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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

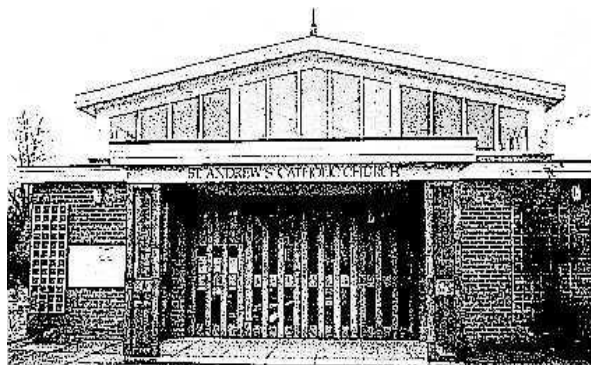
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**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.*

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## 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

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### Message from Deacon Errol

#### Christian Attitude

Catholicism is about living and developing one's spiritual life and relationship with Christ and others. This development comes with changes just like the human body that we possess. As a child I did everything like a child and have gone through several changes and challenges to be an adult. Any development does not happen in isolation; it involves others - family, friends, colleagues, even enemies, help in the development process; all of these help us find ways to put on the right armour for survival in our growth.

St Andrew's has gone through a challenging time the last few years, and in that time many families have experienced their own difficulties and quietly sought ways to work to alleviate the pain and hurt those challenges brought. In the letter to the Ephesians, chapter 6, St Paul gives a powerful metaphor for how our faith can help us grow and protect us from spiritual attack. These attacks can distort our growth, body mind and spirit, and how we deal with challenges. Spiritual attacks might be things like the temptation to sin, doubting your faith, or feeling like you aren't good enough - the Bible says that these are caused by Satan and his evil forces (John 8:44). However, if you put on the whole armour of God, you can stand firm against these attacks and remain strong in your faith. So what is the armour we need? The belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit. Ephesians 6:10-18)

In this Year of the Word let us strive for peace by protecting our feet with the gospel (God's word), and allow God to guide our feet by following his call to follow Christ. In that way God will help us overcome any obstacles to our peace. And by maintaining a constant prayerful attitude, we will be better equipped to handle any temptations, doubts, or other spiritual attacks we encounter.

#### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Isaiah 49:3, 5-6</b>	<b>I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth</b>
<b>Psalms 39</b>	<b>Here I am Lord! I come to do your will</b>
<b>1 Corinthians 1:1-3</b>	<b>May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace</b>
<b>John 1:29-34</b>	<b>Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Cecile Assogbagbe RIP
	9.30am Mass	Hayfron Family (Thanksgiving)
	11.30am Mass	Cecelia Angress
	<b>5.00pm Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm Mass	Parishioners
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Saints Fabian and Sebastian</i> <i>1 Samuel 15:16-23</i> <i>Mark 2:18-22</i>	7.30am Mass	Mrs O'Hara RIP
	10.00am Mass	Teresa Field
	<b>5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> <i>Saint Agnes</i> <i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i> <i>Mark 2:23-28</i>	7.30am Mass	Richard Cowie
	10.00am Mass	Marion Lynch & Bridget McGarthy
	<b>6.30 – 7.30pm R.C.I.C.</b>	RIP
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> <i>Saint Vincent</i> <i>1 Samuel 17:32-33. 37. 40-51</i> <i>Mark 3:1-6</i>	7.30am Mass	James Doyle RIP
	10.00am Mass	Francis John Hampshire RIP
	<b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b>	
	<b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.00pm Baptism Meeting (Church)</b>	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7</i> <i>Mark 3:7-12</i>	7.30am Mass	Joe Brennan RIP
	10.00am Mass	Julian (Wellbeing)
	<b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b>	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Saint Francis de Sales</i> <i>1 Samuel 24:3-21</i> <i>Mark 3:13-19</i>	7.30am Mass	Fr Adolfo's Family
	10.00am Mass	Mr & Mrs McCormack
	<b>6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>The Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle</i> <i>Acts 22:3-16</i> <i>Mark 16:15-18</i>	<b>9.20 – 11.15am First Holy Communion</b>	
	9.30am Mass	Gerald Leary (Anniv)
	<b>10.00am Rosary</b>	
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b>	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Rita Goveia RIP (Anniv)
	<b>9.30am Mass (Adoration Inaugural Mass)</b>	Michael Moloney RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am Mass	Philip Johnson & all deceased in the family RIP
	<b>5.00pm Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm Mass	Parishioners
<b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>		

### Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,419.17
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,119.17
Second collection for Peace Sunday	

*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

### **THANK YOU**

A message from Fr Emmanuel: "A big thank you to everyone who helped with my Induction Mass last week on Friday. The Mass was very successful and special thanks for the very good selection of food for the celebration afterwards. Thank you to again to all the helpers".

### **CONFIRMATION 2020**

Bishop Paul Hendricks will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Today is Peace Sunday. Each year the Pope sends out a message for Peace Sunday. This year the theme is: Peace as a journey of hope: "Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family journey.... Hope is thus the virtue that inspires us and keeps us moving forward, even when obstacles seem insurmountable..... The journey of reconciliation calls for patience and trust. Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for." To read Pope Francis's message in full please look online. Please use the Pax Christi envelopes in the porch - thank you.

### **GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING**

The group will be meeting today Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January in the hall after the 11.30am Mass.

### **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

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

### **ST ANDREW'S AFTERNOON TEA PARTY**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for our next Afternoon Tea party on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The White Flower Appeal for 2020 – the Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend.

On 21 October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government at Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack. Gill Gilhooly will be here to speak for a few minutes about the work of SPUC.

## 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.

## CHAPLAINCY & SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM

The Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care with Bereavement Services at Croydon University Hospital are looking for new volunteers in 2020 to train and support the team as Chaplaincy Volunteers. To join a great team and to get further information please contact Revd Andy Dovey Lead for Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care with Bereavement Services at Croydon University Hospital, tel 0208 401 3105 or 07557 014739, email [andrew.dovey@nhs.net](mailto:andrew.dovey@nhs.net) or see the poster in the porch.

### Quote of the Week

"To be in Christ is the source of the Christian life; to be like Christ is the sum of his excellence; to be with Christ is the fullness of his joy"

*Charles Hodge*

### Contact Numbers

Chair of the PPC	Maureen Jones	020 8239 0615
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Gift Aid Organiser	Albert Tang	07703 263631
400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins	(email: <a href="mailto:club_400@hotmail.com">club_400@hotmail.com</a> )
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