

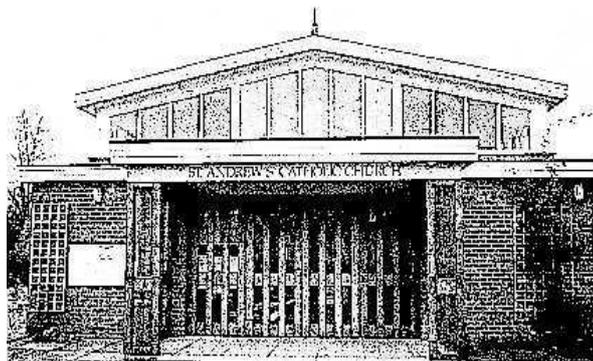
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
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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.

13th October 2019 28th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Deacon Tony

We are coming towards the end of the Year of Luke's Gospel, the last reading from this Gospel will be on 24th November, the Feast of Christ the King, when we will hear of Christ being treated in a most unkingly manner.

Although we know much about Luke, his early life is still a source of debate among some theologians. But what do we know? He was born in Antioch in modern day Turkey and he trained as a physician. At the time, Antioch belonged to Greece so Luke was of Greek descent and Greek would have been his native tongue. Greek was the 'lingua franca' of the day.

Luke was one of Paul's companions, he is referred to in Paul's letters in the New Testament. Luke is very aware of whom he may be writing for, he takes time to explain Jewish customs and Hebrew words to gentile readers. Having written his gospel he went on to write the Acts of the Apostles. It's held that as Luke's gospel is the Gospel of Christ, so the Acts of the Apostles is the Gospel of the Holy Spirit.

In art Luke is symbolised as a winged bull. Bulls being a sign of service and strength, but also a sign of sacrifice, it was not uncommon to sacrifice a Bull in ancient Jewish tradition. This does not symbolise Luke's own sacrifice but alludes to Christ's sacrifice for us all, which we should be willing to reciprocate by sacrificing ourselves for Christ.

We know he travelled extensively, both with Paul and alone spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, fulfilling the Great Commission to 'Baptise all the nations'. Due to Christian persecution, many of Paul's disciples left him, all except Luke. He should be the patron saint of best friends.

This Sunday's Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 97

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ

No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner

Diary for the Week

Sunday 13th October 28 th Sunday of the Year	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Angela & Patrick Keetley
	9.30am Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am Mass	Kofi Opoku
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	James Campbell RIP
Monday 14th October St Callistus I Romans 1:1-7 Luke 11:29-32	7.30am Mass	The Andradi Family (W/B)
	10.00am Mass	Mr Lynch RIP
	5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour	
	7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery	
	7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	
Tuesday 15th October St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila) Romans 1:16-25 Luke 11:37-41	7.30am Mass	Mrs Pronobis RIP
	10.00am Funeral Mass	Mrs Bernice D'Souza RIP
	6.30 – 7.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)	
	7.30pm Finance Committee	
Wednesday 16th October St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, V Romans 2:1-11 Luke 11:42-46	7.30am Mass	Milton William (W/B)
	10.00am Mass	Josiah Oyeyinka (21 st Birthday)
	11.30am Funeral Mass for Martin Goggins RIP	
	2.00pm Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)		
Thursday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch Romans 3:21-30 Luke 11:47-54	7.30am Mass	Hayfron Family (W/B)
	10.00am Mass	Anamaria D'Souza RIP
	7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	
Friday 18th October St Luke 2 Timothy 4:10-17 Luke 10:1-9	7.30am Mass	Power & Fennelly Families
	10.00am Mass	John Lawrence Fernandes RIP
	6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	
Saturday 19th October Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues Romans 4:13, 16-18 Luke 12:9-12	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Glenda McGrath RIP
Sunday 20th October 29 th Sunday of the Year	9.30am Mass	Francis John Hampshire RIP
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Mrs Margaret Grillo RIP
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,242.43
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,942.43
Collection CAFOD Family Fast Day	£ 683.69

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

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Children, families and parishioners are invited to come and join us to pray for peace in our hearts, our homes, our families and the whole world. Please join us on Monday, 14th October, from 7 – 8.00pm in the Church.

