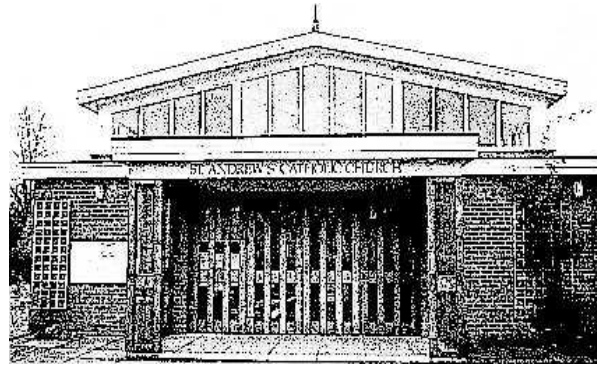

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

12th July 2020
15th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Fr Hyacinth

Welcome back!! When the lockdown began because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, I wondered how long it would take before we came together again to celebrate Mass. When we began to clean the church in preparation for the reopening, I was happy. Even though this involves extra tasks; putting up signs to encourage social distancing, using sanitisers, wearing face masks and completing the NHS slips with names and addresses to help with track and trace. These are all signs of progress.

Finally on the 4th July, to see our beautiful angels coming back brought tears to my eyes. It made me recognise that the Word of God sown by Jesus in our hearts has borne abundant fruit. Thank you for coming back.

The readings for this Sunday remind us of the importance of bearing fruit. The prophet Isaiah declares: "The word of God that goes forth from my mouth does not return empty" (Isaiah 55:11). In the second reading, St. Paul tells us: "Brethren, I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:18-19). In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims the parable of the sower. The sower went to sow seeds; some fell on pathways, some on rocky ground, some on thorns and some fell on good soil and bore abundant fruit. May we count among the seeds that fell on good soil and bore abundant fruit. Welcome back. We love you and we miss you. Together, let us build an awesome city of God in St. Andrew's Parish in Thornton Heath.

Diary for the Week

Sunday 12th July <i>15th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	John Columba & Phyllis Lilian Keane For the people of the parish
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	
Monday 13th July	9.00am	Mass	
Tuesday 14th July	9.00am	Mass	Conrad Lobo RIP (Anniv)
Wednesday 15th July	9.00am	Mass	
Thursday 16th July	9.00am	Mass	Fr Arthur Mostyn (F)
Friday 17th July	9.00am	Mass	
Saturday 18th July	9.30am	Mass	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 19th July <i>16th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am	Mass	Bridget Foley RIP (Anniv) Mrs Brigid Lakhani RIP (Birthday) Michael Madigan RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	

Church cleaners next week: St Jude's Group (15.7.20), Judie's Crew (22.7.20)

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE PARISH

Fr Emmanuel would like to express his sincere appreciation to the parish for their prayers, messages and support regarding the recent passing of his brother in Nigeria. God Bless you all.

PUBLIC MASSES HAVE OPENED

There are a few changes in place regarding our opening due to Covid-19. Please can we ask everyone to adhere to these changes for the safety of everyone.

- a) The entrances in the church are now "one way". You can either enter from the main church doors or via the hall entrance. Then please exit via the designated exits by the side doors of the church.
- b) Everyone is required to wear a face mask or covering and you **MUST** sanitise your hands before entering the church.
- c) During the week, Monday to Friday, there will only be one Mass in the morning at 9.00am.
- d) All readers at Mass must wear hand gloves and a face mask. Please do not touch the microphones.
- e) There are no Eucharistic Ministers for now.
- f) There are no prayers for the faithful for masses for now.
- g) Our offertory baskets are provided at all entrances and exits doors and we thank you for continuing to drop your offerings this way. Please can we ask if you can think about setting up a standing order for your offerings, this will help us enormously, please visit our website for more details and setting up procedures.
- h) To manage the risk of the virus re-emerging, you are asked to complete an NHS test and trace slip. You will be handed one as you come in, please complete your details and hand in. Thank you for your co-operation.
- i) Confessions will now be held in the hall. Penitents should wait in the annex until they are called.
- j) At the moment, no group meetings or gatherings are allowed in the Presbytery.
- k) The hall is closed for any group meetings or activities.
- l) We need helpers, stewards to help us before, during and after mass, especially with tidying and cleaning up after every mass. If you think you can help, please send an email to the office with your contact details, thank you.
- m) And finally, please remember that Brook Road is now one way.

Thank you all for your patience, your prayers and continued support.