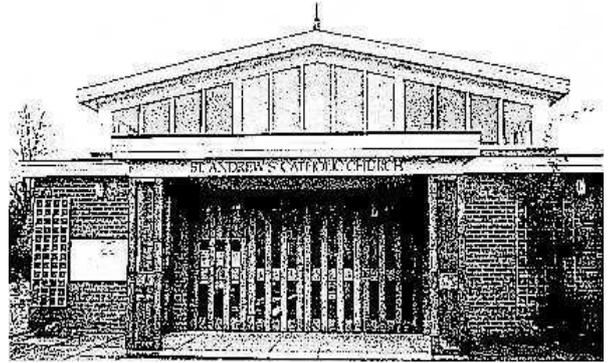

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

24th November 2019 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)

Message from Fr James

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. In the Church's calendar, Christ the King is the trophy of the last game of the World Series. The Church's liturgical year concludes with this feast of Christ the King. Christ is our spiritual King and Ruler who rules **by Truth and Love**. We declare our loyalty to him by the quality of our Christian Life with commitment, expressed in our serving of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor. In thousands of human hearts all over the world, Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is his throne and the Sermon on the Mount, his rule of law. His citizens need obey only one major law: "*Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you.*" His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. (Fr. Tony)

The space of his Kingdom exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith. (Gerald Darring (St. Louis University: *Centre for Liturgy*))

This Sunday's Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 121

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

They anointed David king of Israel

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house"

He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Diary for the Week

Sunday 24th November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Lawrence & Antonette DeSouza RIP
	9.30am Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am Mass	John Creedon RIP
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Mai Cummins RIP
Monday 25th November <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i> <i>Daniel 1:1-6. 8-20</i> <i>Luke 21:1-4</i>	7.30am Mass	Mary Keeveney RIP
	10.00am Mass	Marie & Antoni Hadjizorzi RIP
	5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery	
	7.00 – 8.00pm Exposition and Adoration	
	7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	
Tuesday 26th November <i>Feria</i> <i>Daniel 2:31-45</i> <i>Luke 21:5-11</i>	7.30am Mass	November List
	10.00am Mass	Daniel Messina RIP
	6.30pm R.C.I.C.	
	7.30pm Finance Committee	
Wednesday 27th November <i>Feria</i> <i>Daniel 5:1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28</i> <i>Luke 21:12-19</i>	7.30am Mass	Deceased Members Freeman Family
	10.00am Mass	Our Lady of Fatima
	2.00pm Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	
	7.30pm Nurses Guild Meeting (EA room)	
Thursday 28th November <i>Feria</i> <i>Daniel 6:12-28</i> <i>Luke 21:20-28</i>	7.30am Mass	November List
	10.00am Mass	Mara Ward
	7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	
Friday 29th November <i>Feria</i> <i>Daniel 7:2-14</i> <i>Luke 21:29-33</i>	7.30am Mass	Jenifer Fulweller
	10.00am Mass	Jessica Mary Badu RIP Anniv
	6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	
Saturday 30th November <i>St Andrew</i> <i>Romans 10:9-18</i> <i>Matthew 4:18-22</i>	9.30am Mass	Alphonsius & Mabel Scurry
	10.00am Rosary	
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Parishioners
	7.30pm St Andrew's Night (hall)	
Sunday 1st December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> (A)	9.30am Mass	Michael Ryan RIP
	11.30am Mass	Janet Badu-Mensah
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Julian (Well-being)
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,340.86
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,040.86
Collection for Pact	£ 345.08
Second collection for Catholic Youth Work	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
 Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The collection will be for the Catholic Youth Work. The collection taken on National Youth Sunday supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Please look at the notice board giving information about our timeline for the introduction of Perpetual Adoration in our parish. Further details to follow.

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

The next session will be on Tuesday 26th November at 6.30pm in the hall.

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 during Mass. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November.

ST ANDREW'S NIGHT

This year's St Andrew's celebration will be held on Saturday 30th November, in the Church hall at 7.30 - 10.30pm. The ever popular Gary Glenn will be entertaining with his impressions of Elvis, Neil Diamond, Frank Sinatra and many more! We will have a licenced bar and raffle. Tickets will be sold in advance only after all Masses outside the Church this weekend 23 and 24 November. Prices £10 for adults and £5 for children which includes a 2 course meal. *We really need you to make this a successful St Andrew's Night so please make every effort to come along and support this special occasion.* Please telephone 020 8684 4648 for more information.

THANKSGIVING MASS IN HONOUR OF FRS EMMANUEL AHUA, C.S.Sp & DANIEL ADIYI, C.S.Sp

The provincial and council has the honour to invite all to the graduation thanksgiving Mass in honour of our two brothers, Emmanuel Ahua and Daniel Adayi who recently defended successfully their Doctoral dissertations in USA and Portugal respectively. A reception shall follow in the Parish Hall afterwards. The date is Friday December 6th starting 7pm at St Chad's Parish, South Norwood, 5 Whitworth Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 6XN. All parishioners of St Andrew's are invited to this special Mass.

