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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

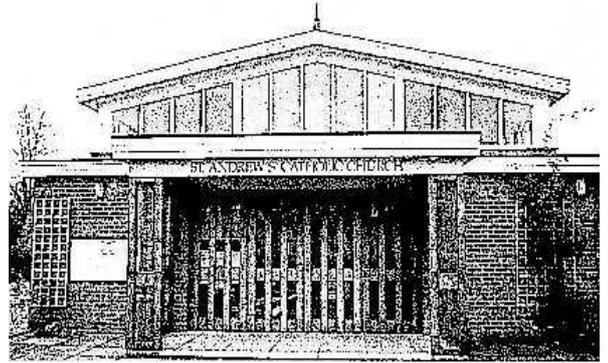
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.  
Fr James S. M. Kubendra Raj  
**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine  
**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila DMJ



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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.*

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## 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

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### Message from Deacon Errol

#### HOLIDAY WITH GOD

Summer holiday is here, but with the current pandemic situation, some of us might be unsure of what do, where to go, etc. I do hope you find something exciting to do. But whatever we decide to do, I would like to recommend to you and your family to find time for prayer and reflection. Find moments in your day to pray, perhaps a short scripture reading and reflection, enables you to grow and mature in the language of the Gospel, in wisdom and grace before God and man. Remember, taking a vacation does not mean a vacation from God.

St. Augustine once said that a man can never really grow unless he knows how to reflect. When he uttered this idea, his son, Adeodatus (the name means gift of God), asked him what he should reflect on. Augustine answered by saying, "think of all the billions of people God could have made and didn't." And then Augustine said, "Think of what He expects from you whom he has made." In the book of the Prophet Micah 6:8, the Prophet said, - **'He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you; But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God'**. This teaches us why St Augustine's response was crucial to his son's spiritual life and to ours as well; to know and understand the purpose of our creation and the need for daily prayer and reflection. This enables us to walk with the Lord and not faced by any temptations, trials and sufferings that come our way, because we know the Lord is with us.

Prayer and Reflection brings inner tranquillity while we work through matters pertaining to our life with the help of God. Reflection enables our minds to be stretched in three different directions - the direction that leads to a proper relationship with God, the relationship that leads to a healthy relationship with others, and the relationship that leads to a deeper understanding of oneself.

The Lord bless you and keep you and your families safe throughout the summer break. Amen.

### *Diary for the Week*

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	For the people of the Parish
	9.30am	Mass	Bridget Foley RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am	Mass	Mrs Brigid Lakhani RIP (Birthday)
	6.00pm	Mass	Michael Madigan RIP (Anniv)
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.00am	Mass	Andrew Martin RIP
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	9.00am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	9.00am	Mass	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	9.00am	Mass	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.00am	Mass	Noreen Britto RIP
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am	Mass	
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	

Church cleaners next week: Judie's Crew (22.7.20), Fifi's Group (29.7.20)

### St. Andrew's Parish Notices

#### CLERGY NEWS

Fr Hyacinth has been transferred to the Spiritan Community in Manchester and afterwards he hopes to have a holiday. We thank him for his cheerful presence in our parish and his dedication. We will keep him in our prayers.

Fr James's flight back to the UK has been cancelled. He will now return on 1<sup>st</sup> August. However, he will then have to quarantine in the presbytery for 14 days, so you will not be able to see him around for a while.

#### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid envelopes will be available for collection after the 9:30 and 11:30 masses for two weekends on Sundays 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July. Parishioners attending the 6:00pm masses are requested to give your name and box number to the priests when mass ends. We will have your boxes available for collection the following week from the priests.

In view of the circumstances we are currently in, and if you are in a position to do so, we would encourage you to set up a direct debit online or complete a standing order form. Please make sure you provide your box number to the bank as a reference. This method is so cost effective and administratively efficient. St Andrew's is immensely grateful for your generosity.

#### MASSES

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) **Please note that our Sunday 6.00pm mass from Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July will be suspended until further notice because we currently only have Fr Emmanuel here.**
- d) During the week, Monday to Friday, there will only be one Mass in the morning at 9.00am.
- e) All readers at Mass must wear hand gloves and a face mask. Please do not touch the microphones.
- f) There are no Eucharistic Ministers for now.
- g) There are no prayers for the faithful for masses for now.
- h) 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.

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