

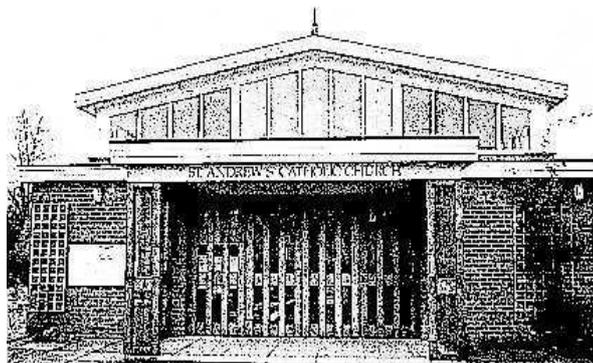
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine
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.

6th October 2019
27th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Fr Francis

THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The Rosary is the best-known private devotion in the Catholic Church and Christianity's most popular method of meditation and supplication. It has all the *depth of the Gospel message in its entirety*, of which it can be said to be a compendium. The beauty of the Rosary is that it is a journey, through twenty episodes, of the lives of Jesus and Mary. The prayers of each decade – Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory Be – are repetitive and easily remembered, freeing the mind to reflect on the particular mystery. The recurrent prayers of the Rosary are a vehicle leading not only to a deeper understanding of the mysteries but, more importantly, to a closer relationship with Jesus and Mary. The point of the Rosary is that we connect our own lives, whatever we are celebrating or enduring at the time of prayer, to the lives of Jesus and Mary.

More so, in praying the Rosary, we are invited to place ourselves in each scene, imagining the people, the places, the sights, the sounds, and the emotions that might be experienced during that actual event. Meditating on the Rosary we are invited and encouraged not only to say the prayers but go beyond recital and enter the beauty and complexity of the Paschal Mystery. It, therefore, means that praying the Rosary presupposes that what is remembered is not lost history but an abiding force that continues to give meaning to what is happening now in our lives. The story of Jesus and Mary is part of our own lives: our story, in turn, is significant to them.

Furthermore, on the 7th of October is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast was instituted by Pope Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the naval battle of Lepanto (1571). It was said that the Christians were victorious because of the help of the Holy Mother of God, invoked by the saying of the Rosary. This feast and indeed the praying of the Rosary in October is a call to everyone to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with incarnation, passion, and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.

Interestingly, the Church teaches that in October, those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church, or as a family, a religious community, or as a group of the faithful, may gain a plenary indulgence daily; in other circumstances a partial indulgence. Again, a partial indulgence may be obtained daily by reciting the Litany of Loreto and the Prayer to Saint Joseph.

This Sunday's Readings

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalms 94

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

The upright man will live by his faithfulness

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord

If only you had faith!

Diary for the Week

Sunday 6th October <i>27th Sunday of the Year</i>	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	Ellen MacSweeney RIP Maureen Pronobis RIP Mr Guiliana RIP Parishioners
Monday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> <i>Jonah 1:1-2:1.11</i> <i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	Antoneta Gouveta RIP (Anniv) Esther Conroy RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 8th October <i>Feria</i> <i>Jonah 3:1-10</i> <i>Luke 10:38-42</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Special Intention (Martina & Brendan) Nana Adwoa Nsiah RIP
Wednesday 9th October <i>Blessed John Henry Newman</i> <i>Saint Denis, Bishop & Companions</i> <i>Jonah 4:1-11</i> <i>Luke 11:1-4</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Michelle Mannion RIP Mr Boris Johnson MP
Thursday 10th October <i>St Paulinus of York</i> <i>Malachi 3:13-20</i> <i>Luke 11:5-13</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	Braz & Luis Santan Fernandes RIP Pobrina Fernandes RIP
Friday 11th October <i>St John XXIII, Pope</i> <i>Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2</i> <i>Luke 11:15-26</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Rev. Mgr. Patrick McCoy Elizabeth Salapare RIP (Anniv)
Saturday 12th October <i>St Wilfrid, Bishop</i> <i>Joel 4:12-21</i> <i>Luke 11:27-28</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Joao Piedade Fernandes & Deceased Family RIP Angela & Patrick Keetley
Sunday 13th October <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	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	Parishioners Kofi Opoku James Campbell RIP

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,424.55
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,124.55
Second collection CAFOD Fast Day envelopes	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
 Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

This week St Jude's Group
 Next week Judie's Crew

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

WELCOME FR EMMANUEL

This week we welcome Fr Emmanuel Ahua to St Andrew's. He joins us from St Chad's Church in South Norwood where he was the Assistant Priest for many years. We hope he will be very happy here.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday 4th October for a simple meal on Family Fast Day. Please hand in your envelopes this weekend. Please continue to pray and remember our brothers and sisters who are facing hunger, drought, conflict and injustice overseas.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS

Please do go along to the hall after the 9.30am Mass where tea/coffee and cakes are always served.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

MISSION WITNESS: 'RED BOX' THANK YOU AND APPEAL

Fr Liam Durrant MHM wishes to thank everyone in the parish for their welcome last weekend. If you did not get the chance to take a Red Box and you wish to do so, or you would like to find out more about Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, please speak to Savio, 07902 933534, our Local Secretary for the Red Boxes. You can also find more information or set up a Direct Debit online at mission.org.uk/about-apf.

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.

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 for the next few weeks will be counting the numbers.

FR LEN – SIGNING FORMS

Fr Len will be returning to St Andrew's for two evenings so that he can sign the school forms from families who were not able to meet with him before. The dates are: 7pm Thursday 10th October and 5pm Monday 14th October. Please note that these two dates will be the *last* that you can meet with Fr Len.

400 CLUB

The winners for September are:

No: 25 - Frances Gilbert / £20

No: 57 - Lucy McAlpin / £10

No: 26 - Mario Fernandes / £10

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BUTTERFLY SERVICE: CROYDON UNIVERSITY 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

With the Rosary, the Christian people *sits at the school of Mary* and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love.

Pope Saint John Paul II, RVM 2002

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400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins	(email: club_400@hotmail.com)
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Parish Secretary	Danielle Lewin	020 8684 3013
Primary School	St. James the Great	020 8771 3424