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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

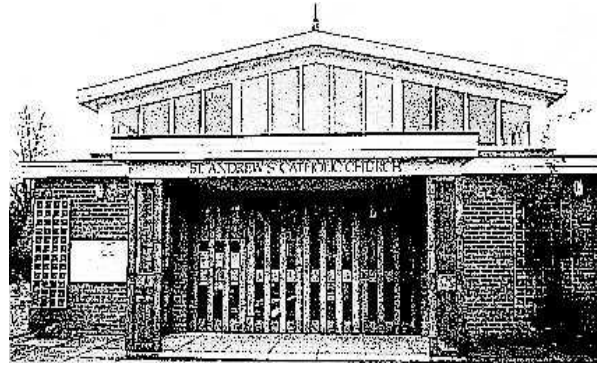
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## PASTORAL TEAM

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

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### 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	
<b>Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20</b>	<b>He never commanded anyone to be godless</b>
<b>Psalms 118</b>	<b>They are happy who follow God's law!</b>
<b>1 Corinthians 2:6-10</b>	<b>God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began</b>
<b>Matthew 5:17-37</b>	<b>You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP
	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	Teresa & Kevin Aidoo RIP
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	Kidane Family RIP
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> <i>James 1:1-11</i> <i>Mark 8:11-13</i>	7.30am	Mass	Bridie Furey RIP (Anniv)
	10.00am	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	John Claude Jackson RIP
	<b>7.00 - 8.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Surgery</b>	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>James 1:12-18</i> <i>Mark 8:14-21</i>	7.30am	Mass	Patricia Wocial (Special Intention)
	10.00am	Mass	Breda Furey RIP
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>James 1:19-27</i> <i>Mark 8:22-26</i>	7.30am	Mass	Kirshan Andradi (Well being)
	10.00am	Mass	Rosalina Velbis
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Feria</i> <i>James 2:1-9</i> <i>Mark 8:27-33</i>	7.30am	Mass	Mary Ann Jones
	10.00am	Mass	The Ritchie Family
	<b>7.00 – 8.30pm</b>	<b>Cubs (St James the Great)</b>	
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> <i>Saint Peter Damian</i> <i>James 2:14-24, 26</i> <i>Mark 8:34-9:1</i>	7.30am	Mass	James Power
	10.00am	Mass	Timothy Andradi RIP
	<b>10.30am – 10pm</b>	<b>Adoration all day in Church</b>	
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <i>The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle</i> <i>1 Peter 5:1-4</i> <i>Matthew 16:13-19</i>	9.20 – 11.15am	First Holy Communions	
	9.30am	Mass	Fr John Ehichioya RIP
	<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	Con Mahoney (Anniv)
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>  <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	Francis D'Souza RIP (Anniv)
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Candidates &amp; Parents Meeting (Church)</b>	
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
	<b>5.15 – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Exposition and Benediction</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	Fr Edward Mostyn
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	

### Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,016.99
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
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 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 all 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! <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/psalm-23/>.

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: [catholicheritage@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:catholicheritage@rcaos.org.uk) 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*

#### **Contact Numbers**

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