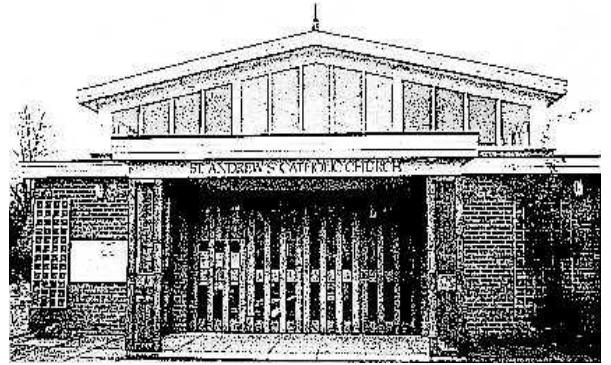


ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

5th May 2019
3rd Sunday of Easter (C)

Message from Fr Francis

THERE IS SOMETHING DIVINE IN US

The recurring motif of Christian faith is that the passageway to new life is an experience of dying, of letting go. It's called the Paschal Mystery. "Paschal" comes from the Greek *pascha* and the Hebrew *pesach*, or Passover, referring to the experience of the Israelites passing over from bondage in Egypt to new life as a people in a promised land. The same is true when we find the imprint of the Paschal Mystery on our lives.

The passage to new life starts with some concrete decisions. The death and resurrection of Jesus has shown that life is renewed through the habitual laying down of life. It is a principle of existence that life comes through dying. This "dying" could equally mean "letting go". These instances of "letting go" fill our daily living. Whenever we are faced in any way a form of "dying" or "letting go," the Paschal Mystery of Christ is affirmed. It is only by letting go of yesterday will we open ourselves to tomorrow, where the seeds of hope and fresh life await us.

The Pascal Mystery, therefore, informs our "dying" or "letting go" which helps us to move from a place of terrible grief and pain in our lives to a place of light and deep blessing. The wisdom that comes from suffering responded to in hope and faith is a reflection of the mystery of the cross and the resurrection at work in the world. The road to human/spiritual development is paved with the experiences of letting go and peaceful acceptance. The Paschal Mystery enables us to see that though we may not be rescued from the circumstances of our suffering, we will be redeemed. There is truly something divine in us.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41	We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit
Psalm 29	I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
Apocalypse 5:11-14	The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power
John 21:1-19	Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish

Diary for the Week

Sunday 5th May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation Session 8 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Power & Fennelly Families Joseph Phokeerdoss RIP Parishioners Paul Etuka RIP
Monday 6th May <i>(Bank holiday)</i> <i>Acts 6:8-15</i> <i>John 6:22-29</i>	10.00am Mass	Harry Nagamootoo RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 7th May <i>Acts 7:51-8:1</i> <i>John 6:30-35</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm R.C.I.C.	Timothy Andradi RIP (Anniv) Intention of C.C.
Wednesday 8th May <i>Acts 8:1-8</i> <i>John 6:35-40</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall) 8.00pm Baptism course	Rose Allen RIP Edwin & Victoria Athayde RIP
Thursday 9th May <i>Acts 8:26-40</i> <i>John 6:44-51</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great) 7.15pm Lenten Film (hall)	Anthony Britto Mikaila Stafford (w/b)
Friday 10th May <i>Acts 9:1-20</i> <i>John 6:52-59</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Diego & Lily Paes RIP Intention of Rosa Candita Simpkins
Saturday 11th May <i>Acts 9:31-42</i> <i>John 6:60-69</i>	9.30am Mass 9.50 – 11.15am First Holy Communion 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Robert Rutledge RIP (Anniv) Marie Furey RIP
Sunday 12th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation Session 9 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Irene Smith RIP Parishioners Benjamin Jacob Lewis RIP

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,172.91
Payment by Standing Order	£ 700.00
Total offertory	£1,872.91
Collection for Cathedral Maintenance	£ 600.77

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
 Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

CAKE SALE TODAY AFTER 9.30AM MASS

This Sunday 5th May after the 9.30am Mass, this year's Confirmation candidates will be having a cake sale in the hall to raise funds for the parish 50 for 50 Fund. Please come along to support this event and enjoy the delicious cakes as well as some tea and coffee.

HOME-MADE GREETING CARDS

Please go along to the hall to support the sale of home-made greeting cards after the 9.30am Mass. This is held on the first Sunday of each month in aid of our parish 50 for 50 Fund.

THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The group warmly invites you to the Life in the Spirit Seminar which started last 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.

MASS: 7.30AM

Please note there is no 7.30am Mass on Monday 6th May or Parish Surgery because of the bank holiday.

FILMS OF STORIES FROM THE BIBLE

Due to popular demand, our films showing Stories from the Bible will continue. Our next one will be on Thursday 9th May showing "St. Paul" part one starting at 7.15pm and there will be a total of four films. 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.

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.

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.

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

Mary's Meals UK will be here on 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. It's a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance. 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 (please bring your donations on 12th May and not before). If you can help, Mary's Meals UK would like you to put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Church. Amazingly four full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year and the charity is feeding more than 1.425 million

chronically hungry children in 18 countries around the world! A volunteer from Mary's Meals will be here on the day to give us more information. Last year we had a wonderful response and we were able to help feed at least 33+ children every day for a year! We hope we can do better this year! Thank you in advance.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week, 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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please can we remind all Eucharistic Ministers to collect and sign for their Safeguarding Code of Conduct guidelines. This has been issued by the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office and it is important that everyone takes a copy to read. Collect your copy and sign your name on the small table outside of the Priest Sacristy.

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.

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

Peter and the apostles said to the Sanhedrin, "We must obey God rather than men."

Acts 5:29

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