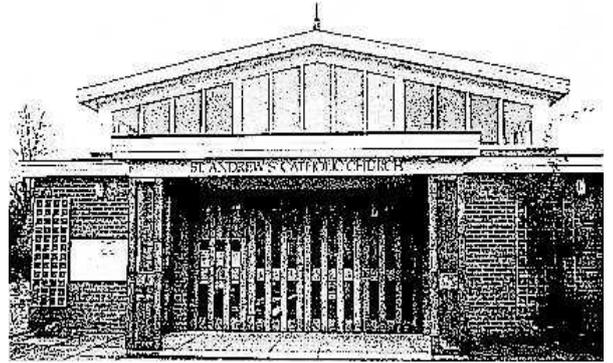


ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
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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.

19th May 2019 5th Sunday of Easter (C)

Message from Fr Len

Love One Another

Jesus gives the commandment to the Apostles to Love One Another but sometimes this word is just mouthed, we pay it lip service but do we really live it out in our lives. I am sure all of us have had experiences where we have seen people say that they love someone but their lives display anything but love. To understand what love is we need to look at St Paul's great hymn to love found in 1 Corinthians chapter 13. Whenever I read that passage I am daunted by how much love demands, it is not just an ideal it is how God loves us each and every day! We know that God is love and to really understand that we need to remember that love is a decision and not a feeling. It would be impossible for God not to love us as that decision was made at the beginning of time.

One of the problems is that the whole idea of love has been cheapened in our modern society. You hear people say that they love chocolate or they love coffee or whatever it may be, you hear teenagers talk about falling into and out of love which is impossible, what they are talking about is a good feeling, a feeling which comes and goes, but love is forever.

This fact is born out in the vows that married couples take at their wedding, till death do us part. In fact it is only through the parting at death that the church knows that a marriage was truly sacramental, if God had joined the couple together then nothing could separate such a couple. Of course we live in an imperfect world and what we are here to do is to learn how to love so that we can be with the God of love forever and to do that we will go through a lot of pain. Sometimes that pain is necessary as through it we learn valuable lessons. When we feel pain however we want to run away, to protect ourselves, to make sure it never happens again and yet that is hiding from life, an attempt at protecting ourselves. Suffering is a natural part of life and defiantly a part of love, you only need to look at the cross to realise that.

What God asks to do when times are difficult is to support one another, to forgive, to remember that we have been forgiven and then through that pain we grow, our hearts expand and we become who and what God made us to be. In short we are transformed and God then can be seen to be living among human beings in the way that we treat one another.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 14:21-27	They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them
Psalms 144	I will bless your name for ever, O God my King
Apocalypse 21:1-5	God will wipe away all tears from their eyes
John 13:31-35	I give you a new commandment: love one another

Diary for the Week

Sunday 19th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Fr J. Finelli
	9.30am	Mass of Welcome for Newcomers	Patrick Tiernan RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Canon Francis Moran RIP
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 20th May <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i> <i>Acts 14:5-18</i> <i>John 14:21-26</i>	7.30am	Mass	Mr Luiz RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Esther & Elizabeth RIP
	5.45 – 7.15pm	Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
	7.30 – 9.00pm	Scouts (hall)	
Tuesday 21st May <i>Acts 14:19-28</i> <i>John 14:27-31</i>	7.30am	Mass	Joseph Kwame Baffoe RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Amanda McCabe (Intention)
	6.30pm	R.C.I.C.	
Wednesday 22nd May <i>Acts 15:1-6</i> <i>John 15:1-8</i>	7.30am	Mass	Sr Mary Toner RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Mary Kelly RIP
	2.00pm	Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 23rd May <i>Acts 15:7-21</i> <i>John 15:9-11</i>	7.30am	Mass	Lien KG (Intention)
	10.00am	Mass	Canon Francis Moran RIP
	7.00pm	Maintenance Meeting	
	7.00 – 8.30pm	Cubs (St James the Great)	
Friday 24th May <i>Acts 15:22-31</i> <i>John 15:12-17</i>	7.30am	Mass	Deceased Members Ritchie & Hampshire Families RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving
	7.00pm	Liturgy Meeting	
Saturday 25th May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i> <i>Acts 16:1-10</i> <i>John 15:18-21</i>	9.30am	Mass	F.O.S.S. (For Suffering Souls) RIP
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	11.00am	Confirmations with Bishop Paul Hendricks	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Diego Paes RIP
Sunday 26th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am	Mass (R.C.I.C.)	Daniel Messina RIP
	11.30am	Mass	Jessica Mary Badu RIP
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Parishioners
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,269.76
Payment by Standing Order	£ 700.00
Total offertory	£1,969.76
Collection for Ecclesiastical Education	£ 695.29

