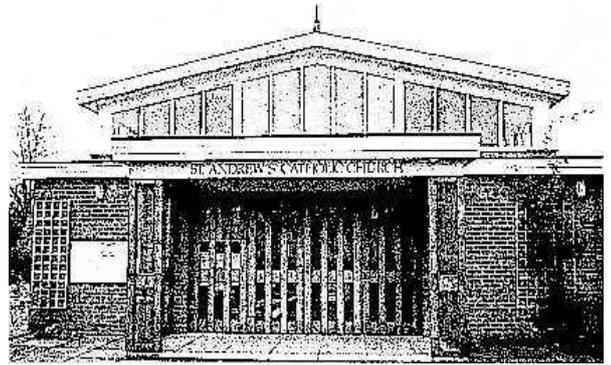

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

14th July 2019
15th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Fr Francis

THE HEART AND THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The Bible sees the heart as the seat of affection, and the centre of our being. The one essential thing one would expect to find in a religious person is the virtue of compassion. Without a warm, compassionate heart one cannot call oneself a true human being, never mind a truly religious person. The decisions we make when we are placed in a situation like the priest, the Levites, and the Samaritan in today's Gospel (Lk 10:25-37) reveal the kind of heart we have. Crisis does not create character, it reveals it. In times of crisis, people reveal what is already inside them. On moment or event can cause a person to reveal his/her essential being.

We have to ask ourselves today: Am I a generous or selfish person? Am I a cold-hearted individual? To be cold-hearted is to be unable to show compassion. Cold-hearted people keep others at a distance. Furthermore, to be hard-hearted is more serious still. It is to be unable to show pity or mercy. Hardening of the heart eventually leads to the death of the heart. It is only one step away from being heartless. But the Good Samaritan is revealed as a warm-hearted person. This means that he was capable of kindness, tenderness, compassion, pity, and mercy. People like him restore our faith in the essential goodness of human beings.

Remember, every evil deed we do tends to harden our hearts and deaden them. Every good deed we do softens our hearts and brings them to life. We are all on the road of life; our hearts will be tested on this road, and the hearts of others will be revealed to us. Love God with all your heart. Love your neighbour as yourself. Do this and you will truly live. Always be ready to use the magic words, 'Can I help you?'

	This Sunday's Readings
Deuteronomy 30:10-14	The word is very near to you for your observance
Psalms 68	Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive
Colossians 1:15-20	All things were created through Christ and for him
Luke 10:25-37	Who is my neighbour?

Diary for the Week

Sunday 14th July <i>15th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Private Intention
	9.30am	Mass	Donors Intention
	11.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Parishioners
Monday 15th July <i>St Bonaventure</i> <i>Exodus 1:8-14, 22</i> <i>Matthew 10:34-11:1</i>	7.30am	Mass	Intentions of Ritchie Family
	10.00am	Mass	Elizabeth Salapare RIP
	5.45 – 7.15pm	Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 16th July <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> <i>Exodus 2:1-15</i> <i>Matthew 11:20-24</i>	7.30am	Mass	Fr Arthur Mostyn
	10.00am	Mass	Bella D'Souza
Wednesday 17th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12</i> <i>Matthew 11:25-27</i>	7.30am	Mass	Steve Baldwin RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Paul McGuire
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.00pm	Baptism course	
Thursday 18th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Exodus 3:13-20</i> <i>Matthew 11:28-30</i>	7.30am	Mass	Valene Ritchie RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Ann Mullarkey RIP
	7.00 – 8.30pm	Cubs (St James the Great)	
Friday 19th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Exodus 11:10-12: 14</i> <i>Matthew 12:1-8</i>	7.30am	Mass	Brigid Lakhani RIP
	10.00am	Funeral Mass	Ginette Grant RIP
Saturday 20th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Exodus 12:37-42</i> <i>Matthew 12:14-21</i>	9.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	10.15 – 11.30am	Friends of the Holy Family	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Private Intention
Sunday 21st July <i>16th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	Daniel Messina RIP
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Sandra O'Donovan & Family
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,324.82
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,024.82

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The collection will be for The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS). The AoS is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. The AoS in Great Britain is part of an international network known to the maritime world as *Stella Maris*, working in more than 250 ports round the world. 90% of world trade is transported by ship, however, the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. The AoS relies wholly on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection. Please take an AoS card in the porch.

