

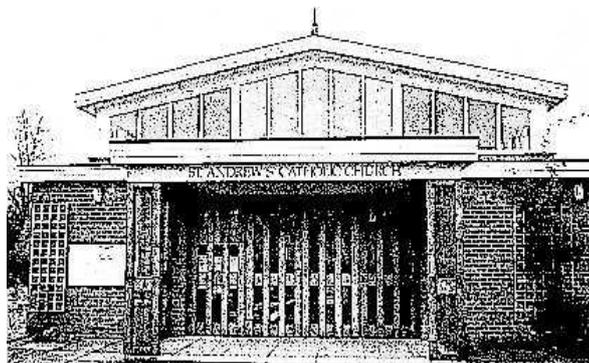
# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.*

## 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

### Message from Fr Hyacinth

#### CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Today Matthew's gospel presents us with a quotation from the prophecy of Isaiah: "The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death, a light has dawned." Isaiah was speaking of Galilee occupied by the two tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali. It was a fertile land which experienced the attacks of her enemies across the border. The Assyrians attacked them and carried away some of their people as slaves in 732 B.C. Inspired by God, Isaiah looks into the future and sees a great light shining over the region and a tremendous joy filling the heart of Galileans. In the Gospel of today, Matthew sees the prophecy of Isaiah when Jesus began his public ministry in Galilee. Jesus is the light of the world; the goodnews of Christ brings light and splendour into our lives.

Jesus called disciples to join him in spreading the goodnews of the Kingdom: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus knew from the beginning that he cannot do this work alone. We need helpers and collaborators. Bringing the light of Christ into the darkness of people's lives is a difficult task. It is not a ministry only for the apostles, the bishops, priests and deacons. It is for everybody. We need the laity to serve as lectors, altar servers, adorers, ushers, welcomers and Eucharistic ministers. What are you doing in your family to encourage vocations to priestly and diaconate ministries and to religious life and to services performed by the laity in the christian community?

Week of prayer for unity among Christians all over the world: Saint Paul tells us in today's second reading: "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice." The week of prayer for Christian unity will soon end but we must continue to pray for unity; first among ourselves as Catholics who live and work with people from different cultural backgrounds. We need to pray for sincere love, tolerance, kindness and respect for one another and collaboration in our apostolate.

#### This Sunday's Readings

**Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

**Psalm 26**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

**In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light**

**The Lord is my light and my help**

**Make up the difference between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves**

**He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Rita Goveia RIP (Anniv)
	9.30am	<b>Mass (Adoration Inaugural Mass)</b>	Michael Moloney RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am	Mass	Philip Johnson & all deceased in the Family RIP
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	Aphne Amevenu (Birthday)
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Angela Merici</i> <i>2 Samuel 5:1-7. 10</i> <i>Mark 3:22-30</i>	7.30am	Mass	Errol David Joseph RIP James MacNeely RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>5.45 – 7.15pm</b>	<b>Beavers (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.00 - 8.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Surgery</b>	
	<b>7.00 – 8.00pm</b>	<b>Exposition and Adoration</b>	
	<b>7.30 – 9.00pm</b>	<b>Scouts (hall)</b>	
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i> <i>2 Samuel 6:12-15. 17-19</i> <i>Mark 3:31-35</i>	7.30am	Mass	Hugh Hickland RIP Annamma Joseph RIP (Anniv)
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>2 Samuel 7:4-17</i> <i>Mark 4:1-20</i>	7.30am	Mass	Canon Francis Moran RIP (Anniv) Deidra McShane RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Active Retirement Group</b>	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Nurses Guild meeting (EA meeting room)</b>	
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>2 Samuel 7:18-19. 24-29</i> <i>Mark 4:21-25</i>	7.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP George Hennessey (Wellbeing)
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>7.00 – 8.30pm</b>	<b>Cubs (St James the Great)</b>	
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> <i>St John Bosco</i> <i>2 Samuel 11:1-10. 13-17</i> <i>Mark 4:26-34</i>	7.30am	Mass	For Our Suffering Souls Peace in Southern Cameroon
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>2 Samuel 12:1-7. 10-17</i> <i>Mark 4:35-41</i>	9.20 – 11.15am	First Holy Communion	Fr John Ehichioya RIP (Anniv)  Peace in Southern Cameroon
	9.30am	Mass	
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday		
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.30am	Mass	Linda & Socrates Papapetrou RIP Joe & James Brennan RIP  Mr Ajibola Oyeyinka RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am	Mass	
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	

### Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,267.10
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,967.10
Collection for Peace Sunday	£ 610.10
Second collection for SPUC	

*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

### **CONFIRMATION 2020**

Bishop Paul Hendricks will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11am Mass. This is the last weekend that requests to be confirmed will be accepted. This is for those in year 9 and above who wish to be confirmed. Please be prepared to give your reasons. A reminder to all who have already requested the Sacrament that the catechists would like to have all request e-mails in by 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

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

### **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.

### **EXPOSITION AND ADORATION**

This Monday between 7.00 and 8.00pm, we have Exposition and an hour of silent prayer. This happens every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month and is an opportunity to come in and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord. There are no organised prayers and people are free to come and go as they wish. It ends with a simple Benediction just before 8.00pm.

### **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. The next one will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February please see the notice board for full programme details and contacts.

### **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.

### **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.

### **PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE WORD – 2020**

Living God, You walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. **Amen.**

**V.** Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

**R.** This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation            *Pray for us*

St Matthew                                    *Pray for us*

St Jerome                                      *Pray for us*

St Andrew                                      *Pray for us*

### **THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – YEAR OF THE WORD 2020**

To mark the special Year of the Word Archbishop John Wilson is inviting all Parishes in the diocese to join him for a special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. More details will be published in due course, but please save the date in your diary.

### **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**

God loves us more than a father, mother, friend  
or anyone else could love, and even more than  
we are able to love ourselves

*Saint John Chrysostom*

#### **Contact Numbers**

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Parish Secretary	Danielle Lewin	020 8684 3013
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