HARVEST COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS AND REFUGEES

On Sunday 27th October we are having a harvest appeal for the homeless and refugees in Croydon. Please bring your contributions to Mass and leave them in front of the altar. Nightwatch and the Refugee Day Centre in Croydon have requested the following: cans of soup (not packets) cans of meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, milk, coffee and tea bags; shampoo and toothpaste etc. are also welcome. Blankets and sleeping bags (good condition) are always needed for those sleeping rough. If you would like to donate money please put it in an envelope marked Refugees. We have always had a very good response in the past, please be as generous as possible as the need this year is greater than ever before. Thank you.

SCOUT GROUP: CELEBRATORY MASS 2ND NOVEMBER

You are all invited to our parish Scout Group 26th Croydon (St. Andrew's) Thanksgiving Mass to end the celebrations of their 85th year with Bishop Paul Hendricks. All in the parish are welcome to attend. It would be especially nice to see past members of the group. The Mass will be held on 2nd November starting at 1.00pm followed by light refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please come and join us.

THE REPOSITORY

Our Christmas stock is already in so please visit early to make your purchases to avoid disappointment.

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 third session will be on Tuesday 15th October at 6.30pm in the hall. This is the last date at which new registrations for this year will be accepted. Parents will need to attend too.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Thank you to our PPC members who will be counting the numbers.

FR LEN – SIGNING FORMS

Fr Len will be returning to St Andrew's for one more evening so that he can sign the school forms from families who were not able to meet with him before. The last date is 5pm Monday 14th October.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next weekend will be for World Mission Sunday, Missio, Your prayers and your donations on World Mission Sunday support our Church family overseas through Faith and Outreach Projects, Supporting Catholic Missionaries and Building New Churches. The Holy Father has declared that October 2019 will be an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019). Prayer and action will be the focus, to strengthen and grow God's mission and our Church! Please collect an envelope and a special edition of Mission Today from the porch.

Also there will be a collection of all monies on the weekend of 26/27th October. Please can all red box holders bring their boxes to be emptied before the Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass, please contact Savio on 07902 933534 but please can we ask that you do not leave the boxes in the parish office.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (S.V.P)

Do you know anyone who is going through a difficult time and would appreciate some support which the SVP Group could provide? This can vary from providing additional food, to buying a pair of school shoes for a child or simply visiting an elderly person living alone. There is not a requirement to be a Catholic, but they must live within the boundaries of St. Andrew's Parish. Please leave details, which will be in strict confidence at the Parish office.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group's next meeting will be on Sunday 20th October after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

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.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

During the month of November we particularly pray for those who have died. A list of the deceased whose funerals took place here at St Andrew's will be displayed in the front of the Altar. Anyone who has a relative or friend who has died elsewhere in the last year should give in their names and date of death to the office or to one of the Priests and the name will be added to this list.

Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch for you to place your lists of deceased. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November. On Saturday 23rd November at 9.30am we will hold our annual Mass for those who have died in the last year. We will try to invite relatives of those whose funerals took place here in the last year and hope that any parishioner who has had a death in the family in the last year will also come. We hope you will be able to attend.

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 ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10am Mass (and Saturday 9.30am). After Mass and after a few minutes of silence the Rosary will be prayed and then, after a short pause, other devotional prayers will be prayed. All are welcome to join however long you can stay – there is no formal membership, just a desire to pray the Rosary.

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.

BUTTERFLY SERVICE: CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL TODAY 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

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6: 38

Contact Numbers

Chair of the PPC	Maureen Jones	020 8239 0615
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400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins	(email: club_400@hotmail.com)
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