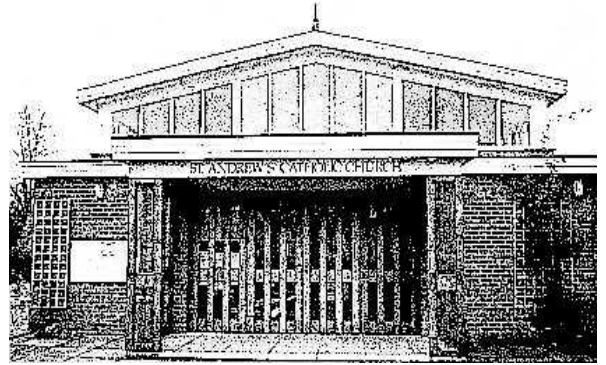

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

9th February 2020 5th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Deacon Tony

In the past week we have commemorated many martyrs of the Catholic faith. Monday was St Blaise, Wednesday St Agatha and Thursday St Paul Miki and his companions, there are understood to have been twenty five companions. Martyred on the same day as Paul Miki were Gonsalo Garcia and his companions, of which there are believe to be twenty nine, so this week alone we commemorate fifty seven martyrs to the faith, things must have been dreadful, frightening, for Christians back then, thank God they have improved.

But they haven't. The twentieth century saw more Christians martyred than had happened in the nineteen hundred years prior to that. Sadly the twenty-first century is shaping up to be just as bad. The big threat to us comes from militant Islamic groups. Not the Muslims we have as friends, not those who are our close neighbours, not the ones we meet when shopping, but the organised, criminal terrorists who act in the name of Islam, such as the actions of Boko Haram and those who attacked the churches in Sri Lanka.

One of the most frightening things about such attacks is the reticence of the liberal elite to identify this as a religious rather than social problem. Note how after the Sri Lankan attack some world leaders spoke of "Easter Worshipers" being attacked, it was as if the word Christian would be an anathema to them.

So we must speak out about this, we must be blunt, and we must be forthright in protecting our sisters and brothers in faith, or else, who will do it for us?

This also means we must support others who are persecuted, or, we will find ourselves remembering the word of Lutheran pastor Martin Niemöller's prose First They Came....

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 58:7-10	Then will your light shine like the dawn
Psalms 111	The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright
1 Corinthians 2:1-5	During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ
Matthew 5:13-16	You are the light of the world

Diary for the Week

Sunday 9th February <i>5th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Peace in Southern Cameroon Francis John Hampshire RIP Barbara Eileen Scott RIP (Anniv) Theresa Epie (Thanksgiving)
Monday 10th February <i>Saint Scholastica</i> <i>1 Kings 8:1-7. 9-13</i> <i>Mark 6:53-56</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	Marianne Hayfron (Birthday) Mr Leslie Michael RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 11th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>World Day for the Sick</i> <i>1 Kings 8:22-23. 27-30</i> <i>Mark 7:1-13</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Francis John Hampshire RIP Special Intention of Patricia Wocial
Wednesday 12th February <i>Feria</i> <i>1 Kings 10:1-10</i> <i>Mark 7:14-23</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall annex) 6.30pm First Holy Communion Parents Meeting (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall annex)	Pat McMahon RIP Catherine Viegas RIP
Thursday 13th February <i>Feria</i> <i>1 Kings 11:4-13</i> <i>Mark 7:24-30</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	Margaret Lehane RIP Frank (Thanksgiving)
Friday 14th February <i>Saints Cyril and Methodius</i> <i>Acts 13:46-49, Luke 10:1-9</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Mary McAleer RIP John & Winifred Devine & Deceased Members of the family
Saturday 15th February <i>Feria</i> <i>1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34</i> <i>Mark 8:1-10</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00am Rosary 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Kathleen Hill RIP Paul Etuka RIP
Sunday 16th February <i>6th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Parishioners Teresa & Kevin Aidoo RIP Kidane Family RIP

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,357.25
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,057.25
Second collection for Racial Justice Day	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
 Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

This week Fifi's Group
 Next week Sancho's Dusters

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This weekend the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice – the theme is: “You are at the heart of the Church”, it will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect and respond to racial justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the travelling communities. To support the Church in its work with travellers, a second collection will be taken and your contributions, however great or small will help to make a difference.

WEEKLY ADORATION

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

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Please note that because we will now have the weekly Friday Adorations, the Family Holy Hour will now not take place.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Archbishop John would like highlight the 28th World Day of the Sick, which takes place on Tuesday 11th February.

The theme this year is *'Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened'*, and in relation to this matter, Pope Francis is encouraging in healthcare workers the human warmth and personalised approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan.

MEETING WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

All Priests in the Archdiocese including our Priests will be joining the Archbishop for an all night meeting on 12-13th February in Croydon. Our Priests will be praying for all of us.

LENT

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.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

A meeting has been arranged for all Altar Servers on Saturday 29th February at 11.00am in the Church. Parents are also invited to attend. Please can everyone ensure that they attend this important meeting.

COLLECTION FOR THE WHITE FLOWER APPEAL – SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

Gill Gilhooly would like to thank everyone on behalf of SPUC for the fantastic response given at the weekend of 26th January for the second collection. We collected over £670 and 100 cards were signed after the Masses which SPUC are collating and will present to the Prime Minister as soon as they receive an appointment with him – thank you all again.

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 22nd February, please see the notice board for full programme details and contacts.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting on Sunday 16th February after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

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 27th June. More details to follow, but please save the date in your diary.

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.

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.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SDC BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have declared 2020 to be a year of special focus on the Bible. We are called to explore and celebrate the Word of God through the Scriptures, share the Word with others and respond to the "God who speaks" in the way that we live. SDC would like to invite parishioners to their monthly meetings which take place at 38 Ryefield Road, Upper Norwood SE19 3QU. The dates Friday 14th February; 13th March and 3th April. Starting at 7.30pm, the meeting will include reflections, readings and prayer. For more info call the SDC House on 0208 7685159 or text John on 07986533292. All welcome.

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 or write to: Catholic Heritage, Archbishop's House, 150 St George's Road London SE1 6HE".

Quote of the Week

"There is no doubt that the effort to proclaim the Gospel to the people of today, who are buoyed up by hope but at the same time often oppressed by fear and distress, is a service rendered to the Christian community and also to the whole of humanity"

Pope St John Paul II, Evangelii Nuntiandi

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