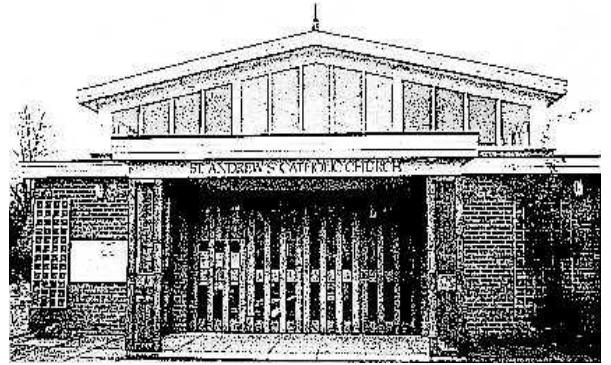


ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy: Sr. Sheila DMJ

Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming or recording.

12th May 2019 4th Sunday of Easter (C)

Message from Deacon Errol

Perseverance and Faith in Adversity

When we watch TV commercials, we are assured that the products advertised will bring us joy when we buy them. This message is also asserted by some professionals that life's learning process should be one joyous experience. This is fine in theory, but life's experience gives a clear indication that every human being, rich or poor go through pain, suffering, rejection or feel of worthlessness. Because life is one continuous educational journey, we keep discovering new truths about ourselves and the world around us; that is awesome.

In today's liturgy, we find that life seems to be anything but a joyous experience when Jesus' followers experience disappointments, trials and rejection that can only be dealt with through perseverance and faith in God.

The challenges of being a disciple of Jesus become more apparent when we go through disappointment and rejection. We realise that our earthly journey involves pain and suffering. Saints Paul and Barnabas are great examples for us Christians to emulate; they trusted in God though rejected and persecuted. Through all their challenges, they could not but be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit; something achieved only through faith.

As a shepherd, Jesus goes ahead of his flock seeking out new pastures. So, if you feel depressed, alone and unloved, turn to Jesus who is closer to you than you could possibly imagine. Remember, **you are a child of the Most High God. (Psalm 82:6) Jesus is your Shepherd and you shall not want. (Psalm 23)** Jesus takes on the risks and dangers, knowing that there are wolves along the way but God calls us to persevere so that others would come to believe through us.

So, as share in the life of Jesus - our Risen Lord, we must respond to those who reject us with the call to live our faith before them and pray that our actions will demonstrate the faith we profess and win them for Christ.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 13:14, 43-52	We must turn to the pagans
Psalm 99	We are his people, the sheep of his flock
Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17	The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water
John 10:27-30	I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me

Diary for the Week

Sunday 12th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Marie Furey RIP
	9.30am	Mass	Irene Smith RIP Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	
	4.00pm	Confirmation Session 9	Benjamin Jacob Lewis RIP
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	
7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group		
Monday 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> <i>Acts 11:1-18</i> <i>John 10:1-10</i>	7.30am	Mass	Helen Ibemere (w/b) Intention of Noel Britto
	10.00am	Mass	
	5.45 – 7.15pm	Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 – 8.00pm	Family Holy Hour	
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 14th May <i>St Matthias</i> <i>Acts 1:15-17. 20-26</i> <i>John 15:9-17</i>	7.30am	Mass	Stafford & Gail Henderson (25 th Wedding Anniv) Intention of Doner
	10.00am	Mass	
	6.30pm	First Holy Communion Parents meeting	
	7.30pm	Finance Committee	
Wednesday 15th May <i>Acts 12:24-13:5</i> <i>John 12:44-50</i>	7.30am	Mass	Tsegabs Family Lurdina Da Cruz (w/b)
	10.00am	Mass	
	2.00pm	Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall) Baptism course	
Thursday 16th May <i>St Simon Stock</i> <i>Acts 13:13-25</i> <i>John 13:16-20</i>	7.30am	Mass	Darcy Fargo Lottie Gannon RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.00 – 8.30pm	Cubs (St James the Great)	
	7.15pm	Lenten Film (hall)	
Friday 17th May <i>Acts 13:26-33</i> <i>John 14:1-6</i>	7.30am	Mass	Robin McConnagh Mrs Phyllis Abbott RIP
	10.00am	Funeral Mass	
Saturday 18th May <i>St John I</i> <i>Acts 13:44-52</i> <i>John 14:7-14</i>	9.30am	Mass	Holy Souls Fr J. Finelli
	9.50 – 11.15am	First Holy Communion	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	11.00am	Confirmation rehearsals	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 19th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am	Mass of Welcome for Newcomers	Patrick Tiernan RIP (Anniv) Parishioners Canon Francis Moran RIP
	11.30am	Mass	
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,287.01
Payment by Standing Order	£ 700.00
Total offertory	£1,987.01
Second collection for Ecclesiastical Education	

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

RAGS TO RICHES: MARY'S MEALS TODAY SUNDAY 12TH MAY

Mary's Meals UK will be here this weekend 12th May to collect your unwanted clothes. Mary's Meals UK is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (*no duvets or pillows please*) and they will be at our Church until 11.30am on 12th May to collect them all. Amazingly four full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year. A volunteer from Mary's Meals will be here on the day to give us more information. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend, 12th May, will be for Ecclesiastical Education. This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Members of the Legion of Mary invite all parishioners to attend the Family Holy Hour on Monday, 13th May from 7.00 to 8.00pm when we will be praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament for peace in the whole world. Come and join us even if only for 10 minutes - it will bring a blessing on you and your family, and our parish.

THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The group warmly invites you to the Life in the Spirit Seminar which started on Sunday 28th April here at St Andrew's and will be held every Sunday until Sunday 23rd June. Please come along to next one on Sunday from 7.00 – 9.00pm. Please see the notice in the porch for more information or contact 07983 775879 or 07947 493683. All are welcome.

FILMS OF STORIES FROM THE BIBLE

Our next one will be on Thursday 16th May showing "St Paul" part two starting at 7.15pm. All films will be shown on Thursdays in our hall starting with teas and coffees at 7.00pm. *Please note that due to our hall being used as a polling station on 23rd May our hall is not free to show our Lenten film but we will continue as normal the following week.* Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

PILGRIM STATUE VISITATION

On the 10th February 2017 members of the Legion of Mary began the pilgrim statue visitation to parishioners of St Andrew's Church and this continues even today. Requests made for statue visitations have been for many reasons including peace in the home and family, birthday celebrations, illness, etc. If you would like members of the Legion of Mary to visit your home with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima please contact Ginny via the parish office or for further details see the noticeboard in the Church porch.

NEW PARISHIONERS – NEWSCOMERS MASS

If you have moved into the parish in the last 12 months, you are invited to our Newcomers Mass on Sunday 19th May at 9.30am followed by an informal get together in our hall afterwards. It will be an opportunity to meet with members of the Parish Council and Pastoral team so we can welcome you and hopefully help you find out a bit more about the Parish.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting on Sunday 19th May after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The next General Meeting of the Nigerian Catholic Community will be on Sunday 26th May after the 11.30 am Mass in the Church hall. New members are warmly welcomed to come along too.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

We are arranging a day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Augustine, Ramsgate on Saturday 6th July. St Augustine's has been restored by the diocese and Heritage Lottery funding and is now a thriving Pilgrimage centre. It is very near where St Augustine landed in 597 AD (having been sent by Pope Gregory the Great) to bring Christianity to England. It is also where the great Victorian architect, Augustus Pugin, lived, worked and built his personal

church. More details can be found at <https://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk/> We will leave St Andrew's at 8.30am and return around 6.30pm. The cost is £18 for adults, £13 for children under 16 yrs, this includes entry into the Shrine, Mass, a tour, a talk and film about the shrine. There will also be some free time to explore Ramsgate. Please contact Lesley (07588 550058) or Stella (07983 775879) to book your place.

PALAZZOLA, ITALY 18TH JUNE - 27TH JUNE 2019

Fr Len is working as Chaplain at Villa Palazzola, Italy, between 18th June to 27th June. Palazzola is the English College retreat centre in the Alban Hills overlooking Castle Gondollo by Lake Albano. It is the Papal summer residence and is about 45 minutes outside of Rome. If you would like to spend a few days in Rome at the same time as Fr Len, you would be most welcome but you will have to make your own arrangements directly with Villa Palazzola and your own travel arrangements too. If enough people from St Andrew's come, Fr Len will arrange days out to the Vatican City and other places of interest. For further info please speak to Fr Len. Palazzola online www.palazzola.it

MEMORIES OF CANON FRANCIS MORAN

Please drop any memories of Canon Francis Moran that you would like us to include into the office or if you have pictures on your phone, please send to 07958 537314.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped support our Confirmation candidates with their cake sale last Sunday. Also congratulations to the Brennan Family who guessed the cake weight - 4lbs 15ozs and Marion says "thank you" to everyone for supporting her in our 50-For-50 campaign.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

If yes, you are invited to St George's Cathedral at 3.00pm on Saturday July 13th for a special Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony, with refreshments afterwards. Places are limited so make sure of your personal invitation from Archbishop Peter Smith by emailing mflsw@rcaos.org.uk. They will need to know your full names, address, phone number, parish and the special anniversary you are celebrating this year: anyone celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ qualifies. Close family are welcome to come with you.

REFLECTION DAY – WORTH ABBEY

SDC are organising a Reflection day at Worth Abbey, East Sussex on **Saturday 18th May**. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and prayers as well as talks and group discussions. Transport provided. They aim to leave at 10am. For more information call SDC on 0208 768 2890 or email info@sdc.me.uk.

SOUTHWARK JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION: SPRING ASSEMBLY

You are invited to the Archdiocese of Southwark JPIC Spring Assembly on Saturday 18th May, on Tackling Poverty in the Archdiocese of Southwark, at the parish of Our Lady of Reparation (St Mary's) 70 Wellesley Road, West Croydon, starting with Mass at 10am. Please see the notice for more info and to register your interest on justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

Quote of the Week

“Everything that seemingly happens externally is occurring in order to trigger something within us, to expand us and take us back to who we truly are.”

Anita Moorjani

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