ST ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES

St Andrew's Children's Christmas Parties will be on Saturday 21st December. There will be two parties. The first one will be at 11am to 1pm for children aged babies up to 7 years old and at 2 to 4pm for children in Junior school. All children are welcome. Parents will have to stay with their children at both parties. Tickets cost £5 and this will include a visit to Santa's Grotto, a tea party and lots of games and lovely arts and crafts to make and take home.

Tickets are available after the 9.30am Mass in the hall this Sunday. Please contact Bernadette on 07729322571 for further details. They also need parents to help with the party - please let Bernadette know if you can help.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

You are invited to join us for this year's 'Parish Carol Service' which will be held on Saturday 14th December at 7pm. Following on from previous years we will be singing Carols in several languages. All Parish groups are asked to sing in their 'native language'. So please do join us for an enjoyable evening and let Maureen know through the Parish office what your group will be singing.

ST ANDREW'S 50 FOR 50 GOLDEN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to our 50 for 50 Campaign. We are still collecting funds until the end of the year and wanted to let you know that so far we have raised £28,981.41. This is a fantastic amount of money which with all the pressures that we are all facing in our lives today, is wonderful. So many of you have contributed, financially, given your time or organised events etc, and St Andrew's is very lucky to have your support – thank you very much.

A DAY WITH JESUS

You are invited to the 'A Day with Jesus' Ministry being held here at St Andrew's Church on every fourth Saturday of every month from 12 – 4.00pm. Please check the notice board for the full programme details and contacts for further information.

FUNERAL OF MARGARET MULLIGAN RIP

We are saddened to let you know of the funeral details for Margaret Mulligan who attended St Andrew's for many years. Her funeral is at Croydon Crematorium at 4.00pm on 26th November. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to Margaret's family and friends.

TOY SUNDAY ON 8TH DECEMBER

Every year we collect toys to use as Christmas presents for disadvantaged children. Once again this year we are giving to St Anne's Community Centre in Vauxhall. Please can we ask you to bring in any toys to Masses on the weekend of 7th/8th December. The ages for the children are from 3 to 11 years. St Anne's would also be grateful for any wrapping paper but they do ask that you do not wrap the presents. A representative from St Anne's Community Centre will be here at the 9.30am Mass to talk about the work they do. We always have a great response and thank you in advance for your continued support.

HOME-MADE GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

Next weekend Sunday 1st December, 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.

SEND A GREETING CARD OR LETTER TO A PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN

There are many Christians around the world who suffer dreadful persecution. Open Doors is asking for volunteers to write a letter to a persecuted Christian in Nigeria. Every letter, card and drawing they receive gives them hope and helps them stand strong in their faith. Please see the Justice & Peace notice board at the back of the church for more information or go to: www.opendoorsuk.org/write. Your letters and cards will have such an amazing, uplifting impact on our brothers and sisters in Christ. Knowing that someone in the world cares makes a huge difference.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUES

Please take one of the CAFOD World Gifts catalogues in the porch and consider buying one of these special life-changing gifts this Christmas for your families and friends.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S FEAST

St Francis Xavier's feast is being celebrated in aid of St Andrew's Church 50/50 project this year on the 7th of December. Tickets priced at £12 for adults, £6 for children and includes a four course hot meal and cake. There will also be a licensed bar, music, raffles, games and spot prizes. St Francis Xavier's feast has been enthusiastically celebrated at St Andrew's Church since the first Goans came to our parish from Africa and this year we are marking the 47th anniversary of the feast celebrations. For further details or if anyone would like to participate in the further planning of the event please contact Jennifer/Cyril Da Silva on 07712 273024.

PILGRIMAGE

The following pilgrimage is being arranged. Please contact the number directly for more information. Parish/Spiritans Pilgrimage to Prague/Poland in summer half-term Friday 22nd to Friday 29th May 2020: Beginning from Prague in Czech Republic, the major cities to be visited include: Zakopane, Cracow, Wadowice, Auschwitz, Czestochowa & Warsaw. The sites to be visited include: the shrine of Infant Jesus of Prague, National Sanctuary of Our Lady (Black Madonna) of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, Pope John Paul II Centre, Wadowice (town of Karol Wojtyła – Pope John Paul II), Auschwitz (Concentrated Camp of II World War), and many more. Holy Masses will be celebrated at these sites and furthermore at: the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, Velehrad (shrine of St. Cyril & St. Methodius) and others too. The weeklong pilgrimage is open to parishes and communities in London served by the Spiritans at the cost of £650 including flight, lodging, breakfast and dinner. Expression of interest is with £200 deposit before the end of November. Contact Juliet 07729391661 for more info.

VIRGO FIDELIS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Virgo Fidelis Christmas Fayre is being held on Saturday 7th December, 12-4pm. at Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School, 147 Central Hill, Upper Norwood, SE19 1RS. Stalls still available to hire - please call 020 8655 9080 for details."

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

All children aged 6 to 11 are invited to design a Christmas card and submit an entry to The Centre for Catholic Formation by Monday 9th December. Six winners will be chosen to receive a Jesse Box. Please visit their website www.ccftootingbec.org.uk for more information.

Quote of the Week

The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

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