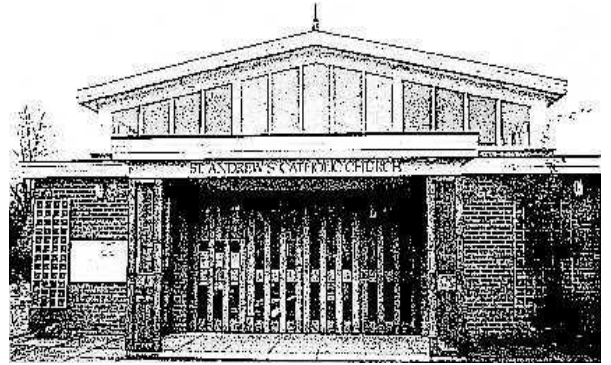


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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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17<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)

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## Message from Deacon Tony

It seems only right that this week's newsletter message is about Canon Francis Moran.

We all know what sort of man he was, "very pastorally minded with a good kind heart and an excellent singing voice" is how Canon John O'Toole described him to the parish when it was announced who was to be his successor.

I am going to tell you one of the more amusing stories that illustrates Canon Francis' pragmatism. In 2005 Fr Raj came to Thornton Heath, it was the first time he had been, at length, outside India. Fr Raj had trouble understanding how names work in Britain, did you call someone by their first or second names was a question he was often asking himself. He had on a couple occasions called women by their surname, which did not go down well.

Fr Raj was telling us about one such occasion and was voicing his frustration at not getting it right. I suggested he call all men 'mate' and all women 'love', Canon Francis was most emphatic that this should not happen.

A couple of days later Fr Raj had a meeting with a Polish gentleman who had a lot of letters in his name. He showed the name to Canon Francis and asked how to pronounce it. It took Canon Francis a few minutes to get the pronunciation correct, but he could not get Fr Raj to grasp it, in the end Canon Francis suggested he called the gentleman 'Sir'.

Later Canon Francis asked how the meeting went. Fr Raj said "I couldn't remember what you said to call him, so I called him mate like Deacon Tony said". Canon Francis laughed heartily.

May he rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

**Psalm 1**

**1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

**Luke 6:17, 20-26**

### This Sunday's Readings

**A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord**

**Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord**

**It Christ has not been raised, your believing is useless**

**How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>  <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Private Intention
	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners Intention of C.C.
	11.30am	Mass	
	<b>4.00 – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Session 1</b>	Special Intention
	<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 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>Gen 4:1-15. 25</i> <i>Mk 8:11-13</i>	7.30am	Mass	Canon Francis Moran RIP Angelo & Calogero Lanzalaco RIP (Anniv)
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>Gen 6:5-8. 7:1-5. 10</i> <i>Mk 8:14-21</i>	7.30am	Mass	Michael Moloney RIP Eileen Tatt RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>Gen 8:6-13. 20-22</i> <i>Mk 8:22-26</i>	7.30am	Mass	Annie Mary Samuels RIP (Anniv) Mary Ann Jones
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> <i>St Peter Damian</i> <i>Gen 9:1-13, Mk 8:27-33</i>	7.30am	Mass	James Power Aubrey Fernandes RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>7.00 – 8.30pm</b>	<b>Cubs (St James the Great)</b>	
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <i>Chair of St Peter</i> <i>1 Pt 5:1-4</i> <i>Mt 16:13-19</i>	7.30am	Mass	Fr John Ehichioya RIP Michael Bowen
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Adoration (Fr John's Anniversary)</b>	
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass (Fr John's Foundation Mass)</b>	
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <i>St Polycarp</i> <i>Heb 11:1-7</i> <i>Mk 9:2-13</i>	9.30am	Mass	Fr Edward Mostyn    Lyra & James Lissenburg & Family RIP
	<b>9.30 – 4.00pm</b>	<b>Retreat Day for Eucharistic Ministers &amp; Readers</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	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>  <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>	9.30am	Mass	Dorothy Gomes RIP Rose Freeman RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am	Mass	
	<b>4.00 – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Session 2</b>	Parishioners
	<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>	

### Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,223.18
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,984.18
Second collection for Racial Justice Sunday	

*Thank you for your generosity*

### Altar Servers

This week Team 1  
Next week Team 2



### Church Cleaners

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **TEAS AND COFFEES SERVED BY THE 26<sup>TH</sup> CROYDON SCOUTS**

Come and join The 26<sup>th</sup> Croydon Scouts after the 9.30am Mass today Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February for coffee, tea, cakes and *warm sausage rolls* where you can relax and catch up with each other after Mass and find out about what your parish Scout Group have been and will be doing to mark their 85<sup>th</sup> year by helping our community! All welcome.

