

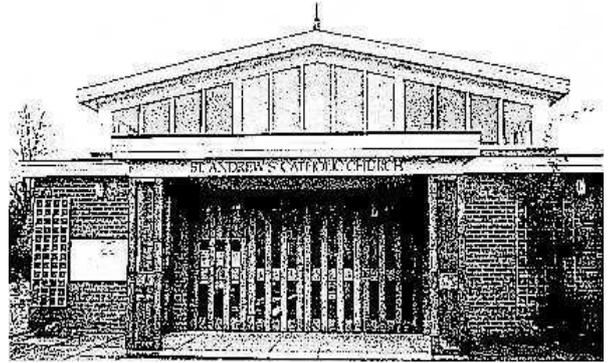
# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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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.*

27<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)

## Message from Fr James

### Merit Vs Mercy

“This man went home justified rather than the other!” The gospel passage of ‘Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican’ is only found in the gospel according to Luke. The two ‘main characters’ -Pharisee and tax collector- are not only two individuals but also represent two contrary orientations: the proud vs. the humble, ego-inflating vs. self-effacing, those boasting about their own merit vs. those begging for God’s mercy, respectively. The problem with Pharisees approach is that he focuses not on God, but on himself—raising himself up and pushing others down. In order to exalt himself he classifies and condemns, differentiates and denigrates. He thanks God that: “I am not like other people”. Basically, I am good, they are bad; I am pure, they, impure, and so on.

This parable is simple and direct. Jesus gives a simple, unambiguous message: Be like the tax collector; who focuses not on his own merit (punya, in the Indic tradition) but rather on his sin (paap), and on the overwhelming wellspring of God’s mercy, which washes away each and every sin. Here is someone totally dependent not on human merit but on God’s mercy and magnanimity. Jesus declares, “This man went home justified rather than the other”

‘How’ and ‘Why’ do I pray? My prayer ought neither to become a public platform for self-glorification nor condemnation of others, but ought to always remain a means for entering into relationship with God so as to worship, seek mercy, and decipher God’s will. (Reflection based on Fr. Francis Gonsalves, SJ)

This Sunday's Readings	
<b>Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19</b>	<b>The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds</b>
<b>Psalms 33</b>	<b>This poor man called; the Lord heard him</b>
<b>2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</b>	<b>All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me</b>
<b>Luke 18:9-14</b>	<b>The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  <i>(clocks back 1 hour)</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Sr Mary Hickey
	9.30am Mass	Mr Tarragona RIP
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	<b>5.00pm Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm Mass	Jeremy Gnthin RIP
<b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>		
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b> Saints Simon and Jude Ephesians 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-19	7.30am Mass	Elizabeth (Well Being)
	10.00am Mass	Mary Theresa Cameron (Well Being)
	<b>5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.00 – 8.00pm Exposition and Adoration</b>	
	<b>7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	
	<b>7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)</b>	
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b> Feria Romans 8:18-25 Luke 13:18-21	7.30am Mass	Salus Fernandes RIP
	10.00am Mass	Special Intention of the Ritchie Family
	<b>6.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)</b>	
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> Feria Romans 8:26-30 Luke 13:22-30	7.30am Mass	Our Lady of Africa
	10.00am Mass	Catherine Viegas RIP (Anniv)
	<b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b>	
	<b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b> Feria, Romans 8:31-39 Luke 13:31-35	7.30am Mass	Francis John Hampshire RIP
	10.00am Mass	Special Intention of Patricia Wocial
	<b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b>	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> First Friday All Saints Day Holyday of Obligation Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14 Matthew 5:1-12	7.30am Mass	November List
	10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Benediction	Valeria Winilworth (Well Being)
	<b>6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	
	<b>6.00pm Syro Malabar Mass</b>	
	<b>8.00pm Mass</b>	Parishioners
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> All Souls Day Isaiah 25:6-9 Luke 7:11-17	9.30am Mass	November List
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b>	
	<b>1.00pm Thanksgiving Mass: Scout Group with Bishop Paul Hendricks</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b>	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year	9.30am Mass	Daniel Messina and John Messina RIP
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	<b>5.00pm Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm Mass	November List
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	

### Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1145.49
Payment by Standing Order	£ 700.00
Total offertory	£1,845.49
Collection for Missio	£ 548.04

*Thank you for your generosity*

### Altar Servers

This week Team 1  
Next week Team 2



### Church Cleaners

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

# St. Andrew's Parish Notices

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

There will be a collection of all monies this 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.

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

This weekend 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.

## **EXPOSITION AND ADORATION**

This Monday between 7.00 and 8.00pm, we have Exposition and an hour of silent prayer. This happens every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month and is an opportunity to come in and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord. There are no organised prayers and people are free to come and go as they wish. It ends with a simple Benediction just before 8.00pm.

## **ALL SAINTS DAY: FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

Please note that Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November is All Saints Day and is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and 8.00pm. There will also be a second collection on this day for The Seminary Fund which contributes towards the training of Priests at St John's Seminary, Womersley.

## **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 are most welcome.

## **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.

## **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 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November starting at 1.00pm followed by light refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please come and join us.

## **FR LEN**

Fr Len will return to St Andrew's for his Leaving Mass but as yet we do not have a date for this but we will let you know the date as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Fr Len, please use the envelope in the porch for this. We hope to present this to him when he attends for his Leaving Mass.

## **HOME-MADE GREETING CARDS FOR SALE**

Next week Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, there will be a sale of home-made greeting cards including Christmas cards after the 9.30am Mass in aid of our Golden Fundraising Campaign. Please go along to the hall and help support this event.

## **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.

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

The second collection will be for the Annual Mission Appeal, The Spiritans Ministry. Some information on them are: "The Spiritans were founded in 1703 by Fr Poullart des Places in Paris in response to witnessing child labour and students who could not afford to pay educational fees. Since this time the Spiritans has grown into a worldwide movement, operating in more than 60 countries and preaching the Gospel of peace and justice. We stand alongside the powerless in society to work with them for a better world through education, health, development and tolerance. At home we work with people seeking refuge or asylum, people suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, prisoners and those who feel abandoned by society. We remain faithful to the vision of Christ and go beyond national boundaries to reach people of all colour, creed and class." We welcome one of their Priests who will come to make the appeal.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

There will be a meeting for parents of children aged 7-8 (school year 3) who want their child/children to make their First Holy Communion next year on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.15pm in the Church hall. Those whose child/children are in school year four and who missed making their First Holy Communion last year are also welcome to attend. We will be outlining the requirements for the programme and asking that you complete a form in order to register your child/children so we can order the books for when the sessions start in January.

## **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.

## **THE REPOSITORY**

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

## **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.

## **ST PHILOMENA'S OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION**

The Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of St. Philomena's Old Girls Association will be offered on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 11am at Holy Cross Church, North Street, Carshalton, SM6 2JD. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall afterwards. Parking is available in Denmark Road - Council Car park.

### Quote of the Week

Humility is a paradox.

The moment you think you've finally found it, you've lost it.

### **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