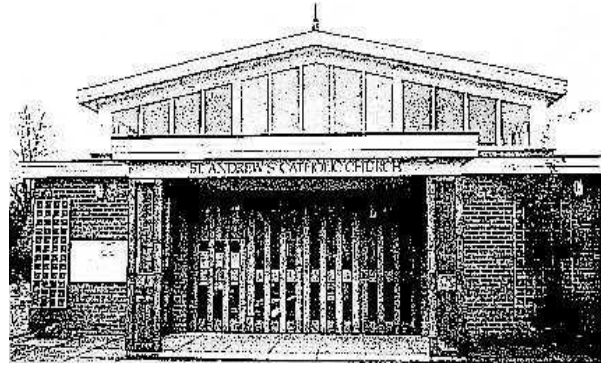

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

8th March 2020 Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Message from Deacon Tony

I know I am a couple of weeks early, but as my previous life was so affected by this tradition, I am going to beat my brother clergy and speak of Mothering Sunday.

In 1975 I started work in the flower trade. At that time our busiest week of the year was the week before Mother's Day. One boss on the company where I first worked would correct anyone who referred to 'Mother's Day' telling them "Now now, we call it Mothering Sunday." He would then explain to people the whole tradition of the day. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. This would also have been the church of their baptism. In later years when people would be baptised in their own parish, the tradition changed and Mass would be attended whichever church you were baptised in.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. Particular deference would have been given to children and even then especially girls, who worked in domestic service, to return home and visit their mothers. However, apprentices, who would most likely be boys, would also be afforded the same treat. As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

Needless to say commercialism crept in and here we are years later having to send cards and take mum out to eat. But Mothering Sunday remains as part of British Catholic tradition, part of our heritage.

This Sunday's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm 32

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9

The call of Abraham, father of the People of God

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you

God calls and enlightens us

His face shone like the sun

Diary for the Week

Sunday 8th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Parishioners
	9.30am	Mass	Reuben Arthur (1 st birthday)
	11.30am	Mass	Samuel Osei Boadu RIP
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Frank (Wellbeing)
Monday 9th March <i>St Francis of Rome</i> <i>Daniel 9:4-10</i> <i>Luke 6:36-38</i>	7.30am	Mass	Archbishop John Wilson (Wellbeing)
	10.00am	Mass	Mr Trafford RIP
	5.45 – 7.15pm	Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
	7.30 – 9.00pm	Scouts (hall)	
Tuesday 10th March <i>Isaiah 1:10. 16-20</i> <i>Matthew 23:1-12</i>	7.30am	Mass	Apolonia Okoroafor RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	6.30pm	R.C.I.C. (hall)	
	7.30pm	Finance Committee	
Wednesday 11th March <i>Jeremiah 18:18-20</i> <i>Matthew 20:17-28</i>	7.30am	Mass	Salomao Rebello RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Victor Notaro RIP (Anniv)
	2.00pm	Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	6.00pm	Baptism (Church)	
Thursday 12th March <i>Jeremiah 17:5-10</i> <i>Luke 16:19-31</i>	7.30am	Mass	Archbishop Peter Smith
	10.00am	Mass	Estella Gonsalves (Birthday)
	7.00 – 8.30pm	Cubs (St James the Great)	
	7.30 - 9.00pm	Lent Scripture Project (hall)	
Friday 13th March <i>Genesis 37:3-4. 12-13. 17-28</i> <i>Matthew 21:33-43. 45-46</i>	7.30am	Mass	Hayfron Family (Wellbeing)
	10.00am	Funeral Mass followed by	Albert Amofa RIP
	to 10pm	Adoration all day in Church	
	6.30pm	Brownies/Guides (hall)	
Saturday 14th March <i>Micah 7:14-15. 18-20</i> <i>Luke 15:1-3. 11-32</i>	9.20 – 11.15am	First Holy Communions	
	9.30am	Mass	Mary Collins RIP
	10.00am	Rosary	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Parishioners
Sunday 15th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am	Mass	Jessica Mary Badu RIP
	11.30am	Mass	Samuel Osei Boadu RIP
	4.00pm	Confirmation Group	
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Loraine Viegas RIP
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,355.78
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 700.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,055.78
Second collection for CAFOD'S Family Fast Day	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

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

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.

Parish Penitential Service

We will be holding our Parish Penitential Service on Monday 6th April at 7.30pm. This is a great way to prepare for Easter and there will be other Priests available to hear individual confessions.

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.

Lenten Masses in Croydon University Hospital

Every Monday during Lent at 12 noon, in the hospital Chapel (near Woodcroft Road). All are most welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY

This weekend we are collecting your Family Fast Day envelopes, thank you for all your continued support.

REMINDER: DBS

Please can we remind everyone who Ministers in the Church and any volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults that you must make sure your DBS is up to date. Please contact Lesley Brennan 07588 550058 for more information.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Order of the Knights of St Columba Council 204 will be holding their monthly meeting here at St Andrew's on Friday 20th March at 8.15pm in the hall to encourage recruitment from the Parish to their Order. The Knights of St Columba is a male Catholic laity organisation with the purpose of supporting the Church and the Clergy. Further information can be found on pamphlets at the back of the Church. We hope that men of the Parish will attend this meeting to find out the useful work that the Order undertakes and will hopefully help you decide to join.

ST ANDREW'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The St Andrew's Social Committee invites you to a sparkling afternoon tea on Saturday 18th April between 2.00 – 5.00pm. Come along for a glass of sparkling wine, all the tea (and coffee) you can drink, scones and cream, cakes and sandwiches. There will be a raffle as well. All proceeds will be put towards the new votive light stands for St Andrew's. Tickets cost £7.00 and will be on sale after all weekend Masses so please do join us for a fun afternoon.

GHANAIAN MEETING

The group will be meeting on Sunday 15th March after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

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.

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 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). Please note that a minibus will leave from St Andrew's Church at 11.30am on the day but there is limited space. Also there will be some private cars leaving from St Andrews and there may be space too but again limited.

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>

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

At St Andrews we have decided for the moment Communion will be only one kind, no Chalice, and the Holy Communion will only be received by hand.

2020 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from 21st – 28th August and this year the pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop John Wilson. Please see the poster in the porch for more info. There are some application forms on the table if you would like to complete and return to Tangney Tours but if these have already been taken, please contact Tangney Tours direct for an application form, 01732 886666 or website www.tangney-tours.com.

Quote of the Week

"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others"

Pope Saint John Paul II (1920-2005)

Contact Numbers

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400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins	(email: club_400@hotmail.com)
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