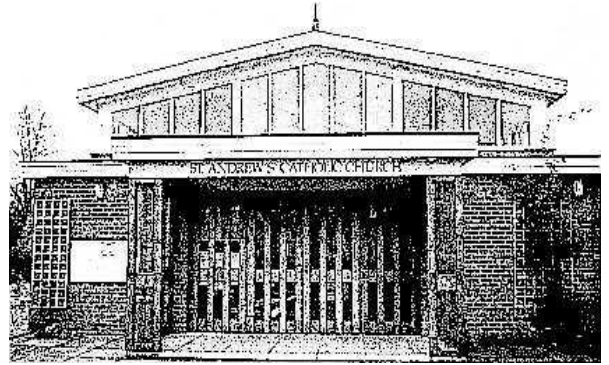


ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

21st July 2019 16th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Deacon Errol

Hospitality reaps Heavenly Reward

The dictionary definition of hospitality is: 'The friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.' When we welcome people and make them feel at home, however short the interaction, when they leave with thankfulness in their hearts we have shown God's love. This act is part of our Christian calling. This goes beyond the realms of family or entertainment of loved ones, as the greatest and deepest form of hospitality and certainly the most rewarding is when it involves strangers.

For centuries, women and men have dedicated their lives as religious Sisters and Brothers welcoming the stranger and the suffering, in their hospitals which were real centres of charity.

You would agree that a visit from friends and family can be an enriching experience from both guests and host/hostess, as long as there is mutual openness. Many people make their living by welcoming strangers, the sick and suffering – receptionists, nurses, doctors, waitresses, etc. As long as they go about their work with a genuine smile – this smile brightens someone's life and that is fulfilling their Christian calling to serve Christ in the service of others.

Abraham was hospitable to strangers and in doing so welcomed angels. *Hebrews 13:2*. In our daily lives too when we serve with our whole heart, paid or not, we do so to fulfil scripture: The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me....' *Matthew 25: 40-45*. Many people have welcomed angels without knowing.

Christians, let us learn to be Christ-like without counting the cost. The cross is our example and enough proof.

This Sunday's Readings

Genesis 18:1-10

Psalms 14

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

Lord, do not pass your servant by

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to God's saints

Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part

Diary for the Week

Sunday 21st July <i>16th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Private Intention
	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
Monday 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i> <i>Song of Songs 3:1-4</i> <i>John 20:1-2. 11-18</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Mass	Theresa & Mariano Jose Rebello RIP (Anniv)
	7.00 – 8.00pm Exposition and Adoration	
	7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 23rd July <i>St Bridget</i> <i>Galations 2:19-20</i> <i>John 15:1-8</i>	7.30am Mass	Magdalena Calaco & Santana Rebello RIP (Anniv)
	10.00am Mass	Hugo Epie (W/B)
Wednesday 24th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Exodus 16:1-5. 9-15</i> <i>Matthew 13:1-9</i>	7.30am Mass	Johanna Epie (W/B)
	10.00am Mass	Mary Kirk RIP
	6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 25th July <i>St James</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:7-15</i> <i>Matthew 20:20-28</i>	7.30am Mass	Private Intention
	10.00am Mass	Fr Michael Lois
Friday 26th July <i>Saints Joachim and Anne</i> <i>Exodus 20:1-17</i> <i>Matthew 13:18-23</i>	7.30am Mass	Patrick Keetley
	10.00am Mass	Mr O'Hara
Saturday 27th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Exodus 24:3-8</i> <i>Matthew 13:24-30</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	12.00 – 4.00pm "A Day with Jesus" (Church)	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Ritchie Family
Sunday 28th July <i>17th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am Mass	Margaret Akinyamoju (80 th Birthday)
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Adelaide Sarr RIP
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,060.72
Payment by Standing Order	£ 700.00
Total offertory	£1,760.72
Collection of The Apostleship of the Sea	£ 665.38
Second collection for Homelessness Sunday	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS

Please go along to the hall after 9.30am Sunday Mass where tea/coffee and cakes are always served. All are most welcome.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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.

CONRAD LOBO RIP

It is with sadness that we have to let you know that Conrad Lobo has passed away. Conrad was an active member of our PPC Group and a parishioner here for many years. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to his family.

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS

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.

50/50 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

As you all know our new Archbishop John Wilson will be here to celebrate our Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass on 21st September at 6.00pm and many plans are underway to help make this Mass a special one for everyone. As the celebration Mass is fast approaching we are therefore asking all our Parish Groups if you would like to be involved in the celebration. Some of the things that you could consider helping with are the procession, offertory or maybe making a piece of artwork to decorate the Church. We are seeking creative people to join us in designing the decorations we wish to place in and around the Church, for example we could have flags as bunting that would represent the many countries of our parishioners.

Also we would like to have your memories. You are invited to submit photos, write down a memory, where you were when the Church celebrated its first Mass, or a story that you would like to share of the past 50 years of Andrew's.

We invite everyone to be involved in this special celebration as your involvement will ensure that the Mass is a huge success and one that we can all remember for a long time. If you feel that you can help us in any way then please make yourself known to Fr. James after Mass or alternatively send your contact details into the office. We really do need your help in making sure this day is a happy and memorable one.

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. 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 so you can all travel together on the train or you can make your own way there.

AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER

A message from Katherine Hynes: "A huge thank you to all who supported the afternoon tea fundraiser. We exceeded our hopes for the amount raised, we hope the afternoon exceeded yours!"

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

The group are now on their summer break. They will resume again on Wednesday 11th September.

NEWSLETTER

Next week will be the last full newsletter before the summer break. Please submit any notices for inclusion before the end of Tuesday 23rd July. The usual diary sheet will be available during August.

PARISH SURGERY

Our last surgery before the summer break is on Monday 22nd July and we will resume again on Monday 9th September at 7pm.

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.

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 CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) offers an introduction to the central teaching and beliefs of the Catholic Church. The course is open to all wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith including teachers, governors, parish catechists, chaplains and any other interested individuals. The modules are taught through lectures and group discussions in a friendly environment. The course is managed and awarded nationally by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Non-Catholics are very welcome. There are two courses, both the two-year CCRS course on Saturdays and the one-year intensive course on Tuesdays are held at the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS, all enquiries please contact ccrs@rcaos.org.uk or 020 8672 7684.

PILGRIMATE TO AYLESFORD

You are invited to the All London Caribbean Pilgrimage and Memorial of Fr Charles Gaillard to Aylesford Priory on Sunday 28th July. Solemn Mass at 12noon. Main Celebrant Bishop Patrick Lynch VG. Tickets £13 for adults, £8 for children under 12. Please contact Monica on 07851 616 086. Coach leaving St Chads Church at 9am.

Quote of the Week

"Hospitality is simply an opportunity to show love and care"

Anonymous

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