# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - THORNTON HEATH

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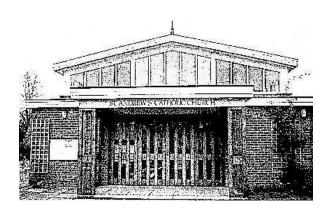
**Priests:** Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.

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.

# 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

# Message from Fr Emmanuel

As you know, we are still in the Sermon on the Mount. Last week, we read from the Sermon on the Mount and it's that part that Jesus says that, "You are the light of the world." Very dramatic, especially to the people he was talking to, because the people he was talking to were not very exceptional – just ordinary people gathered together on that hillock on that fateful day when Jesus told them, not what they should be but what they are, not whether they were going to heaven but what they were to be here and now in the world in which we live.

What Jesus is saying to us is, "I am with you. Together we bring new light and brightness and hope and all the things that have been hungered for down through the ages. I will not do it alone. I will do it with you." And so, every moment of your lives, without you realising it, whether you're asleep, awake, eating, enjoying yourself, weeping, whatever it is, you continue to be one with the light of the world, and the light belongs to Jesus who has decided to become, not one of us, but responsible for all of us. We are called to holistic witnessing to the gospel values.

And so, in continuation of the sermon on the mount, Jesus in today's gospel said to his disciples, "unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." What does he mean? Righteousness means they would be right with God, they would be right with their brothers and sisters, and they would be right with the whole world. May God help us to grow in righteousness that surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisee that was self-centred.

This Sunday's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 He never commanded anyone to be godless

Psalm 118 They are happy who follow God's law!

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the

ages began

Matthew 5:17-37 You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say

this to you

Diary for the Week

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Sunday 16th February	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday		Paul Etuka RIP		
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year					
	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners		
	11.30am	Mass	Teresa & Kevin Aidoo RIP		
	5.00pm	Rosary			
	5.15 – 5.45pm	<b>Exposition and Benediction</b>			
	6.00pm	Mass	Kidane Family RIP		
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group			
Monday 17th February	7.30am	Mass	Bridie Furey RIP (Anniv)		
The Seven Holy Founders	10.00am	Funeral Mass	John Claude Jackson RIP		
of the Servite Order	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery			
James 1:1-11	•	e v			
Mark 8:11-13					
Tuesday 18th February	7.30am	Mass	Patricia Wocial (Special Intention)		
Feria	10.00am	Mass	Breda Furey RIP		
James 1:12-18					
Mark 8:14-21					
Wednesday 19th February	7.30am	Mass	Kirshan Andradi (Well being)		
Feria	10.00am	Mass	Rosalina Velbis		
James 1:19-27	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	Rosumu verois		
Mark 8:22-26	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)			
Thursday 20th February	7.30am	Mass	Mary Ann Jones		
Feria	10.00am	Mass	The Ritchie Family		
James 2:1-9	7.00 - 8.30pm	Cubs (St James the Great)	The Riteme Laminy		
Mark 8:27-33	7.00 - 8.30pm	Cubs (St James the Great)			
Friday 21st February	7.30am	Mass	James Power		
Saint Peter Damian	10.00am	Mass			
James 2:14-24. 26			Timothy Andradi RIP		
		Adoration all day in Church			
Mark 8:34-9:1	6.30pm	Brownies/Guides (hall)			
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.20 – 11.15am	First Holy Communions	En John Ehishiese DID		
The Chair of Saint Peter	9.30am	Mass	Fr John Ehichioya RIP		
the Apostle	10.00am	Rosary			
1 Peter 5:1-4	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions			
Matthew 16:13-19	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions			
G I cord T	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Con Mahoney (Anniv)		
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners		
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	11.30am	Mass	Francis D'Souza RIP (Anniv)		
	3.00pm	Confirmation Candidates &			
Day for the Unemployed	<b>7</b> 00	Parents Meeting (Church)			
	5.00pm	Rosary			
	5.15 – 5.45pm	<b>Exposition and Benediction</b>			
	6.00pm	Mass	Fr Edward Mostyn		
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group			

