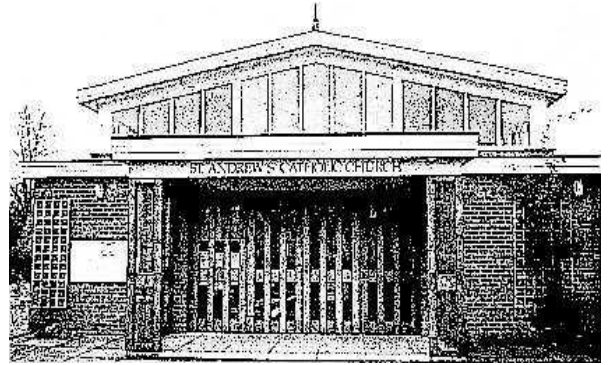


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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.*

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20<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)

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## Message from Fr Emmanuel

### **Persistence and determination in Prayer**

Prayer is the theme for today's gospel from Luke. In the gospel, Jesus told his disciples to pray always without becoming weary. We are encouraged to ask God in prayer about what we desire; the fruit of grace we seek. We always have to stand before God as a needy and even a beggar. The widow in the gospel was not bordered how many times she was to come to the dishonest Judge for justice she desired. No matter how little chance of getting her justice she persisted and determined in her request.

Her persistence demonstrated her neediness. The Judge was dishonest, Jesus contrasted him with God who is ever just and faithful to us even when we call out to God day and night. Knowing God's love for us, we acknowledged our dependence on God by asking for what we need. This makes us more open to be grateful to God's revelation of care that moves deeper in the grace in the cycle of God's reign. Let us be persistence in Prayer, for God will surely answer us in our desires.

### **This Sunday's Readings**

<b>Exodus 17:8-13</b>	<b>As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage</b>
<b>Psalms 120</b>	<b>Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth</b>
<b>2 Timothy 3:14-4:2</b>	<b>The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work</b>
<b>Luke 18:1-8</b>	<b>God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Glenda McGrath RIP
	9.30am Mass	Francis John Hampshire RIP Parishioners
	11.30am Mass	
	<b>5.00pm Rosary</b>	Mrs Margaret Grillo RIP
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm Mass	
<b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>		
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>Romans 4:20-25</i> <i>Luke 12:13-21</i>	7.30am Mass	Anna Atoumba John O'Neill
	10.00am Mass	
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b> <i>St John Paul II, Pope</i> <i>Romans 5:12. 15. 17-21</i> <i>Luke 12:35-38</i>	7.30am Mass	Jeremy Conflin RIP Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am Mass	
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b> <i>St John of Capistrano,</i> <i>Priest</i> <i>Romans 6:12-18</i> <i>Luke 12:39-48</i>	7.30am Mass	Gill Patient RIP (Anniv) Clementina Fernandes RIP
	10.00am Mass	
	<b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St Anthony Mary Claret,</i> <i>Bishop</i> <i>Romans 6:19-23</i> <i>Luke 12:49-53</i>	7.30am Mass	Tim Smith Francis John Hampshire RIP
	10.00am Mass	
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>The Forty Martyrs</i> <i>canonised 1970</i> <i>Romans 7:18-25</i> <i>Luke 12:54-59</i>	7.30am Mass	Special Intention of the Ritchie Family Special Intention of Patricia Wocial
	10.00am Mass	
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St Chad &amp; St Cedd</i> <i>Romans 8:1-11</i> <i>Luke 13:1-9</i>	9.30am Mass	Filipina Fernandes RIP
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b>	Sr Mary Hickey
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>  <i>(clocks back 1 hour)</i>	9.30am Mass	Mr Tarragona RIP Parishioners
	11.30am Mass	
	<b>5.00pm Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b>	Jeremy Gnthin RIP
	6.00pm Mass	
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	

### Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,288.33
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,988.33

Second collection for World Mission Sunday, Missio

*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

### **FR EMMANUEL**

Fr Emmanuel will be away in the USA attending a previously booked conference from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The second collection this 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.

### **RED BOX HOLDERS COLLECTION OF ALL MONIES**

There will be a collection of all monies on the weekend of 26/27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING**

The group is meeting today Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

### **400 CLUB**

The October draw is as follows:

No: 114 - Samuel Williams £20

No: 28 - Olayinka Oni £10

No: 89 - John and Lesley Brennan £10

### **PARISH SURGERY**

Every Monday evening, between 7pm and 8pm, one of the Pastoral Team is available in the Presbytery to see parishioners without an appointment. It is an opportunity to collect forms (e.g. Baptism), to ask a question about the Parish, or to arrange an appointment to discuss whatever you want. We realise that the only opportunity many people have to speak to us is on a Sunday and then we can be quite busy. The Pastoral Team take Surgery in turn and are also available at other times, so please do ask if you want to see one of us. There will not be Parish Surgery on 21<sup>st</sup> October, the next one will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### **HARVEST COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS AND REFUGEES**

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

The next session will be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in the hall.

### **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.

## THE REPOSITORY

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

## SCOUT GROUP: CELEBRATORY MASS 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

You are all invited to our parish Scout Group 26<sup>th</sup> Croydon (St. Andrew's) Thanksgiving Mass to end the celebrations of their 85<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November starting at 1.00pm followed by light refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please come and join us.

## 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, please put the list of names in the envelope together with your offering and put in the collection trays. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November. On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## ST ANDREW'S NIGHT

This year's St Andrew's celebration will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, in the church hall at 7.30 - 10.30pm. The ever popular Gary Glenn will be entertaining us. We will have a licenced bar and raffle. Tickets will be sold in advance only after all Masses outside the Church from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Prices £10 for adults and £5 for children which includes a 2 course meal. Please telephone 020 8684 4648 for more info.

## 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.

### Quote of the Week

Give me the grace to long for your holy sacraments, and especially to rejoice in the presence of your body, sweet Saviour Christ, in the holy sacrament of the altar

*St Thomas More*

### 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: 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