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The collection this weekend will be for Racial Justice Sunday. This collection helps to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation. News and information available on [www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019).

### **GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING**

The Group will be meeting today Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

### **FR JOHN EHICHIOYA RIP**

We hope you can all join us on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.00pm for Adoration for Fr John's Anniversary followed by 7.00pm Mass for Fr John's Foundation Mass. All are welcome.

### **CANON FRANCIS MORAN RIP**

The funeral arrangements for Canon Francis has been finalised as follows:

#### ***Tuesday 19th February:***

4 pm: reception of the body at St Mary Magdalen's Church, Mortlake.

7 pm: Vigil Mass at St Mary Magdalen's Church, Mortlake.

#### ***Wednesday 20th February:***

12.30 pm: Funeral Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

#### ***Thursday 21st February:***

7 pm: Vigil Mass at St Illtyd's Church, Dowlais, Wales.

#### ***Friday 22nd February:***

12 noon: Funeral Mass at St Illtyd's Church, Dowlais, Wales; followed by the burial service.

Canon Francis' family are very keen to ensure that people in Southwark know they are very welcome to join them for the services in Wales.

Also in the porch there is a Book of Condolence for you to write your messages. Please feel free to leave your messages and we hope to pass the book to the family of Canon Francis next week at the Cathedral.

### **DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

There will be a day of recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers with Fr Kevin Alban O'Carroll from 9.30 - 4.00pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February here at St Andrews. The day starts with Mass and there will be opportunities for confession and Adoration as well as talks and time to socialise. We hope as many of you as possible can come along and ask you to sign the sign-up sheet on the table just outside the Priests Sacristy to indicate your attendance.

### **SAMM (ST ANDREW'S MUMS MARKET) ON SATURDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

On Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 1.00 to 4.00pm, we will be having our first St Andrews Mums Market (SAMM) in the Church hall. Several mums from the parish will be selling a variety of children's goods like clothing, shoes, toys and pushchairs. There will also be other items for sale e.g. men and women clothing, bric-a-brac and other household items. ALL money made on the day will go towards the Church 50 For 50 fund. There will also be hot food and tea, coffee and cakes for sale. Please come along to support the event. If you would like to take part and

have a free table to sell your unwanted goods, please text Bernadette on 07729322571. There are a couple of tables available. Thank you.

## **NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

The group are meeting for their next General Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

### **“FLAME” 2019 TICKETS**

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service have helped with the organisation of the annual “FLAME” day at Wembley Arena on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. This is a day for our young adults to enjoy this amazing celebration of Catholic faith, in a vibrant atmosphere, full of joy, with content presented in a way which resonates for young people. Flame is ideal for young people aged 14+ and people from every Diocese in the country will be represented. We have 20 tickets and hope as many of our young adults as possible can come along. There is no charge but you will have to pay for your train fare and one of our Youth Leaders, Marine Anton and Fr Wilfred will accompany the group. Please can you sign the sign-up sheet on the table just outside of the Priests Sacristy to indicate your interest. The tickets will be on a first come basis. Contact [info@scys.org.uk](mailto:info@scys.org.uk) or go to [www.cymfed.org.uk/flame](http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame) 2019 for further info. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

### **HOME-MADE GREETING CARDS FOR SALE**

There will be a sale of home-made greeting cards after the 9.30am Mass on the first Sunday of each month in aid of our Golden Fundraising Campaign. Please put the date in your diaries and go along to the hall and help support this event.

### **GUIDES**

If you would like to join or receive more information please call Maggie on 07971 882753.

### **CHURCH CLEANERS WANTED**

We really need more people to help with the task of cleaning God’s house. So if you can spare an hour or two approximately once a month and would like to help by joining one of our groups, please contact Fifi on 07932 764273. Thank you.

### **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

We have an advisory maintenance team who meet regularly to advise, support and help with all the maintenance jobs needed for the Church and hall. We are looking for new members to join us. If you think you can help in any way, please speak with Fr Len. Also if you are a professional craftsman/woman and would like to quote for some of the forth coming maintenance work, again please speak with Fr Len.

## **ST ANDREW’S 50 FOR 50 GOLDEN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN 2019**

### **Marking St Andrew’s Golden Anniversary**

Thank you to everyone who have been supportive of our fundraising campaign. One or two people have written with questions and comments about our campaign, which we would like to respond to, however, the letters have arrived without names and addresses, so if they care to write again, Deacon Tony will be more than happy to reply in order to answer any concerns you have. When Fr Len returns after his break in February, he hopes to arrange a meeting so everyone can have an opportunity to make their comments, be kept informed of progress and we can then answer any questions too.

#### **Quote of the Week**

God is a God of the present. God is always in the moment, be that moment hard or easy, joyful and painful.

*Henri Nouwen*

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