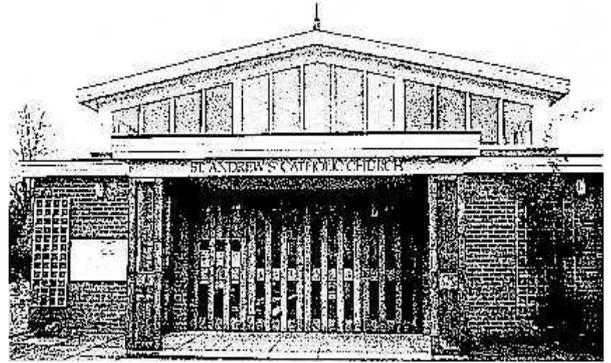

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

28th July 2019
17th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Fr Len

We have a God who listens

There are two themes that run through our readings this week. The first is that we have a God who listens to us, who is intimately involved with his people. Not only does God listen he responds with love to the needs, concerns and failings of his people and in this he is full of mercy and compassion. He feels the pain, the anxiety and concerns of those who speak to him and will always look at the big picture. This big picture is very important for us as so often we act in situations which then go completely wrong because we do not know what we do not know. Our mistakes, failings and sins then become very important as they are our greatest teacher, they help us understand who we are, who God is and what our relationship to him really means. A relationship that is demanding and often very challenging.

What makes all this possible is the second theme that runs through our readings, the theme of forgiveness. God wipes the slate clean and gives us every opportunity to begin again. The problem is that we carry our past around with us and project it onto others who we so often treat with suspicion, more worried about not experiencing the pain that we fear exploding in our lives again, then we are about really giving the chance to someone that we have been given ourselves. The clue is in the word our sins are forgiven so that we can remember that we are For Giving! What God has given to us we are meant to give to others so that they can do what is central to the Christian faith the idea of being a new creation in Christ which St Paul talks about again and again so beautifully in his letters.

Without doubt something new happened in the World in Jesus, which had never happened before and which, through our faith we participate in. That participation makes us, hopefully, into a new creation. Sadly we were all taught to forgive and forget when going to confession, but the real purpose of our awareness and recognition of our sins is to turn and repent, to become this new creation which is so important to our Christian understanding. The first aspect of that is to pray for it which is what is central in today's Gospel and in the Lord's Prayer which we should say as often as we can.

This Sunday's Readings

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 137

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord

He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins

Ask, and it will be given to you

Diary for the Week

Sunday 28th July <i>17th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Ritchie Family Parishioners Margaret Akinyamoju (80 th Birthday) Adelaide Sarr RIP
Monday 29th July <i>St Martha</i> <i>Exodus 32:15-24. 30-34</i> <i>John 11:19-27</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr Xavier, Anniversary of Ordination Rosa Bernatek (80 th Birthday)
Tuesday 30th July <i>St Peter Chrysologus</i> <i>Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9.28</i> <i>Matthew 13:36-43</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Finance Meeting	Mr O'Hara Shanua Kearney RIP
Wednesday 31st July <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i> <i>Exodus 34:29-35</i> <i>Matthew 13:44-46</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall) 7.30pm Nurses Guild Meeting (EA room)	Deceased Relatives of Andradi Family RIP Patricia Barrett (W/B)
Thursday 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i> <i>Exodus 40:16-21. 34-38</i> <i>Matthew 13:47-53</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass	Ann Mullarkey RIP Conrad Lobo RIP
Friday 2nd August <i>First Friday</i> <i>St Eusebius of Vercelli</i> <i>Leviticus 23:1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34-37</i> <i>Matthew 13:54-58</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction Syro Malabar Mass 6.30pm	J. Okoroafor Holy Souls
Saturday 3rd August <i>Feria</i> <i>Leviticus 25:1. 8-17</i> <i>Matthew 14:1-12</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Bridget Foley RIP Fr Michael Lois
Sunday 4th August <i>18th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Elizabeth Salapare RIP Parishioners Special Intention

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,213.68
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,913.68
Collection for Homelessness Sunday	£ 818.47

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

FIRST FRIDAY

This coming Friday is First Friday and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the end of the 10am Mass until Benediction at 12.30pm. All are very welcome.

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.

PARISH SURGERY

Surgery has now finished for the summer break. We will resume again on Monday 9th September at 7pm.

THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST

On Thursday 15th August, it will be The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be an extra Mass at 8.00pm.

THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting on Sunday 25th August after the 11.30am Mass in the hall and on Sunday 8th September in the hall at 12.30pm.

PETER FINNEGAN RIP

Many parishioners will know Peter Finnegan who died on Sunday 7th July. His funeral will take place at St. Mary's, West Croydon on Monday 29th July at 10am. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to his family.

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.

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

Please consider joining our Lectio Divina group who meet every Wednesday evening at 6.00pm for one hour in the hall. Pope Benedict spoke about Lectio Divina in September 2006: "I would like to recall and recommend the ancient tradition of Lectio Divina: the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate

dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart. If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church – I am convinced of it – a new spiritual springtime”. Please come along to the group on Wednesdays or call Maria for more info on 020 8660 6451 or 07720 444940. The group will be meeting for the last time before their summer break on 31st July and will resume again on Wednesday 11th September. All are most welcome.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

On Thursday 15th August for the Seminary Fund (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

On Sunday 8th September for the Catholic Education Service (CES). Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all the schools in the country and the CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS – SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

All catechists and children’s liturgists are invited to attend the annual diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 28 September at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HR. This Day is for all the Catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Children’s Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process. This year, as with last year, there will be an additional workshop slot and a catered sandwich lunch.

Please take a copy of the programme in the porch and let the office know which session(s) you would like to attend as we will have to register you – please let us know by Friday 13th September.

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@reaos.org.uk or 020 8672 7684.

JOIN OUR CAFOD TEAM

Could you help to inspire and support volunteers in parishes in your local area? Become a CAFOD Parish volunteer Coordinator. As a Parish Volunteer Coordinator you will work closely with local CAFOD Staff to help volunteers engage their parish communities in CAFOD’s work. You will have the opportunity to work with and motivate a small group of volunteers in your local area to raise awareness of CAFOD’s work, as well as build relationships with one another to share ideas and experience. This is a rewarding opportunity for people with a passion for encouraging others to make a real difference. Interested in finding out more? Contact the CAFOD Southwark Volunteer Centre on 0208 466 9901 or 02033 491947 or by email southwark@cafod.org.uk

NEWSLETTER

As usual there is no newsletter during August, just the diary for the week sheet. Our first full newsletter will be on Sunday 8th September.

We wish all our parishioners a safe and restful summer break

Quote of the Week

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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