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 from 12 – 4.00pm, the next one will be on 27th July. Please check the notice board for the full programme details and contacts for further information.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Friends of the Holy Family invite you to join them for a power-point presentation which is being shown as a visual aid to pray the rosary and there is also a short children's DVD on saints, Saturday 20th July from 10.15am to 11.30am, in the hall.

ST ANDREW'S PARISHIONERS

The Rosary Group are arranging a visit to the Tyburn Convent in Marble Arch, central London on 27th July where there is 24hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and we will visit for a short while and offer prayers. *Please note that the date has been changed from 13th July to 27th July.*

Following this we will then gather and have a picnic in Hyde Park. If you interested in attending, please contact Joseph Okoroafor after daily Mass, leave your name on the sheet in the porch or give your contact details to the Parish office. Please meet outside the Church at 10.00am or you can make your own way there.

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS

From this weekend our Parish School Reference forms are available for you to take and start completing. All children transferring from primary to secondary school and starting main school or nursery at a Catholic School are required to have a Priest reference. Parents please note that Fr Len does not deal with schools directly for references so parents will have to complete a form for his final signature. Please take a form from the porch area and we ask that you complete Section A, then you should meet with Fr Len who will complete Section B and C.

A list of dates in September is displayed in the porch so that you can meet with Fr Len. Just come along to the Priest House (45 Brook Road) during the times and dates given and please note it is not possible to make an individual appointment. Please make sure that you attend at one of the dates given, as last year we had to give a lot of extra dates but this will not be possible this year. Also if you have been in the parish for less than three years, your previous Parish Priest must also provide a reference. If you regularly attend another parish, you must seek the input of their Parish Priest too.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

The group will be having their summer trip on 17th July and will then take their summer break. They will resume again on Wednesday 11th September.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting on Sunday 21st July after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The collection will be for Homelessness Sunday. Homelessness Sunday has three main purposes: to show our concern for individuals affected by homelessness; to challenging the conditions that create it; to celebrate work that tackles the problem. There are many ways in which we can help: by making donations to charities working with homeless people, by praying or by supporting individuals through working with a charity or by other means. Thousands of destitute migrants find themselves in limbo without any financial support or ability to return home. They are excluded from welfare benefits and local authority assistance. Charities providing accommodation require housing benefits, which they cannot access. They are also barred from working. Please give generously in the second collection. The money will go to *Housing Justice*, which provides emergency accommodation to almost three thousand people at various centres in the UK.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Please consider joining one of our dedicated groups to help carry out this important work for the Church. Our groups are very friendly and meet approximately once a month for an hour or so. We are always in need of new members. Please contact Fifi if you can help 07932 764273.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10.00am Mass (and Saturday 9.30am). After Mass and after a few minutes of silence the Rosary will be prayed and then, after a short pause, other devotional prayers will be prayed. All are welcome to join however long you can stay – there is no formal membership, just a desire to pray the Rosary.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check to see if you have lost any items. There is a basket with various items in our porch area, this is located in the corner outside of the gates of the Repository. Please note items not collected after a few weeks will be disposed of.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS SUMMER BREAK

This is an excellent few days for boy and girl servers aged 10 – 15 years. Meeting in a holiday atmosphere activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Chessington World of Adventures, Laser Elite, Swimming. From August Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th, in Woldingham, Surrey at £145. For more details download a form from www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Tel: 01322 220075, email:stanselm01@googlemail.com

Quote of the Week

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

Antoine de Saint Exupery

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