoon at 5.15pm and every second Monday of the Month at 7.00pm for Family Holy hour.

### FEAST OF EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

St Andrew's is celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany (or the Feast of the Three Kings as it is known in some countries) on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. We will have a curry meal followed by ice cream with pizza/hot dogs for children under the age of 10 where required and a non-curry option for anyone one who would prefer this. Adults will be greeted with a glass of mulled apple cider on arrival. There is a licensed bar and raffle on the evening. Tickets are £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children under the age of 10 and will be on sale at weekend Masses from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the same time.

### FRIDAYS IN ADVENT

Please note that the early Mass on each of the Fridays in Advent is at **6.30am** and not at 7.30am. Tea/coffee and croissants provided after Mass in the hall.

### GHANAIAI COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November in the hall after the 11.30am Mass.

### CHRISTMAS STOCK

Please take a look at our Repository as we have a lot of our Christmas stock already in.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The collection will be for Catholic Youth Work. This collection is to support Youth Work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service (SCYS).

### CAROL SINGING IN CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

If you would like to join in the Carol singing around the wards, please meet in the hospital Chapel at 6.45pm for 7.00pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. All are most welcome.

### RAINBOW LEADER AND VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

We urgently need to recruit a new Rainbow Leader and volunteers to join from Christmas time for our 1<sup>st</sup> Thornton Heath Rainbows. If you can help in any way please do get in touch otherwise regrettably the unit will have to close. All enquiries should be directed to Susie Rogers [srodgers.guiding@gmail.com](mailto:srodgers.guiding@gmail.com).

### FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Our Thornton Heath Goans cordially invite you to their 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the feast of St Francis Xavier at St Andrew's Church on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December commencing with Mass at 6.00pm followed by a social in the church hall. Tickets: adults £12 and children £5 (5 years to 14 years) which includes snacks and meal. Please contact Vanessa on 020 8771 9817, Perpetua 07595302856 or Jennifer/Cyril 07712273024. Music by String-a-long, raffles and surprise prizes galore. Come along to a fun event.

### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

This year's catalogue is now available in the porch area. Please take a copy home and consider helping our poorest brothers and sisters by giving to CAFOD's work in this special way.

#### Quote of the Week

"In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation."

*1 Peter 5:10*

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