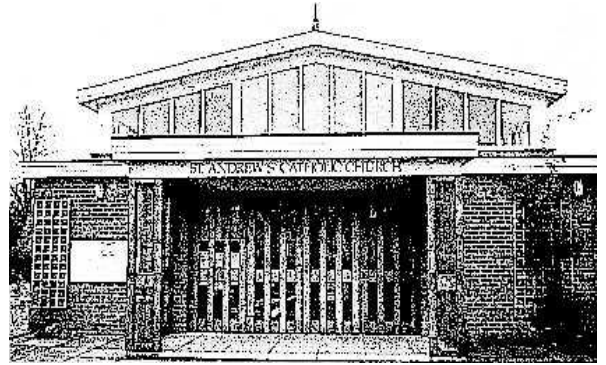

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM
Priests: Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.
Fr James S. M. Kubendra Raj
Fr Hyacinth Edokwe C.S.Sp.
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.

12th January 2020 The Baptism of the Lord (A)

Message from Sr Sheila

ST ANDREW'S PRIESTS

Since the Foundation of this parish, we have been wonderfully served by Diocesan priests of our Archdiocese, Southwark. Sadly, their numbers are declining now. According to the latest statistics, there are only 145 priests working in the Diocese, and belonging to the Diocese. There are 52 secular priests from other Dioceses working in Southwark (Fr James is one of them) – and there are currently 80 retired priests. There are 175 Parishes in Southwark – and the Archbishop and his Council have to do their very best to “man” them. Happily, though, there are 115 priests from Religious Congregations working in the Diocese.

Many parishes are now run by these Religious men, from many different Congregations. When Fr. Len left, the Archbishop asked the Provincial of the Spiritan Congregation to take over St. Andrew's Parish. (They used to be known as the Holy Ghost Fathers). They are already in parishes in the Diocese, as well as in other Dioceses in this country. If you look up their website you will see the great work that they are doing, not only in England, but in very many other countries too. Religious (both men and women) live in Community, are subject to the authority of their Provincial, and can be moved whenever the need arises. We are blessed that the Spiritans have agreed to come to St. Andrew's, and we welcome both Fr Emmanuel and our new priest, Fr Hyacinth. They will be working under both their Provincial and the Archbishop. A great bonus is that we now have the security of knowing that we will always have priests here, ready to serve the Lord with us.

(repeated from 5.1.20 newsletter)

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7	Here is my servant in whom my soul delights
Psalms 28	The Lord will bless his people with peace
Acts 10:34-38	God anointed him with the Holy Spirit
Matthew 3:13-17	As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him

Diary for the Week

Sunday 12th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday: Thanksgiving Mass for St Andrew's volunteers 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation Catechists Meeting (EA room) 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Parishioners John Messina RIP Mrs Felicia Boateng (Thanksgiving) Mrs O'Hara RIP
Monday 13th January <i>St Hilary</i> <i>1 Samuel 1:1-8</i> <i>Mark 1:14-20</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	Mrs Caroline RIP Mingau & Piedade Fernandes RIP
Tuesday 14th January <i>Feria. 1 Samuel 1:9-20</i> <i>Mark 1:21-28</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Mr & Mrs McCormack Ritchie Family (Special Intention)
Wednesday 15th January <i>Feria</i> <i>1 Samuel 3:1-10. 19-20</i> <i>Mark 1:29-39</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.00pm Baptism meeting (EA room) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Mr Tarragona RIP Francis John Hampshire RIP
Thursday 16th January <i>Feria</i> <i>1 Samuel 4:1-11</i> <i>Mark 1:40-45</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great) 7.30pm Post Presentation Meeting	Patricia Wocial (Special Intention) Paul Etuka RIP
Friday 17th January <i>St Anthony</i> <i>1 Samuel 8:4-7. 10-22</i> <i>Mark 2:1-12</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Joseph Kwame Baffoe RIP J. Okoroafor
Saturday 18th January <i>Feria</i> <i>1 Samuel 9:1-4. 17-19:10:1</i> <i>Mark 2:13-17</i>	9.20 – 11.15am First Holy Communion Meeting (hall/Church) 9.30am Mass 10.00am Rosary 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	John (Birthday) Cecile Assogbagbe RIP
Sunday 19th January <i>2nd Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Peace Day</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	Hayfron Family (Thanksgiving) Cecelia Angress Parishioners

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,328.10
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,028.10

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

CONFIRMATION 2020

Bishop Paul Hendricks will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 6th June at 11am Mass. Sr. Jennie and the catechists will receive requests from those who are in year 9 and above who wish to be confirmed after all Sunday Masses in January. Please be prepared to give your reasons for wanting to be confirmed.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS

You are all invited to go along to the hall after every 9.30am Sunday Mass where tea/coffee and cakes are always served. All are most welcome.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Please check the notice board giving information about our timeline for the introduction of Perpetual Adoration in our parish.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for our Family Holy Hour on Monday 13th January from 7 – 8pm. We ask our children, families and parishioners to come and join us to pray for peace in our hearts, our homes, our families and the whole world. All are welcome however long you can stay.

ST ANDREW'S AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for our next Afternoon Tea party on Saturday 25th January. Please note that that tea will be served from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

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 see the notice board for full programme details and contacts.

CRIB OFFERING 2019

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants. Thank you for your support.

The tradition of erecting a Crib was started by St Francis of Assisi because of the fact that many people could not read at that time. He would erect the Crib at the beginning of December and it would be there until the end of February. That tradition is continued in Rome where the Crib in St Peter's Square stays up until that time. Our Crib will be here until the last weekend of January.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10.00am 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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The collection will be for Pax Christi, International Catholic Movement for Peace. Pax Christi relies on your support to continue their work of peace making. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Please take an envelope from the porch and return next week for the collection – thank you.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting on Sunday 19th January in the hall after the 11.30am Mass.

PARISH SURGERY

Every Monday evening, between 7pm and 8pm, one of the Pastoral Team is available in the Presbytery (45 Brook Road) 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.

LECTIO DIVINA

Please consider joining our Lectio Divina group who meet every Wednesday evening at 6.00pm for one hour in the hall. Pope Benedict spoke about Lectio Divina on 16th September 2006: "I would like to recall and recommend the ancient tradition of Lectio Divina: the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart. If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church – I am convinced of it – a new spiritual springtime".

Please come along to the group on Wednesdays or call Maria for more info on 07720 444940. All are most welcome.

CHURCH CLEANERS WANTED

We really need more people to help with the task of cleaning God's house. So, if you can spare an hour or two and would like to help by joining one of our groups, please contact Fifi on 07932 764273. Thank you.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

There has been a delay in the printing of the directory. The directories will, hopefully, be available at the end of January.

FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEER ROLE

The RC Archdiocese of Southwark is looking for a fundraising volunteer located at the Finance Office. This role will involve tasks such as organising the legacy gifts files, inputting data onto a CRM database, mail-merging thank you letters, general administration, scanning and filing, helping to organise events, printing and mailing materials, etc. The role brings opportunities for someone to get a good idea on how a fundraising department works and its various component parts. If you would like to apply please send your CV with a cover note explaining you are interested in this role to Sarah Wood, HR Manager, via email sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk. Address is 59 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JE, hours ideally 2 days per week for 6 months – can be flexible

Quote of the Week

The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home.

St Augustine of Hippo

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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