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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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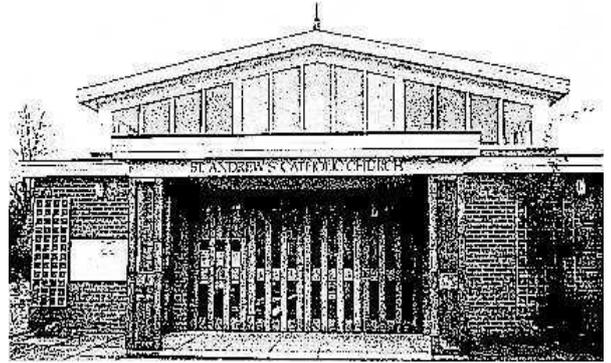
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Len Tatt  
Fr Francis Nonyelu  
Fr Wilfred Obina  
**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine  
**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila DMJ

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)

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### Message from Fr Len

#### St Paul's Great Hymn to Love

All of our readings are challenging today, so much so that we see those listening to Jesus reacting angrily to what he is saying and they try to kill him. At times we do something similar when we take the easy path, the pathway of least resistance. Sometimes life is tough and we want to live pain free and in comfort. When we are truly listening to what God is saying we can begin to realise how far away from where God wants us to be we truly are. Just look at St Paul's great hymn to love, still one of the best poems about love ever written, read it and you can't help to be humbled. Love is patient and kind, love is never jealous, never rude or selfish, it takes no offence, reading it is very humbling because we don't love like that. We say we love someone or something but how we love does not in any way live up to the ideal!

When we realise that we have two choices, ignore where we are and pretend that the problem is with other people, that kind of love is only an ideal anyway and no one loves like that, or we can recognise our imperfection, then pray to God for help and begin acting in a way that truly shows others how we love them. When we do that we are making a decision to love which is what God has done. God is love so it would be impossible for God not to love us. Love then can be seen as a decision not the blissful feeling that all those modern love stories want us to believe.

It is highlighted in that great promise of commitment made at Christian marriages to love, honour and cherish someone until death do you part. In other words, to be there for someone no matter what happens, knowing that some of what will happen will be complicated, painful even and loving someone anyway. That goes against the modern belief that if something is not working you get out, what we end up with then is a throwaway society. No! what God asks us to do is to work at the things that are not working, to keep on until the end. That is true of any of our relationships, our faith and also the way that we love ourselves, after all we are told to love our neighbour as ourselves! May you know in the week ahead that you are a beloved child of God.

<b>This Sunday's Readings</b>	
<b>Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19</b>	<b>I have appointed you as prophet to the nations</b>
<b>Psalms 70</b>	<b>My lips will tell of your help</b>
<b>1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13</b>	<b>There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love</b>
<b>Luke 4:21-30</b>	<b>Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	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>	Elizabeth Salapare RIP  Parishioners Special Intention of C.C.  J. Okoroafor
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>Heb 11:32-40</i> <i>Mk 5:1-20</i>	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>	Richard Cowie RIP Papapetrou & Liatsos Families RIP
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>St Agatha</i> <i>Heb 12:1-4</i> <i>Mk 5:21-43</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>6.30pm R.C.I.C.</b> <b>7.45pm R.C.I.A.</b>	Rachel Ward Samantha Elberlson
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Saints Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i> <i>Heb 12:4-7. 11-15</i> <i>Mk 6:1-6</i>	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>	Helen Furey Special Intention
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>Heb 12:18-19. 21-24</i> <i>Mk 6:7-13</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b>	Gill Patient RIP Mrs E. B. Mensah RIP
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>St Jerome Emiliani</i> <i>St Josephine Bakhita</i> <i>Heb 13:1-8</i> <i>Mk 6:14-29</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am <b>Funeral Mass</b> <b>7.00pm Liturgy Meeting</b>	“Frank” Mr Stanley Roy Williams RIP
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>Heb 13:15-17. 20-21</i> <i>Mk 6:30-34</i>	9.30am Mass <b>9.50 – 11.15am First Holy Communion</b> <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls  Josephine Tighe RIP
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>3.30pm Confirmation Meeting - Church</b> <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>	Eileen Kelly RIP Parishioners  Con Mahoney RIP (Anniv)

### Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,187.85
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,948.85
Collection for White Flower Appeal	£ 673.37

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 2  
 Next week Team 3



#### Church Cleaners

This week Judie's Crew  
 Next week Fifi's Group

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **CANON FRANCIS MORAN RIP**

It is with great sadness that we have to let you know Canon Francis passed away on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Francis. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to his family. May he rest in peace. At present we do not have any further details but will pass this on when we know.

### **FR DENIS OCAYA**

Fr Denis, who has been here with us over the last two summers, has been involved in a serious motorcycle accident at home in Uganda. He had an operation at the beginning of last week. Please can you pray for him for a full and speedy recovery.

### **CHRISTMAS CRIB**

Thank you to those who put in all the hard work regarding our Christmas Crib (you know who you are). It was a joy to see and was appreciated by many. The tradition of erecting a Crib was started by St Francis of Assisi because of the fact that many people could not read at that time. He would erect the Crib at the beginning of December and it would be there until the end of February. That tradition is continued in Rome where the Crib in St Peter's Square stays up until that time. Whilst the Church finishes Christmas with Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February (which is why our Crib stayed up for longer) this marks the light of God coming into the world, the presence of the Crib staying up reminds us that Christ is always in the world after His birth.

### **FR LEN'S MOTHER**

Many of you will know that Fr Len's mother, Mrs Eileen Mary Tatt RIP, passed away recently. Fr Len would like to thank everyone who has sent him cards and their kind wishes, this has been much appreciated. Fr Len will be away following his mother's funeral for a couple of weeks. Some of you have asked about the funeral details which are: Funeral Mass at 10am on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at Christchurch, Eltham High Street, SE9 1TE. If you would like to attend you can travel by train from London Victoria to Eltham.

### **"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.

### **CONFIRMATION 2019**

To all those who have requested that they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please make sure that your email request is received no later than Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Also there is a meeting for our Confirmation candidates and their parents in the Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm.

### **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL LAST WEEKEND**

Gill Gilhooly would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to our appeal for the protection of unborn children. Your donations will help to make a difference in the campaign to stop the decriminalisation of abortion.

### **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.

## **DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

There will be a day of recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers with Fr Kevin Alban O’Carm 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.

## **HOUSE BLESSINGS**

If you would like to request a priest to come to your home for a house blessing, please contact the Presbytery so we can arrange this for you.

## **ST ANDREW’S MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP**

The group meets in the hall on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 – 11.15am, term time only. Come along and enjoy play, crafts, singing, snacks and meet other mums and carers. All are welcome, £2 per session.

## **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.

## **MASS OFFERING BOOKINGS AND DONATIONS THROUGH PAYPAL**

The parish now has the facility for you to book your mass intentions and donate through Paypal. 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).

## **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 has 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**

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

*1 John 4:16*

### **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: club_400@hotmail.com)	
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