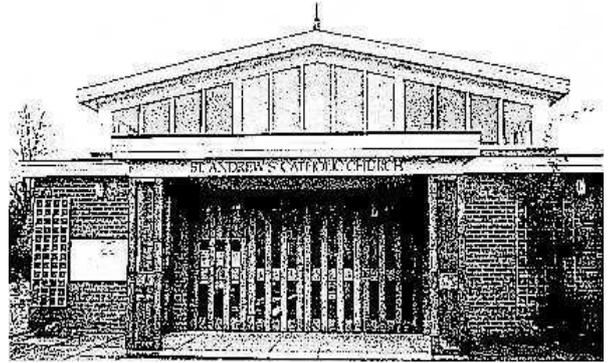

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

23rd June 2019

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (C)

Message from Fr Len

The Transformation of Sacrifice

All of our readings this weekend take us through the transformation of the sacrificial rites which took place in the Jewish faith and now culminate in the sacrifice of the Mass. In the first reading from the book of Exodus, Moses and the people promise to follow God's Law and use blood as a sign of that covenant (promise). Blood here symbolises life and refers back to the story of Cain and Abel where Abel's blood cries out to the Lord after he is slain by his brother. The message is that when we don't follow God's law our very being, our life blood, cries out to the Lord for help, praying that he may rescue us from a cruel world and the inability of the human condition to do the right thing. Therefore we get a sense of conscious talking within us, our sins being a sign to us of work we should be doing to get back on track with our spiritual lives.

The law, as Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, cannot make us Holy, it can only tell us when we are outside of God's law, therefore human beings needed something within to help them in their struggles with God. To enable this to happen God had to do something drastic, change the sacrificial system. He did this by sending his Son, the great high priest, who as he was sinless did not need to offer sacrifice for himself, instead became the sacrifice himself. Now, through the New Covenant God could come into the very depths of the human condition and transform it from within, writing his Law on the heart of an individual (Romans 2:15, Hebrews 10:16).

Our Gospel then refers back to the beginning of the old sacrificial system when the Jews were in Egypt and blood was smeared on the doorposts to save their lives when the angel of death visited the Egyptians. This is why communion with the precious blood of Christ is so important as it is smeared on the doorposts of our being, the mouth where God enters to consume us so that we can become more like him. To do this of course we must offer ourselves in his service (sacrifice) and help build the Kingdom of Heaven through service. This is all symbolised of course by the Altar, but it is us who is altered through the communion with God thereby regaining the image and likeness of God lost at the fall.

This Sunday's Readings

Genesis 14:18-20

Psalm 109

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

He brought bread and wine

You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death

They all ate as much as they wanted

Diary for the Week

Sunday 23rd June <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i> <i>(Corpus Christi)</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Parishioners
	9.30am Mass	Judex Leong-Chung RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am Mass	Kathleen Carrapiett RIP (Anniv)
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Gill Patient RIP
Monday 24th June <i>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i> <i>Isaiah 49:1-6</i> <i>Luke 1:57-66.80</i>	7.30am Mass	Ritchie Family
	10.00am Mass	Breda Dennehy RIP (Anniv)
	5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery	
	7.00 – 8.00pm Exposition and Adoration	
Tuesday 25th June <i>Feria</i> <i>Genesis 13:2. 5-18</i> <i>Matthew 7:6. 12-14</i>	7.30am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am Mass	Peter Hackett RIP
Wednesday 26th June <i>Feria</i> <i>Genesis 15:1-12. 17-18</i> <i>Matthew 7:15-20</i>	7.30am Mass	Alexander Okuguni
	10.00am Mass	Amanda McCabe
	2.00pm Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
Thursday 27th June <i>Saint Cyril of Alexandria</i> <i>Genesis 16:1-12. 15-16</i> <i>Matthew 7:21-29</i>	7.30am Mass	Malcolm D'Costa & Deceased Family Members RIP
	10.00am Mass	Angela Keetley RIP
	7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	
Friday 28th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> <i>Ezekiel 34:11-16</i> <i>Luke 15:3-7</i>	7.30am Mass	Cecil Lobo RIP (Anniv)
	10.00am Funeral Mass	Mrs Violet Belcher
Saturday 29th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Genesis 18:1-15</i> <i>Luke 2:41-51</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Mary Baldwin & Family
Sunday 30th June <i>Saints Peter and Paul</i> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	9.30am Mass	'Frank'
	11.30am Mass	Mary Badu & Family
	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	£1,516.22
Payment by Standing Order	£ 700.00
Total offertory	£2,216.22
Day for Life collection	£ 646.47

