

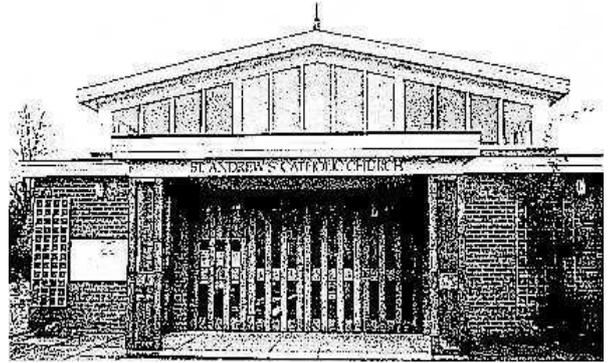
# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Len Tatt  
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Fr James S. M. Kubendra Raj  
**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine  
**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.*

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)

## Message from Fr Len

It is with great joy that we welcome Archbishop John Wilson to our Church to celebrate with us the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the new parish Church of St Andrew's. The old Church was demolished in July 1968, it had been badly damaged by two flying bombs and was too small for the growing congregation. The current Church took just over a year to build, with mass being said in what was then the Church hall whilst construction work took place. It was used for the first time for two weddings on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1969 and the following day it was opened to the public with five masses being said.

The number of people attending mass grew rapidly and in 1973 a new parish hall was built which could act as an overflow, it was opened in 1974 just in time for the ordination in the Church of Thornton Heath's latest priest Fr Peter Soper who is now parish priest in West Malling.

Since the Church opened it has had four parish priests, three parochial administrators as well as countless assistant priests and seminarians here on their extended pastoral placements.

The Church has been at the centre of community life, with over 3,000 funerals being conducted in the Church and over 2,000 weddings, with at least 15 masses a week being celebrated, the Church has been the venue for some 39,000 masses over those years which is quite staggering. The mass is unique in that it is the only thing that can unite a community no matter what the occasion, whether it be for a very sad occasion like a funeral, or a celebration like we have today. It is hard to estimate the number of people who have visited the Church, but it must number in the millions. People from all over the world attend this church when on holiday and the number of flags around the church this weekend indicate what a truly Catholic parish, parishioners coming from every corner of the globe.

Our task as Catholics is to grow in our faith day by day and then to hand that faith on to the generations that come after us, that is made possible by the wonderful environment that the Church of St Andrew's creates and which we are tasked with taking loving care of so that those who come after us can enjoy what we have been given.

Let us give thanks to God this weekend for what we have received, the wonderful gift of the Parish of St Andrew's and spend a moment praying for the hard working people upon whose shoulders we stand who have left us this wonderful gift which is a mark of their faith.

### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Amos 8:4-7</b>	<b>Against those who "buy up the poor for money"</b>
<b>Psalms 112</b>	<b>Praise the Lord, who raises the poor</b>
<b>1 Timothy 2:1-8</b>	<b>There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved</b>
<b>Luke 16:1-13</b>	<b>You cannot be the slave both of God and of money</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) <b>First Mass of Sunday: St Andrew's Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass</b> 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Rosary</b> <b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Laura Anne Murtagh RIP (Anniv)  Dennis Little Parishioners  Mrs Caroline RIP
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina</i> <i>Ezra 1:1-6</i> <i>Luke 8:16-18</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)</b> <b>7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</b> <b>7.00 – 8.00pm Exposition and Adoration</b> <b>7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)</b>	Jean Marc Nobee RIP J Okoroafor & Family
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i> <i>Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20</i> <i>Luke 8:19-21</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>2.30pm Funeral: Joseph Patrick De Costa RIP</b> <b>6.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)</b>	Sr Mary Dorothy (100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) Sam Youssef RIP
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>Ezra 9:5-9</i> <i>Luke 9:1-6</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b> <b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b> <b>7.00pm Baptism course (Church)</b> <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Thanksgiving "Eileen" (Well being)
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Saints Cosmas &amp; Damian</i> <i>Haggai 1:1-8</i> <i>Luke 9:7-9</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b>	Deceased Members Freeman Family Pobrina Fernandes & Deceased Family RIP
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Saint Vincent de Paul</i> <i>Haggai 1:15-2:9</i> <i>Luke 9:18-22</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Freeman Family Braz & Luis Santan Fernandes RIP
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Saint Wenceslaus</i> <i>Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15</i> <i>Luke 9:43-45</i>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>12.00 – 4.00pm "A Day with Jesus" (Church)</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	The McCormick Family  Mrs O'Hara RIP
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Rosary</b> <b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Peggy McMonagle RIP Parishioners  Keetley Family

### Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,232.67
Payment by Standing Order	£ 700.00
Total offertory	£1,932.67
Second collection Home Mission	£ 538.43

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 2  
 Next week Team 3



#### Church Cleaners

This week Fifi's Group  
 Next week Sancho's Dusters

# St. Andrew's Parish Notices

## **MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PAUL**

Earlier in the summer, Fr Len asked the Archbishop for permission to take a sabbatical, which would begin sometime in the autumn. Looking to the appointment of a new Parish Priest, the Archbishop has invited the Congregation of the Holy Spirit ('Spiritan Fathers') to take on the pastoral care of the parish. with Fr Emmanuel Ahua as the next Parish Priest. Fr Emmanuel moves from St Chad's, South Norwood, where he has been the Assistant Priest for some years. He will work with the assistance of Fr Francis and Fr James, for an initial changeover period. After this, they will be available for appointment in other parishes, when one or two Spiritan Priests take their place here at St Andrews. The Archbishop has expressed his grateful thanks to Fr Len, for his dedication and pastoral care for the parish – and to Fr James and Fr Francis for their continuing service and cooperation during this period of adjustment.

## **MESSAGE FROM FR LEN**

I will soon be leaving St Andrew's, for personal reasons I asked Archbishop Peter for a sabbatical, which he accepted and that will begin after I have taken a holiday. I have learnt a lot since I have been here and I want to thank you all for your help, support and friendship, I know that you will offer my successor the same care and support that you have shown me. The fiftieth anniversary celebration seems a fitting place to celebrate what this parish has achieved over the years and praying for the parish as a new chapter unfolds. Please be assured that I will always keep you all in my prayers, I ask for your prayers in return as I enter a new period in my life. We will keep you informed as to when we can have a farewell Mass which I hope that many of you will attend so that I can say goodbye to you properly.

## **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.

## **GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING**

The group will be meeting today Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm in the hall. Children and their parents will need to attend.

## **ANNUAL MASS COUNT**

Thank you to our PPC members who for the next four weeks will be counting the numbers.

## **MISSION WITNESS: 'RED BOX' THANK YOU AND APPEAL**

Next weekend we will welcome Fr Liam Durrant MHM to give the five-yearly Red Box Appeal. Through the Red Box we care for our Church family around the world. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box.

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Please join us on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October when you are asked to have a simple meal and give so that we can help children like Fabiano collect water to drink safely (please read Fabiano's story at [cafod.org.uk/harvest](http://cafod.org.uk/harvest)), also please see the poster in the porch. Please take an envelope from the porch and bring this to Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## **ST ANDREW'S UNDER 5'S MUM & TODDLER GROUP**

The group meet every Tuesday morning (term-time only) from 9.30 – 11.15am. Come along and enjoy play, crafts, rhyme-time and snacks, £2 per session, and good coffee served for the adults!

## **ST ANDREW'S BROWNIES & GUIDES**

The group meets every Friday evening (term-time only) from 6.30pm in our hall. There are spaces available, please contact Maggie for more info: 07971 882753.

## 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.

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 - 10.30am &  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 - 10.30am

## A DAY FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The annual day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers for South West area will take place at St Boniface, Tooting SW17 9PG, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please collect an invitation and programme sheet from the porch. Fill in the booking form slip, detach it and hand it into the parish office by 8<sup>th</sup> October. All the Ministers of Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are requested to attend the day.

## 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](http://www.cbnwa.com)

### Quote of the Week

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

*Ephesians 4:11-13*

### Contact Numbers

Chair of the PPC	Maureen Jones	020 8239 0615
Convent	Sr Jennie Eldridge	020 8689 0454
Gift Aid Organiser	Albert Tang	07703 263631
400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins (email: <a href="mailto:club_400@hotmail.com">club_400@hotmail.com</a> )	
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

