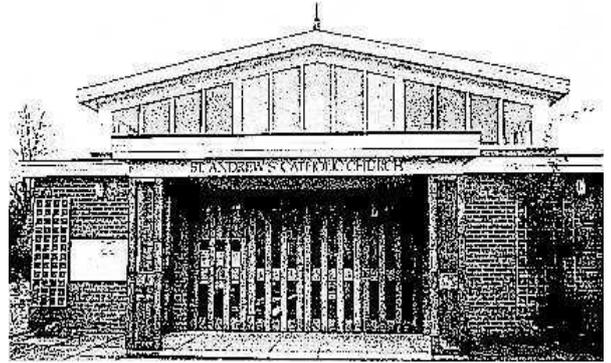

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

3rd November 2019
31st Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Deacon Errol

Our God is Merciful and Gracious

We live in a world where productivity has pushed mankind to the urges of non-empathy, non-sympathy, and people are pushed to the fringes if they are not productive; it is has become a case of 'Produce or Perish': A rat race to the finish, where human life is ordered or constructed like a machine that either produces or is dumped. This is how far we have come in the name of development, prosperity and modernity. But is this why God created us? No. God has put us in this world as co-workers to look after his creation as managers, and look after each other, since we are created in God's image and likeness; yet, often we treat each other unfairly.

The poor, the needy, the vulnerable, the marginalised and dropouts will always be part of society and it is our duty to look after them. *Matthew 26:11*; this scripture challenges mankind to do all we can to end poverty as God's loving care manifests itself in the preservation of all things and the forgiveness of sin, for it is in God's world that we live and work.

The readings of this Sunday enable us to say "*No one who meets Jesus remains the same*", a change really happens in their life, from business owners to cleaners - All are important to God and are loved by him. The story of Zacchaeus (*Luke 19:1-10*) is an invitation for us to celebrate God's love, to experience God's mercy and to renew our commitment to Christ and his message. And to respond to this invitation we need to make ourselves available for God. We need to open the door of our hearts for God to come in. We need to empty ourselves for God's grace to fill in.

This Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Psalm 144

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Luke 19:1-10

You are merciful to all because you love all that exists

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him

The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost

Diary for the Week

Sunday 3rd November <i>31st 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	Paul Etuka RIP Daniel Messina and John Messina RIP Parishioners November List
Monday 4th November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i> <i>Romans 11:29-36</i> <i>Luke 14:12-14</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)	November List Pam Freeman (Birthday)
Tuesday 5th November <i>Feria</i> <i>Romans 12:5-16</i> <i>Luke 14:15-24</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	November List Paul Etuka RIP
Wednesday 6th November <i>Feria</i> <i>Romans 13:8-10</i> <i>Luke 14:25-33</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	November List Samuel & Emily Ward
Thursday 7th November <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint George, Feast</i> <i>Romans 14:7-12</i> <i>Luke 15:1-10</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	Francis John Hampshire RIP November List
Friday 8th November <i>Saint Willibrord</i> <i>Romans 15:14-21</i> <i>Luke 16:1-8</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	November List Justice Ansledes
Saturday 9th November <i>The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica</i> <i>Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12</i> <i>John 2:13-22</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00am Rosary 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	John Paul & Jessica Rodrigues (Birthday) Glenda McGrath RIP
Sunday 10th November <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Remembrance Sunday</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	November List For the War Dead The Keetley Mel Cann Family

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,199.31
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,899.31
Second collection for The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers)	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
 Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

HARVEST COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS AND REFUGEES

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our harvest appeal at the weekend for the homeless and refugees in Croydon. Jad Adams of Nightwatch writes: "Many thanks for your donations to Nightwatch to help with our work with homeless and other vulnerable people in Croydon. We are out every night of the year assisting those in need. We cannot meet these needs without your support and are therefore very grateful to you." A thank you letter from Jad is on the notice board.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection will be for the Annual Mission Appeal, The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers). 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 Fr Stanislaus Nwaigwe who will come to make the appeal.

HOME-MADE GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

This weekend Sunday 3rd 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.

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

The next session will be on Tuesday 12th 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. 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.

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 13th 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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection will be for the Archbishop's Fund for Diocesan Administration. This collection helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the diocese.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Everyone is invited to a power-point presentation which will be shown as a visual aid to pray the Rosary and there will also be a short children's DVD on saints on Saturday 16th November starting at 10.15am to 11.30am.

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 us. We will have a licenced bar and raffle. Tickets will be sold in advance only after all Masses outside the Church from Saturday 26th October. Prices £10 for adults and £5 for children which includes a 2 course meal. Please telephone 020 8684 4648 for more information.

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 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.

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 17th 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

When a needy person stands at your door, God himself stands by his side. Do not send him empty handed

Hebrew Proverb

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