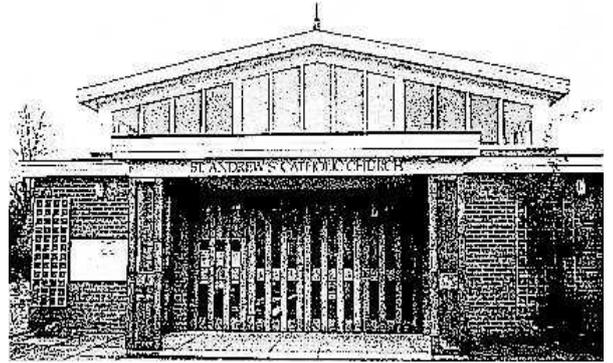


ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

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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.

26th May 2019 6th Sunday of Easter (C)

Message from Deacon Tony

This coming Thursday is Ascension Day, a Holy Day of obligation. We will hear in the Gospel how the disciples witnessed Jesus being taken up to heaven and how they returned to Jerusalem full of joy.

At the end of Mark's Gospel, we are told Christ was taken up to heaven to take his place at the right hand of God while the disciples went into the world preaching the Word.

However, at the end of Matthew's Gospel, we receive the Great Commission to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you".

Many people will jump on the idea that Jesus says 'baptise all the nations' and will see the parallel with John's Gospel where Jesus says 'there are many rooms in my Father's house' and take this to mean that everyone, no matter what their circumstances are welcome. This is absolutely correct. However, there is the second line at the end of the Great Commission "and teach them to observe the commands I gave you".

What does Christ mean by 'all the nations'? What does he mean by 'many rooms' and what does he mean by 'teach them to observe all the commands'? We can be quite emphatic on two things, all are welcome to follow Christ and to seek a place in the kingdom of heaven, but this is not on our own terms.

We must all strive to follow the teachings of Holy Mother Church, which have been handed to us via the inspired Word of God. To say otherwise is to say we can get to heaven under any terms, and if that were true, what would have been the point of Christ's sacrifice for us all?

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalm 66

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

This Sunday's Readings

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you

Diary for the Week

Sunday 26th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Diego Paes RIP
	9.30am	Mass (RCIC candidates)	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	
Monday 27th May <i>Bank Holiday</i> <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i> <i>Acts 16:11-15</i> <i>John 15:26-16:4</i>	10.00am	Mass	Prissa Jackson RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 28th May <i>Acts 16:22-34</i> <i>John 16:5-11</i>	7.30am	Mass	Cleta Andradi RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Special Intention of C.C.
Wednesday 29th May <i>Acts 17:15, 22-18:1</i> <i>John 16:12-15</i>	7.30am	Mass	Mr Luiz RIP
	10.00am	Funeral Mass	Janina Mineyko RIP
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
	7.30pm	Nurses Guild meeting (EA room)	
Thursday 30th May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i> <i>Acts 1:1-11</i> <i>Luke 24:46-53</i>	7.30am	Mass	Intention of Rosa Candita
	10.00am	Mass	Benjamin Jacob Lewis RIP
	7.15pm	Lenten Film (hall)	
Friday 31st May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Zephaniah 3:14-18</i> <i>Luke 1:39-56</i>	7.30am	Mass	Timothy Andradi Snr RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving
Saturday 1st June <i>St Justin</i> <i>Acts 18:23-28</i> <i>John 16:23-28</i>	9.30am	Mass (Feast of Our Lady Mother of the Church)	Holy Souls
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Marie Furey RIP
Sunday 2nd June <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am	Mass	Mr & Mrs Phokeerdoss
	11.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	12.30pm	The Big Lunch (hall)	
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	T. W. M. Group
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,237.17
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,937.17

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR JAMES RAJ

Fr James would like to thank everyone for your warm welcome. A little background information on Fr James: Fr. James is the fourth child of his family with two elder sisters and one elder brother. He had his formation to the priesthood in Pune where Fr. Nishant is also a professor. He holds two master degrees: one in Philosophy and one in Theology. He has been a priest for three years and he is interested in pastoral ministry especially to those who are vulnerable. We hope Fr James will be happy here with us at St Andrew's.

FEAST OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH: SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 9.30AM MASS

Please join us on Saturday 1st June at the 9.30am Mass for the Feast of Our Lady Mother of the Church. This feast was added to the calendar by Pope Francis to celebrate the Catholic nature of the Church. We come from all corners of the world but have one Mother in Faith, Mary. Join us afterwards in the hall where refreshments will be provided.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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.

AN INVITATION FOR YOU ALL!

The Children of the 26th Croydon (St Andrews) Scout Group would like to invite the Parish to celebrate their 85th Anniversary with them. They will be hosting an Afternoon Tea Party on Saturday 22nd June from 2 - 4pm in the hall in aid of five Charities they have been raising money for throughout this year: CAFOD – Lily May Alice Carlyle CAFOD Candlelight Fund helping babies and children through CAFOD; St Christopher's Hospice Candle Project for local bereaved children; The Ugandan Maternity and Water Project – helping a village in Uganda provide running water and toilets to their maternity hospital; Eden Farm - helping provide education and meals to the poorest of families in Zambia and The Children's Trust – helping children in the UK with brain injury. To help the children prepare for this event, we will need to know numbers so if you would like to attend please email scouts26croydon@hotmail.co.uk or contact Sarah Gater, 07751 660 842, to request an invitation. We look forward to seeing lots of you there supporting our youngest parishioners. Thank you.

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 were Confirmed here yesterday Saturday 25th May with Bishop Paul Hendricks. 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.

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.

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.

A DAY WITH JESUS

You are invited to the ‘A Day with Jesus’ Ministry being held here at St Andrew’s Church on every fourth Saturday of every month starting on 22nd June from 12 – 4.00pm. Please check the notice board for the full programme details and contacts for further information.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection will be for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) the media office of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on National matters, and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching. The CCN provides up to date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishop’s Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women.

RAGS TO RICHES: MARY’S MEALS

A big thank you to everyone who helped support Mary’s Meals a couple of weekends ago. 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 generous support.

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.

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.

Quote of the Week

For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified

Romans 2:13

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

