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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

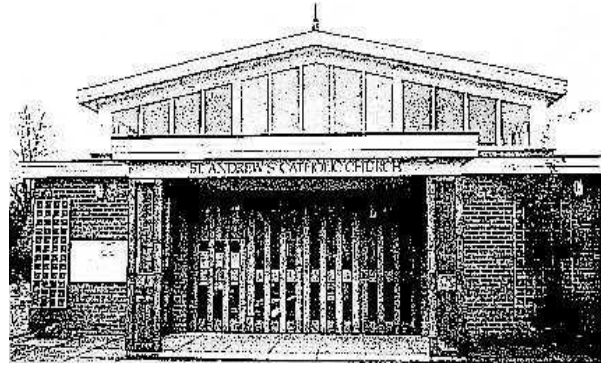
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**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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## 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 The Epiphany of The Lord (A)

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### 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.

### This Sunday's Readings

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Above you the glory of the Lord appears**

**Psalm 71**

**All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord**

**Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**

**It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**We saw his star and have come to do the king homage**

## Diary for the Week

<p><b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i></p> <p><i>Holyday of Obligation</i></p>	<p>6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>11.30am Mass</p> <p><b>5.00pm Rosary</b></p> <p><b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b></p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p> <p><b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b></p>	<p>Parishioners</p> <p>Dorothy James RIP</p> <p>John Carrapiett RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Mary Josephine Wells RIP</p>
<p><b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Feria of Christmas time</i></p> <p><i>1 John 3:22-4:6</i> <i>Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mass</p> <p><b>7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</b></p>	<p>Mrs D'Costa (Thanksgiving)</p> <p>Patrick Nolan RIP</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Saint Raymond of Penyafort</i></p> <p><i>1 John 4:7-10</i> <i>Mark 6:34-44</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mass</p> <p><b>6.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)</b></p>	<p>Virginia &amp; Vincent Athuayde RIP</p> <p>Brian Boothroyd RIP</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Feria of Christmas time</i></p> <p><i>1 John 4:11-18</i> <i>Mark 6:45-52</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mass</p> <p><b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b></p> <p><b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b></p> <p><b>7.00pm Baptism Meeting (EA meeting room)</b></p> <p><b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b></p>	<p>Mary Keeveney RIP</p> <p>Andres Velbis</p>
<p><b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Feria of Christmas time</i></p> <p><i>1 John 4:19-5:4</i> <i>Luke 4:14-22</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mass</p> <p><b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b></p> <p><b>7.30pm Adoration helpers meeting</b></p>	<p>Brigalds D'Souza RIP</p> <p>Hayfron Family (Well-being)</p>
<p><b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Feria of Christmas time</i></p> <p><i>1 John 5:5-13</i> <i>Luke 5:12-16</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mass</p> <p><b>6.30pm Induction Mass for Fr Emmanuel</b></p>	<p>Mike Gisczak RIP</p> <p>The Maras Family</p>
<p><b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Feria of Christmas time</i></p> <p><i>1 John 5:14-21</i> <i>John 3:22-30</i></p>	<p><b>9.20am First Holy Communion Meeting (hall)</b></p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p><b>10.00am Rosary</b></p> <p><b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b></p> <p><b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b></p> <p><b>6.00pm First Mass of Sunday: Thanksgiving Mass for St Andrew's volunteers</b></p>	<p>Teresa Crystal</p> <p>Parishioners</p>
<p><b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>The Baptism of The Lord</i></p>	<p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>11.30am Mass</p> <p><b>4.00pm Confirmation Catechists Meeting (EA meeting room)</b></p> <p><b>5.00pm Rosary</b></p> <p><b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b></p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p> <p><b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b></p>	<p>John Messina RIP</p> <p>Mrs Felicia Boateng (Thanksgiving)</p> <p>Mrs O'Hara RIP</p>

### Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,342.65
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,042.65

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 2  
Next week Team 3



#### Church Cleaners

This week Judie's Crew

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We wish you all a Holy, Happy and Prosperous New Year from Frs Emmanuel, James and Hyacinth, Deacons Tony and Errol and the Sisters.

### **THANK YOU**

The Priests thank you for your most generous Christmas offerings. Thank you also from the Pastoral team for the many cards and gifts given to them personally and for your continued prayers and support. A special thank you to those who worked so hard behind the scenes for all our Christmas celebrations, helping in the hall with our festivities, the choirs, Christmas Crib, Altar Servers, Church flowers, cleaners, the Parish Council. Thank you again for helping us to prepare our Church to welcome Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

### **FR FRANCIS**

As you know, Fr Francis has just left us to move to St John Fisher in Merton as their new Assistant Priest. Although before he joins St John Fisher he will be going to Nigeria for a holiday. Fr Francis would like to thank you all for your help, support and friendship while he was with us and he asks you to keep him in your prayers as he will keep all of us in his prayers.

### **FR HYACINTH EDOKWE C.S.Sp**

We welcome Fr Hyacinth to St Andrews. He joins us from St John Fisher in Merton. We hope he will be very happy here at St Andrews.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

For those who have signed up to this year's programme, the books (parent book and child's workbook) will be available to purchase after the 9.30am Mass today, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January, in the hall. The first session starts on the 11<sup>th</sup> January with attendance at the 9.30am Mass.

### **FR EMMANUEL**

Fr Emmanuel invites you all to his Induction Mass at St Andrews on 10<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm. Please join us for this special Mass followed by a reception in the hall afterwards.

### **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.

### **THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE VOLUNTEERS AT ST ANDREWS**

We would like to invite all our volunteers to our special thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm. A message from Fr Emmanuel: "We, the Clergy, are most grateful to all our volunteers who work so hard all the year round to help us and the Church run as smoothly as possible. We have many helpers who care very much about St Andrew's and our parishioners and they work closely with the Clergy to help in any way they can. Please join us for our special Mass so that we can all thank Our Lord together for looking after us and helping us too."

### **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. Further details to follow.

## **400 CLUB DECEMBER DRAW**

A. Castelo - £20 No: 41

Valarie Chandler - £10 No: 15

Bernadette Menezes - £10 No: 13

## **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. Whilst the Church finishes Christmas with Candlemas our Crib will be up for a while longer as this marks the light of God coming into the world. The presence of the Crib staying up reminds us that Christ is always in the world after His birth.

## **PARISH SURGERY**

Every Monday evening, between 7pm and 8pm, one of the Pastoral Team is available in the Presbytery 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. Surgery resumes again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in the Presbytery (45 Brook Road).

## **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.

## **FOREIGN COINS**

We are increasingly receiving foreign coins in our collections. Please can we ask you *not* to put these in our collections as they often get trapped in our counting machine and the bank will not accept foreign currency from us. You can donate your foreign currency to the many charities who do accept them.

### **Quote of the Week**

Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children,  
cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect  
confidence.

*Saint Francis de Sales*

### **Contact Numbers**

Chair of the PPC	Maureen Jones	020 8239 0615
Convent	Sr Jennie Eldridge	020 8689 0454
Gift Aid Organiser	Albert Tang	07703 263631
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