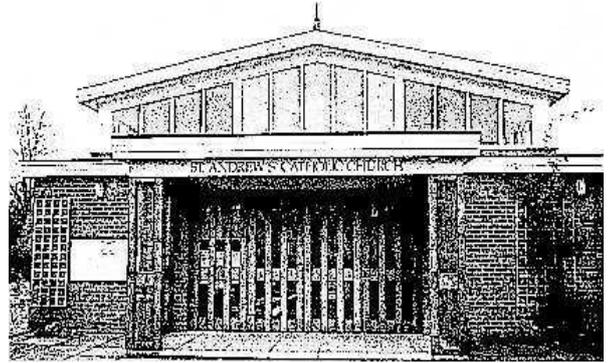

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

29th September 2019
26th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Deacon Errol

During the 50th Anniversary celebration Mass, Archbishop John Wilson, in his homily, talked about the good and hard work that has happened in the past 50 years at St Andrews, thanking everyone for their participation in making our parish the vibrant and multicultural place of worship it is today. I would like to reiterate his encouragement to everyone to continue in their witness to Christ 'in love, to look forward to the next 50 years and beyond; to a future that is bright, united in the faith that we profess; for we have been entrusted by our Father with the most precious gift; with Christ; A gift to share with others.' The effect is shown in the Archbishop's own witness; by trusting prisoners with his precious ring to touch, feel and look at, he touched the hearts of the lonely prisoners.

Baptised Christians are called to a loving relationship with Christ and each other and this week's readings warn us of the repercussions of not being concerned about our less fortunate fellow humans by our actions. The parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) bears similar message to that of the Prophet Amos in the First Reading, warning those who have enough, not to think they can get away with any excuse of not knowing about the existence of the poor and needy.

Why is this important? Baptism brings us into the life of the Church and the life of the Spirit; a life of sharing not just the Good News, but our possessions too; called to be witnesses to each other and to our world. Scripture reminds us that God is always by the side of the poor and needy in their distress (Ps 41:1). But at times wealth and greed clouds our judgement and makes it impossible to see life clearly.

This Sunday's Readings

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Psalm 145

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled

My soul, give praise to the Lord

Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord

Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony

Diary for the Week

Sunday 29th September 26 th Sunday of the Year	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	Mrs O'Hara RIP Peggy McMonagle RIP Parishioners Keetley Family
Monday 30th September St Jerome Zechariah 8:1-8 Luke 9:46-50	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	Francis & Ursula Kershaw Holy Souls
Tuesday 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus Zechariah 8:20-23 Luke 9:51-56	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Clea & Timothy Andradi RIP Peggy Gwyther RIP
Wednesday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels Nehemiah 2:1-8 Matthew 18:1-5. 10	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Intentions of Ritchie Family The McCormich Family
Thursday 3rd October Feria Nehemiah 8:1-12 Luke 10:1-12	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	Mrs O'Hara RIP The McCann-Keetley Family
Friday 4th October First Friday St Francis of Assisi Harvest Fast Day Baruch 1:15-22 Luke 10:13-16	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Benediction 6.30pm Syro Malabar Mass 7.00pm Liturgy meeting	Mike Gisczak RIP Michael D'Souza RIP
Saturday 5th October Feria Baruch 4:5-12. 27-29 Luke 10:17-24	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls Ellen MacSweeney RIP
Sunday 6th October 27 th Sunday of the Year	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	Maureen Pronobis RIP Mr Guiliana RIP Parishioners

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,484.46
Payment by Standing Order	£ 700.00
Total offertory	£2,184.46

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
 Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

This week Sancho's Dusters
 Next week St Jude's Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

A BIG THANK YOU

A very big thank you to everyone who helped with all the preparations, decorations, refreshments, flowers, music, altar serving etc. for our special Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass last Saturday which was very successful and very well attended. Archbishop John Wilson was very complimentary about St Andrews and thanks everyone for their warm welcome. To everyone who worked so hard preparing for our special Mass, our clergy would like to thank you all again for all your hard work, we couldn't have done it without you!

FR EMMANUEL AHUA

We are still waiting for our new Parish Priest to start and we hope to welcome him during the first week of October.

MISSION WITNESS: 'RED BOX' THANK YOU AND APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Fr Liam Durrant MHM to give the five-yearly Appeal. 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. There will not be a second collection, but if you do not currently have a Red Box, please do consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world. You can find more information or set up a Direct Debit online at mission.org.uk/about-apf

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.

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 welcome.

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, the second section will be on 1st October at 6.30pm in the hall. If you haven't registered you can still register on the 1st October. Parents will need to attend too.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Please join us on Friday 4th October when you are asked to have a simple meal this Family Fast Day and share what you can this Harvest. Please pray and remember our brothers and sisters who are facing hunger, drought, conflict and injustice overseas. Please give so that we can help children like Fabiano collect water to drink safely (please read Fabiano's story at cafod.org.uk/harvest). Please take an envelope from the porch and bring this to Mass on Sunday 6th 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.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting on Sunday 6th October in the hall after the 11.30am Mass for their Harvest Thanksgiving Anniversary.

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.

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.

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. You will need to register online if you would like to attend. If you would like a lift, please contact Mary Cameron on 07928 670639, as she has approx eight spaces. Please collect a leaflet from the porch for more info.

ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL

The school is holding one more open morning on Thursday 10th October 9.00 - 10.30am. Please see the poster in the porch for further details.

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 26th 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 8th October. All the Ministers of Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are requested to attend the day.

BUTTERFLY SERVICE: CROYDON UNIVESITY HOSPITAL ON 13TH OCTOBER

This is an open invitation to all families who would like to join the Butterfly Service at the hospital, to remember and celebrate the lives of those lost through a baby loss.

Following the service there will be opportunities to meet with others who have experienced a Baby loss, meet the staff and talk with the Chaplaincy Team for further support. Venue: St Barnabas Worship Centre outside Woodcroft Entrance, Croydon University Hospital, London Road CR7 7YE, starting at 3pm followed by refreshments.

Quote of the Week

Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness.

Dalai Lama XIV

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