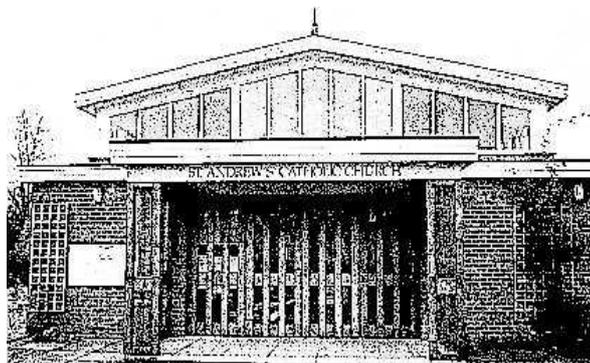

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

23rd February 2020 7th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Deacon Errol

LENT – TIME FOR STOCK TAKE

This week we enter into the season of Lent. This is a time of preparation in the run-up to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday, when we receive ashes on our forehead as a sign of our penance and a reminder that from dust have we come and to dust we will return. With the ashes on our forehead we show our readiness to observe Lent.

During this forty day period, we are called to *fasting, praying, doing good works (Charity) and abstinence* to help us grow to be more like Christ. Jesus himself said that his disciples would fast once he had departed (Lk.5:35). Lent gives us the opportunity to take stock on our lives, and open the door to our hearts to God to restore, transform and set us apart for Christ.

Observing Lent helps us to re-live Jesus' temptation by the devil in the desert to his ultimate triumph over sin and death at 'The Resurrection' at Easter. In him we too triumph over sin and if we stay close to him, be raised up from the dead.

As the faithful prepare during Lent for Easter, some of our sisters and brothers (catechumenate and candidates) desiring to become full members of the Catholic Church went to the Cathedral to celebrate the Rite of Election, which on the first Saturday of Lent. The faithful joins the catechumens and candidates (now called the Elect) in their spiritual preparation for their great night at the Easter Vigil, when they will be baptised and/or confirmed and be admitted to the Eucharist for the first time. The Elect should be observing the same things as the rest of the Church community; in prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works.

Let us make this a time to develop a closer relationship with Christ and his Bride (The Church) for our redemption.

This Sunday's Readings	
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18	You must love your neighbour, as yourself
Psalms 102	The Lord is compassion and love
1 Corinthians 3:16-23	All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God
Matthew 5:38-48	Love your enemies

Diary for the Week

<p>Sunday 23rd February <i>7th Sunday of the Year</i></p> <p><i>Day for the Unemployed</i></p>	<p>6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 3.00pm Confirmation Candidates & Parents Meeting (Church) 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</p>	<p>Con Mahoney (Anniv) Parishioners Francis D'Souza RIP (Anniv)</p> <p>Fr Edward Mostyn</p>
<p>Monday 24th February <i>James 3:13-18</i> <i>Mark 9:14-29</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)</p>	<p>Alan Barley RIP Rose Freeman RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>Tuesday 25th February <i>St Ethelbert</i> <i>James 4:1-10, Mark 9:30-37</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30 – 7.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)</p>	<p>Domnick L'Dsouza Apolonia Okoroafor RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 26th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Day of Fast and Abstinence</i> <i>Joel 2:12-18</i> <i>Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 12noon Mass Croydon Uni Hospital 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall) 8.00pm Mass</p>	<p>Charlie Navarro (Anniv) Bartholomew Ramos RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>Thursday 27th February <i>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</i> <i>Luke 9:22-25</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great) 7.30 – 9.00pm Lent Scripture Project (hall)</p>	<p>For Souls in Purgatory James Conroy RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>Friday 28th February <i>Isaiah 58:1-9</i> <i>Matthew 9:14-15</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass 10.30am – 10pm Adoration all day in Church 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</p>	<p>Mr Trafford RIP Joyce Lissenburg RIP</p>
<p>Saturday 29th February <i>Isaiah 58:9-14</i> <i>Luke 5:27-32</i></p>	<p>9.20 – 11.15am First Holy Communions 9.30am Mass 10.00am Rosary 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Altar Server Meeting 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>Special Intention for Ritchie Family</p> <p>Glenda McGrath</p>
<p>Sunday 1st March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p>9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation Group (hall) 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass (enrolment of Confirmation candidates) 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</p>	<p>Maria Fernandes (Wellbeing) Nurse Liz Charles</p> <p>Eudoxy D'Souza RIP</p>

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£ 947.60
Payment by Standing Order	£ <u>700.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,647.60
Second collection for Poor Parishes	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

This week St Jude's Group
Next week Judie's Crew

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 29th 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 and Hyacinth look forward to meeting you all on the 29th February at 11am. Parents are also invited to attend. Please can everyone ensure that they attend this important meeting.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

Please note that there is a meeting today, 23rd February, for the Confirmation candidates and their parents in the Church at 3.00pm.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting today Sunday 23rd February in the hall after the 11.30am Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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.

LENT 2020

On Ash Wednesday, 26th 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 will be distributed at all Masses.

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 27th February for six weeks with the last one on 2nd 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.

Friday Masses

During Lent please note that this year, our normal 7.30am Mass will continue to be at this time as we are not able to facilitate by bringing it forward to 6.30am.

WEEKLY ADORATION

Please join us in the weekly Friday Adorations which will take place every Friday here at St Andrews from 10.30am – 10pm, except on First Fridays when the time is 10.30am – 6.00pm. All are very welcome to attend at any time.

Since we will now have Friday Adorations every Friday, this will replace our usual Family Holy Hours and our 4th Monday Adorations which will not take place now.

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Your donations go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sister Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. Sister Consilia is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just couldn't continue as there wouldn't be enough funding to support it.

On Friday 6th March, we ask you to eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sister Consilia to continue her life-saving work – helping the health of the world’s poorest people. Through CAFOD’s global Church family – one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Francis Gilbert will be here to speak for a few minutes about the work of CAFOD after all Masses on 29th February and 1st March.

This weekend please collect your Family Fast Day envelope from the Church and return your envelopes on the weekend of 7th and 8th March.

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 28th March, please see the notice board for full programme details and contacts.

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	<i>Pray for us</i>
St Matthew	<i>Pray for us</i>
St Jerome	<i>Pray for us</i>
St Andrew	<i>Pray for us</i>

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These are now available to purchase from the Repository.

CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES FOR THE CHURCH

The Catholic Bishop’s conference of England and Wales has issued guidance for the Church concerning coronavirus. They insist, “At the time of writing, individuals in the UK remain at low risk from coronavirus”. The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus. We should be doing this all the time for flu:

- Catch it - sneeze into a tissue
- Bin it - bin the tissue
- Kill it - wash your hands with soap and water
- Do not touch your face unless you’ve washed your hands
- Ensure good regular cleaning of surfaces lots of people touch regularly
- Ensuring ministers of the Eucharist wash their hands before distributing communion or sanitise them is a good practice to encourage always.

Quote of the Week

Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life.

Pope Benedict XVI

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