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our children of our parish who made their First Holy Communion over the last couple of weekends. As they look forward to their Mass of Thanksgiving soon, we would like to say a big thank you to all our Catechists for their hard work in preparing our children for their First Holy Communion. We ask that you continue to keep our children and their families in your prayers.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The Ghanaian Community will be celebrating their anniversary today Sunday 23rd June after the 11:30am Mass in the hall. All are welcome to join in the celebrations.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

This Monday between 7.00 and 8.00pm, we have Exposition and an hour of silent prayer. This happens every 4th Monday of the month and is an opportunity to pop in and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord. There are no organised prayers and people are free to come and go as they wish. It ends with a simple Benediction just before 8.00pm.

YOUTH CHOIR

We are keen to welcome new members to the Youth Choir. The Choir leads Mass every fourth Sunday in each month. They practice most Sundays after the 9:30am Mass for half an hour. If you would like your child to join the Youth Choir please contact Maxine for further information on 07903401107.

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.

PARISH AGM

Please join us for the Parish AGM which will be held on Saturday 29th June starting at 7pm in the hall followed by refreshments. Copies of the report will be available before the meeting. If you have a question for the AGM please submit it in writing by 5pm on Friday 28th June.

AFTERNOON TEA

Would you like to treat someone to Afternoon Tea? If so, as part of the 50 For 50 fundraising campaign, there will be Afternoon Tea here at St Andrew's on Saturday, 13th July from 2.00 – 5.00pm. The cost will be £6.50 per person and to book your place, tickets will be on sale after all Masses from first weekend in June. Please join us in drinking lots of tea (or coffee!), indulging on dainty sandwiches, lots of cream and cakes, and most importantly, being with friends and family, while at the same time raising funds needed for the Parish.

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.

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.

SAMM (ST ANDREW'S MUMS MARKET) ON SATURDAY 6TH JULY

On Saturday 6th July, from 1.00 to 4.00pm, we will be having another St Andrews Mums Market (SAMM) in the Church hall. Several mums from the parish will be selling a variety of children's goods like clothing, shoes, toys and pushchairs. There will also be other items for sale e.g. men and women clothing, bric-a-brac and other household items. ALL money made on the day will go towards the Church 50 For 50 fund. There will also be hot food and tea, coffee and cakes for sale. If you would like to take part and have a free table to sell your unwanted goods, please text Bernadette on 07729322571. There are a couple of tables available. Please come along to support the event and help make it a huge success – thank you.

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE: SAINTS PETER AND PAUL - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Please note that Sunday 30th June is Saints Peter and Paul Apostles day and is a Holyday of Obligation.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection will be for Peter's Pence: Peter's Pence by reason of the bond of unity and charity, the bishops of the Church, with their people, join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops, or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance, to refugees and immigrants etc.

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.

ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

You are all invited to the school's summer fete on Sunday 30th June from 11am – 3pm, Windsor Road, CR7 8HJ. Adults £1, under 16 years – free.

THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

The summer camp is held at Aldham, Essex. This is an activity camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows:

- Week One Saturday 27 July to 3 August for Boys
- Week Two Saturday 3 August to 10 August for Boys
- Week Three Saturday 10 August to 17 August for Girls
- Week Four Saturday 17 August to 24 August Mixed Camp

It is for children aged 8 to 13 years and costs £160 per week. Should you require an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>

Quote of the Week

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

Contact Numbers

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400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins	(email: club_400@hotmail.com)
Minibus Bookings	Frances Gilbert (Parish Groups only)	020 8689 7319
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