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

This week St Jude's Group
Next week Judie's Crew

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR JAMES RAJ

We welcome Fr James who joins us this weekend as our new Assistant Priest. Fr James is from the diocese of Palayamkottai in Tamilnadu State, India and has been working as the Secretary to the Bishop of his diocese.

NEW PARISHIONERS – NEWSCOMERS MASS THIS WEEKEND

If you have moved into the parish in the last 12 months, you are invited to our Newcomers Mass this 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 this Sunday 19th May after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

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. ***We will have a table after the Sunday Masses this weekend for you to book your place and to give any further information.***

GIFT AID ENVELOPES REMINDER

We are now into the new tax year and some parishioners have still not collected their envelopes. Can you please contact the gift aid organiser, Albert Tang, urgently to collect your boxes. Once you have contacted Albert, he will arrange with you to leave your boxes in the repository (shop) for you to collect. Please call or text him on 07703 263631 or email him at albert.tang.uk@googlemail.com.

CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates who will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday 25th May with Bishop Paul Hendricks followed by a reception in our hall. A big thank you to all our Catechists for all their hard work in helping and supporting our young people through their journey. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers.

400 CLUB

The winners for April are: No: 11 Michael Hibberd - £20, No: 18 Don Patient - £10, No: 44 Joyce Lumsden - £10
The winners for May are: No: 85 Anne Tiernan - £20, No: 118 Sheila Bahan - £10, No: 59 Bob Wright - £10

THE BIG LUNCH

The Big Lunch was started in 2009 to encourage as many people as possible to have lunch together one Sunday in June. It has proved to be very successful so St Andrew's have decided to have our Big Lunch in our hall on Sunday 2nd June after the 11.30am Mass. It will be a good opportunity to enjoy time getting to know your fellow parishioners and find out what's happening to everyone and catch up on news so please come along and bring your lunch. There will be drinks available for sale including glasses of Pimms etc. All are most welcome.

FILMS OF STORIES FROM THE BIBLE

Our next one will be on Thursday 30th May showing "The Apocalypse" starting at 7.15pm, 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.*

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.

RAGS TO RICHES: MARY'S MEALS

A big thank you to everyone who helped support Mary's Meals last weekend. We are delighted to say that our parish managed to give 665kg of unwanted clothes; there were also cash donations of £444.28 making a total contribution of £816.68. Mary's Meals asked us to pass on their grateful thanks for a really good result! The amount raised will feed 58+ children who will not only get fed one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but they will get an education too. Thank you again to everyone for your support.

OUR HALL: POLLING STATION

Please note that our hall is being as a polling station on Thursday 23rd May all day and will therefore not be available to use.

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.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

SCOUT GROUP

On Saturday 22nd June the Parish Scout Group - 26th Croydon - will be hosting a Charity Afternoon Tea from 2 – 4.00pm in the hall to help celebrate their 85th Birthday. To request an invitation to this event please email scouts26croydon@hotmail.co.uk or contact Sarah Gater on 07751 660 842 for more information.

THANK YOU

Message from Catriona: "Catriona Collins and her family would like to thank everyone who helped her reach her fundraising target for Hope and Homes charity by supporting the quiz night on 4th May or sponsoring her for the marathon. Your generosity has helped support vulnerable children and raise money for the 50 For 50 challenge."

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.

ONE DAY RETREAT

You are invited to the Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry. A one Day Retreat of quiet reflection at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR, on Saturday 25th May from 11:00am – 5:00pm. Programme includes Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form, Celebrant Priest: Father Mark Elliott Smith. Please bring your own lunch, Scripture talk, Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, healing prayers - praise and worship.

Quote of the Week

My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

1 John 3:18

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