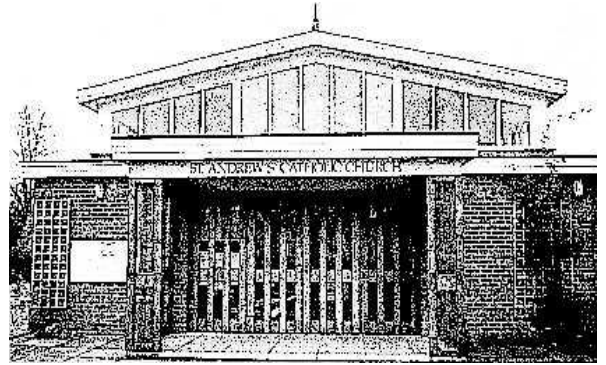

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

1st March 2020 First Sunday of Lent (A)

Message from Fr Hyacinth

Brothers and sisters, I welcome you to this season of lent. Meditating on the word of God during this lent gives us a tremendous opportunity to renew our lives by taking correct decisions and assisted by grace of God available to us through the frequent reception of the sacraments. Lent is a time we are called to repent from our sins and to seek help through the sacrament of reconciliation. By repenting, we change the worldly ways we think, feel and behave. It is time to make new resolutions. During Jesus temptations in the desert, he utilized the correct weapons to combat evil. Our spiritual weapons must be stronger and sharper than that of our enemy. In our spiritual life, there is no standstill; you're either moving forward or moving backwards. That is why every evening, we are encouraged to do an examination of conscience recognising that an unexamined life is not worth living. Lent is a time we are called to intensify our prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

In the end, our lenten desert experience will lead us to a greater love of God and love for our fellow human beings. When we are filled with love of God and love for our fellow human beings; we become intentional disciples; we become evangelisers. The joy of the Lord becomes our strength and this joy and our deliberate decision to follow Jesus empowers us to tell others to taste and see that the Lord is good. In John 10:10, Jesus tells us: "I came to give you life, life in abundance." May we experience this abundant joy and life during this lenten season and be ready to share this joy and life with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

This Sunday's Readings

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7	The creation and sin of our first parents
Psalms 50	Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned
Romans 5:12-19	However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater
Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted

Diary for the Week

Sunday 1st March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Glenda McGrath
	9.30am	Mass	Maria Fernandes (Wellbeing) Nurse Liz Charles
	11.30am	Mass	
	4.00pm	Confirmation Group	Eudoxy D'Souza RIP
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass (enrolment of Confirmation candidates)	
7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group		
Monday 2nd March <i>Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18</i> <i>Matthew 25:31-46</i>	7.30am	Mass	Conrad Lobo RIP (Birthday) Joyce Lissenburg RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	5.45 – 7.15pm	Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
7.30 – 9.00pm	Scouts (hall)		
Tuesday 3rd March <i>Isaiah 55:10-11</i> <i>Matthew 6:7-15</i>	7.30am	Mass	Special Intention Patricia Wocial Ruby D'Souza RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 4th March <i>St Casimir</i> <i>Jonah 3:1-10</i> <i>Luke 11:29-32</i>	7.30am	Mass	Mr Trafford RIP Mrs Apolonia Okoroafor RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	2.00pm	Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.00pm	Baptism meeting	
7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)		
Thursday 5th March <i>Esther 4:17</i> <i>Matthew 7:7-12</i>	7.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP Marie Carberry RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.00 – 8.30pm	Cubs (St James the Great)	
	7.30 – 9.00pm	Lent Scripture Project (hall)	
Friday 6th March <i>First Friday</i> <i>Ezekiel 18:21-28</i> <i>Matthew 5:20-26</i>	7.30am	Mass	Kirtida & Tim Andradi (Wellbeing) Teresa Adjei-Mensah RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	10.30am – 6pm	Adoration	
	6.30pm	Brownies/Guides (hall)	
	6.30pm	Syro Malabar Mass	
Saturday 7th March <i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity</i> <i>Deuteronomy 26:16-19</i> <i>Matthew 5:43-48</i>	9.20 – 11.15am	First Holy Communion	Adrian Gladwin Freeman RIP Parishioners
	9.30am	Mass	
	10.00am	Rosary	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 8th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am	Mass	Reuben Arthur (1 st Birthday) Samuel Osei Boadu RIP
	11.30am	Mass	
	5.00pm	Rosary	Frank (Wellbeing)
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,392.48
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,092.48
Collection for Poor Parishes	£ 568.98

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

This week Judie's Crew
Next week Fifi's Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

LENT 2020

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 which started on 27th February and will go on 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. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays 10.30am and at 8.00pm. Also after 10am Mass on Wednesdays.

Lenten Masses in Croydon University Hospital

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.

ALTAR SERVERS

Applications are now open for those young people in Year 5 and above who wish to become an Altar Server. The application forms may be found at the back of the Church. The forms should be returned to the Priests house by Friday 20th March latest.

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.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to Maureen and David Jones for their many years of contribution to St Andrews as they move on to pastures new. Maureen and David are moving to Dorchester, Dorset and we hope they will be very happy in their new home.

MRS APOLONIA MONICA OKOROAFOR RIP

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs Apolonia Okoroafor, wife of Joseph, who died recently. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family. Funeral details are: Service of Songs, Saturday 7th March at 2.30pm, Elim Church, Stanley Road, Croydon CR0 3QA, reception at LanFranc Academy, Mitcham Road, CR9 3AS (dress code: colourful). Burial Mass, Tuesday 10th March at 12.30pm, St John Fisher RC Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, London SW20 9DB, reception at Central Ward, 55 Ashbridge Way, Morden SM4 4ED (dress code: no black please).

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>

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK: A TIME FOR MOURNING

This retreat/workshop at Aylesford Priory over the weekend of March 20-22, is for those suffering from the pain of loss. It offers a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. A space just for you. More info from 01303 670 880 or email mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk.

CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION (CCF)

With regards to the Year of the Word of God, The God Who Speaks, CCF are inviting people to share their favourite Scripture passage and why. It can be short or long, Old Testament or New, but they would like to hear why it speaks to your heart and how it has inspired your journey of faith.

CCF will look at printing a small booklet containing all entries later in 2020 and would require a name, an email address to get in touch, the chosen passage (including book, chapter and verse - e.g. Isaiah 52:6-10) and the reasons that it is important too. Submissions can be made by post to TGWS, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London, SW17 8BS.

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

"Make a little bouquet of the sufferings of Jesus
and carry them in the bosom of the soul"

Saint Paul of the Cross

Contact Numbers

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