Money Matters	
Collection Last Sunday	£1,016.99
Payment by Standing Order	£ 700.00
Total offertory	£1,716.99
Collection for Racial Justice Day	£ 378.72
Thank you for your generosity	,

# Altar Servers

This week Team 2 Next week Team 3



# Church Cleaners

This week Sancho's Dusters Next week St Jude's Group

# St. Andrew's Parish Notices

# **ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**

Throughout all the changes with the priests in our parish and the fact that we have not met for over a year, it is clear that we need to come together and formally introduce to ourselves, our priests as one body. Therefore an Altar Servers meeting on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 11am in the Church has been arranged. This meeting shall be attended by all our priests and all Altar Servers from all the teams are requested to come along. Frs Emmanuel, Hyacinth and James look forward to meeting you all on the 29<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. Parents are also invited to attend. Please can everyone ensure that they attend this important meeting.

# **GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING**

The group will be meeting today Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

#### **LENT 2020**

On Ash Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, there will be Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and 8.00pm. This marks the start of Lent and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Ashes are blessed during Mass.

# Lenten Reflections on the God who speaks

As part of celebrating the Year of the Word, during Lent we will be having reflections on our Lent Scripture Project. These will be held every Thursday evening starting on  $27^{th}$  February for six weeks with the last one on  $2^{nd}$  April, at 7.30 - 9.00pm in the hall. The hall will be open from 7.00pm when teas and coffees will be served. Please check our poster in the porch for more details.

# **Lenten Masses in Croydon University Hospital**

Also on Ash Wednesday there will be Mass at 12 noon and every Monday during Lent at 12 noon, in the hospital Chapel (near Woodcroft Road). All are most welcome.

# WEEKLY ADORATION

Please join us in the weekly Friday Adorations which will take place every Friday here at St Andrews from 10.30am – 10pm. All are very welcome to participate.

# 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  $22^{nd}$  February, please see the notice board for full programme details and contacts.

#### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The collection will be for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

# **NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

The group will be meeting on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the hall after the 11.30am Mass.

# 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 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.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

These are now available to purchase from the Repository – with apologies for the delay.

# **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.

# NOTICES IN THE CHURCH PORCH

Please may we remind you that <u>all</u> notices for the Church porch should be authorised by the Parish Priest before it can be put up. All notices that do not have prior authorisation will be taken down.

# BIBLE SOCIETY AND THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Garden inspired by Psalm 23

In May 2020, Bible Society is sponsoring a garden based on Psalm 23 at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2020 – please check it out! <a href="https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/psalm-23/">https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/psalm-23/</a>.

After the show, it is hoped that communities, churches and schools across the country will be inspired to create their own Psalm 23 based gardens in all kinds of places: church grounds, community plots, disused plots of land, unused school outdoor areas etc.

# ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

This year (2020) sees 75th anniversary of VE Day. To mark this occasion in the month of February, Southwark and Westminster Dioceses are working in partnership on a project to capture stories relating to the role that Catholic churches and Catholic parishes played in the war, as well as the effect that the war had on them. Their message is "We are aware of a huge number of stories and anecdotes, be them serious or lighthearted and for the first time we would like to collect as many as possible to make sure that they are recorded for future generations. This is part of a wider project which will see the creation of a heritage trail around significant Catholic assets and churches.

We would like to ask all parishioners to share their stories by email: <a href="mailto:catholicheritage@rcaos.org.uk">catholicheritage@rcaos.org.uk</a> or write to: Catholic Heritage, Archbishop's House, 150 St George's Road London SE1 6HE".

# Quote of the Week

In matters that are so obscure and far beyond our vision, we find in Holy Scripture passages which can be interpreted in very different ways without prejudice to the faith we have received.

St Augustine of Hippo

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400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins	(email: club 400(	@hotmail.com)			
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Parish Secretary	Danielle Lewin	,	020 8684 3013			
Primary School	St. James the Great		020 8771 3424			