

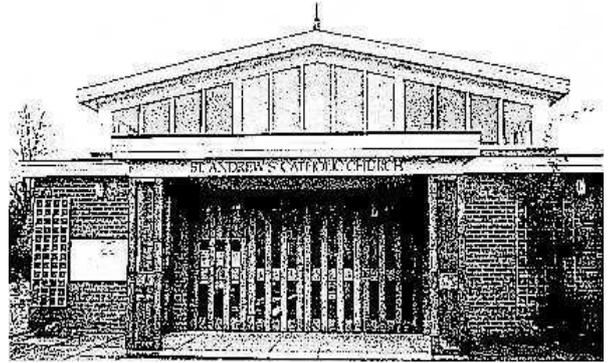
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

15th September 2019
24th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Fr James

The Parable of Prodigal Father (Merciful Father)

The fifteenth chapter of the Luke Gospel has a unique and a wonderful parable of Jesus. It is the parable of the Prodigal Son. It stands the test of time to give us hope and guidance in our life. Jesus in this parable narrates us about a son who after getting his possession from his father spends it lavishly and at the end after much struggles, he repents and returns to his father. The father instead of discarding him for his evil action he receives his son with tenderness and love and celebrates a feast for his safe return.

This parable can be called both the parable of Prodigal Son and the Parable of the Prodigal Father. For the son is prodigal in earthly material spending where as the father is lavish in his Love and forgiveness. The father is extravagant in the way he runs out to meet his returning son. The father is lavish in giving a robe, a ring, and sandals for his repentant son. In his picture *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, Rembrandt portrays the father's hand with a tender gesture. His hands seem to suggest mothering and fathering at once; the left appears larger and more masculine, set on the son's shoulder, while the right is softer and more receptive in gesture.

Accepting the context from Jesus's own telling, it is a story with a point about the heavenly Father, who loves us unconditionally beyond our short comings and human yard sticks. His parental love especially of mother gives us hope in our sinful state. God's mercy is beyond our comprehension. The heart of the law was to be found in Merciful God.

This Sunday's Readings

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14	The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened
Psalm 50	I will leave this place and go to my father
1 Timothy 1:12-17	Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners
Luke 15:1-32	There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner

Diary for the Week

Sunday 15th September <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Parishioners
	9.30am Mass	Brigid Lakhani RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am Mass	Geoff Winkworth (W/B)
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	A.Paterson
Monday 16th September <i>St Cornelius</i> <i>St Cyprian</i> <i>1 Timothy 2:1-8</i> <i>Luke 7:1-10</i>	7.30am Mass	John L. Fernandes & Deceased Family Members RIP
	10.00am Mass	The Suffering Souls RIP
	5.00 – 6.00pm School references	
	5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery	
	7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	
Tuesday 17th September <i>St Robert Bellarmine</i> <i>1 Timothy 3:1-1, Luke 7:11-17</i>	7.30am Mass	Mike Gisczak RIP
	10.00am Mass	The Maras Family
	5.00 – 6.00pm School references	
Wednesday 18th September <i>Feria</i> <i>1 Timothy 3:14-16</i> <i>Luke 7:31-35</i>	7.30am Mass	Special Intention (Ignacia)
	10.00am Mass	Theo D'Souza RIP
	2.00pm Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.00pm Baptism course (EA room)	
	7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 19th September <i>St Januarius</i> <i>St Theodore</i> <i>1 Timothy 4:12-16</i> <i>Luke 7:36-50</i>	7.30am Mass	Bernard Freeman (Birthday)
	10.00am Mass	Fr. Galloway
	7.00 – 8.00pm School references	
	7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	
Friday 20th September <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions</i> <i>1 Timothy 6:2-12, Luke 8:1-3</i>	7.30am Mass	Mr & Mrs McCormack
	10.00am Mass	The Ritchie Family
	6.30pm Altar Server Training	
Saturday 21st September <i>St Matthew</i> <i>Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13</i> <i>Matthew 9:9-13</i>	9.30am Mass	Roger Schoolcraft RIP
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	11.00am Altar Server Training	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday: St Andrew's Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass	
		Laura Anne Murtagh RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 22nd September <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass	Dennis Little
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Mrs Caroline RIP
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,264.23
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,964.23
Collection for Catholic Education Service	£ 645.08
Second collection for The Support of Home Mission	

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION DURING SEPTEMBER

The children's Liturgy will be resuming soon. Parents are being asked to register your children with one of our catechists – please see them at the table outside of the front of the Church after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays during the month of September. The group will be registering children aged between 3-8 years. Also we are looking for more helpers. If you think you can help us in anyway (a DBS will be required), please urgently speak to one of our catechists or contact Iz Ichide 07798 941387 or Bernadette on 07729 322571.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

The collection will be for The Support of Home Mission. This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS

We have started the process of completing the school reference forms. 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. *Due to some urgent requests we have added a further two dates Monday 16th September 5 – 6.00pm and Thursday 19th September 7 – 8.00pm.* 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

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. Please do come along to our Mass and help us to celebrate this special occasion.

We would still 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. Please see the box in the porch for your memories.

After the Mass everyone is invited into the hall to meet the Clergy and join in the celebrations.

50 HOURS OF ADORATION

Our jubilee presents a timely opportunity to give particular thanks to Jesus Christ in a distinctive manner – fifty hours of perpetual Adoration – one hour for each year since the building's consecration. Our planned adoration is to start on Thursday 19th September at 3.00pm and complete at 5.00pm on Saturday 21st September. At the back of the church on the notice board you will find tear-off strips on which the email address being used to promote the 50 Hours of Adoration.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (R.C.I.C.)

Children of 7years+ who have not been baptised and children in year 5 and upwards who have not made their First Holy Communion are invited to a registration and information meeting on Tuesday 24th September at 6.30pm in the hall. Children and their parents will need to attend.

HYMN BOOKS

Once again we are asking you if you have taken home one of our hymn books to return it. We should have over 300 books but currently we only have 224. These books are very expensive to replace and are the property of the parish.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting on Sunday 22nd September after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

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. All are most welcome.

SCHOOL ROSARY GROUP

Did you know about our school Rosary Group? If not, why not come along to one of our meetings to find out all about it. The group meets on Wednesdays and Fridays at St James the Great School in the Oratory at 8.30am. Come and join us to pray the Rosary with your children. Further info from Bernadette on 07729 322571. All are welcome.

ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL

The school is holding two open mornings. Please see the poster in the porch for further details. Open morning dates are:

Thursday 26th September 9.00 - 10.30am &
Thursday 10th October 9.00 - 10.30am.

CRIME PREVENTION DAY

Are you concerned about crime in Thornton Heath? Neighbourhood Watch has organised a Crime prevention day, in collaboration with the police. If you are interested in more information, please go to the Neighbourhood Watch website: www.cbnwa.com

Quote of the Week

But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mat. 9.13

Contact Numbers

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Gift Aid Organiser	Albert Tang	07703 263631
400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins (email: club_400@hotmail.com)	
Minibus Bookings	Frances Gilbert (Parish Groups only)	020 8689 7319
Parish Secretary	Danielle Lewin	020 8684 3013
Primary School	St. James the Great	020 8771 3424