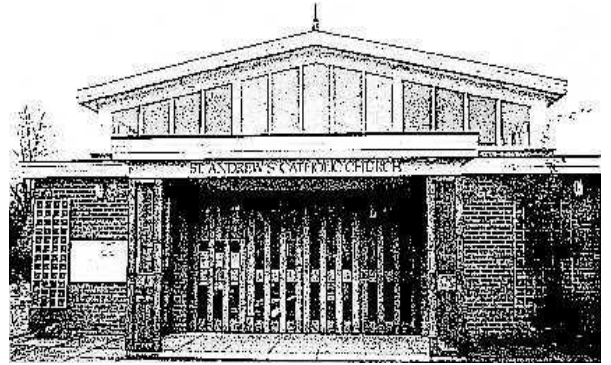


# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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10<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)

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## Message from Fr Len

### Sin

Our readings this weekend remind us both of the reality of Sin and the great gift that God has given us in sending us his Son to free us from that Sin. Of course sin has not disappeared, it is impossible for the human condition not to sin. We read continually in scripture that the first stage of that freedom is a fear of God. In other words if we realise that left to our own devices we constantly make a mess of things, even with the best intentions and that we need some help to free us from the pain of sin, God's and other peoples. One of the problems is that we do not know what we do not know, which of course means that we have to constantly struggle to improve ourselves, growing spiritually every day. Self-awareness is key to this because if we can recognise what we have done wrong we are taking the first step towards God. That is why confession is so important.

We also must realise that we don't have to be perfect to get into heaven, but we do have to open the door to God and allow him to be part of our lives. If we had to be perfect then God would not have sent his only son to free us when we are sinful human creatures. That should be a source of great comfort for us and help us catch a glimpse of how much we are truly loved. God has given us a road to him but we have to take it and it doesn't matter how far we think we have come we have an eternal road of spiritual development in front of us. What we need to do this lent is pick one thing to work on spiritually. Of course the church traditionally has talked of how we should abstain somewhat from over indulgence and that of course is a great challenge. We must not be ruled by our appetites, however hard that is but we should also pick something else to do which could help us grow spiritually. That might be to read a passage of scripture every day, or a book, or visit a sick person, whatever suits your lifestyle. To do so means that we are engaged in spiritual combat, living as God really wants us to do. If we can do this then we will have a more meaningful encounter with Christ this Easter.

<b>Deuteronomy 26:4-10</b> <b>Psalm 90</b> <b>Romans 10:8-13</b> <b>Luke 4:1-13</b>	<b>This Sunday's Readings</b> <b>The creed of the chosen people</b> <b>Be with me, O Lord, in my distress</b> <b>The creed of the Christian</b> <b>Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there</b>
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## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</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>	Richard & Eve Palmer (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv)  Parishioners Elizabeth Salapare RIP  Private Intention
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lev 19:1-2, 11-18</i> <i>Mt 25:31-46</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>12noon Mass in Hospital</b> <b>5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)</b> <b>7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour</b> <b>7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</b> <b>7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)</b>	Login Timothy Andradi Snr RIP (Anniv) Victor Emmanuel Nataro RIP (Anniv)
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Is 55:10-11</i> <i>Mt 6:7-15</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>6.30pm R.C.I.C.</b> <b>7.45pm R.C.I.A.</b>	Mr Thomas (Intention) James Conroy RIP (Anniv)
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Jon 3:1-10</i> <i>Lk 11:29-32</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross <b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b> <b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b> <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	John Messina RIP (Anniv) Special Intention of C.C.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Est 14:1, 3-5, 13-14</i> <i>Mt 7:7-12</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b> <b>7.00pm Baptism Course</b> <b>7.00pm Maintenance Committee</b> <b>7.15pm Lenten Film (hall)</b>	Azeb Kidane RIP (Anniv) Cay Ann Peters (Intention)
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>CAFOD Family Fast Day</i> <i>Est 18:21-28</i> <i>Mt 5:20-26</i>	<b>6.30am Mass</b> 10.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross <b>8.00pm Stations of the Cross</b>	Eileen Tatt RIP Loraine Viegas RIP
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Deut 26:16-19</i> <i>Mt 5:43-48</i>	<b>9.15 – 11.15am First Holy Communion</b> 9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>11.30am Altar Server Training</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls  Annamma Joseph RIP
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i> <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	9.30am Mass (1 <sup>st</sup> Scrutiny) 11.30am Mass <b>4.00pm Confirmation Session 4</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>	Death Anniversary RIP Parishioners  Michael Frackiewicz RIP

### Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,280.64
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,041.64
Collection for Poor Parishes	£ 712.04

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 1  
 Next week Team 2



#### Church Cleaners

This week Fifi's Group  
 Next week Sancho's Dusters

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **CAFOD FAST DAY (LENT)**

It is CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. This weekend Frances Gilbert will be giving a talk on how you can all help to support the CAFOD Family Fast Day this lent for our brothers and sisters around the world.

### **TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS**

Please do go along to the hall after every 9.30am Sunday Mass where tea/coffee and cakes are always served. All are most welcome.

### **FAMILY HOLY HOUR**

Please join us on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00 to 8.00pm for Family Holy Hour. Children, families and parishioners come and join us to pray for peace in our hearts, our homes, our families and the whole world. All are very welcome.

### **LENT 2019**

#### **Lenten Masses in Croydon University Hospital**

There will be Mass every Monday during Lent at 12noon in the Hospital Chapel. All are most welcome.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays 10.30am Stations of the Cross (led by parishioners) and at 8.00pm (led by different Parish groups) and also after 10am Mass on Wednesdays (led by parishioners).

#### **Friday Masses**

During Lent please note that our usual 7.30am Mass will be at **6.30am** on Fridays.

#### **Films of Stories from the Bible**

This year during Lent we will be showing some films of Stories from the Bible. There will be six films in total. The next one will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March showing "The Story of Abraham" Part 2 starting at 7.15pm. All films will be shown on Thursdays in our hall starting with teas and coffees at 7.00pm. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

#### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2019/2020**

Gift Aid envelopes for 2019/2020 will be distributed over 3 weekends beginning week ending 16/17, 23/24 and 30/31 March. Please collect your envelopes after each Mass. This is also a good opportunity for you to sign up if you are not already in the scheme. The Gift Aid Scheme allows the parish to claim 25p tax back from HMRC for every £1 you donate. It will not cost you any extra. The only requirement is you must be paying UK tax. For further details please contact Albert Tang, contact details on the back of the newsletter.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Applications are now open for those young people in Year 5 and above who wish to become an Altar Server. The application forms may be found at the back of the church. The forms should be returned to the Priests' house by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March latest.

#### **SAMM (ST ANDREW'S MUMS MARKET)**

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported in any way with our SAMM day on Saturday. It was a big success raising £631 which will all go to our 50 For 50 fund. Bernadette Dias and all her team are busy making arrangements for our next SAMM on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May and we hope that the next one will be an even bigger success. Thank you all again.

## **CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF ST GEORGE: SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

The Social Committee will have a celebration for the feast of St George, Patron Saint of England, on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, the Saturday after Easter. It will commence at 7 for 7.30pm and will start with a glass of Mead followed by a three course meal. Adults - £10.00, children under the age of 10 - £5.00. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses from the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> March. There will be music, a licensed bar and a raffle.

## **THE ROSARY**

The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10.00am Mass (and Saturday 9.30am). After Mass and after a few minutes of silence the Rosary will be prayed and then, after a short pause, other devotional prayers will be prayed. All are welcome to join however long you can stay – there is no formal membership, just a desire to pray the Rosary.

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

If you would like to use the facility to book your mass intentions and make donations through Paypal, please go on our website where you will find the “Donations” menu. Please follow the instructions given there. Mass bookings can still be booked in the normal way using envelopes in the porch.

## **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.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Please check our porch area as there are a lot of items left. We will dispose of them soon if not collected.

## **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 so far and have donated. Fr Len hopes to arrange a meeting soon 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**

The night is almost gone, and the day is near therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts

*Romans 13:12-14*

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