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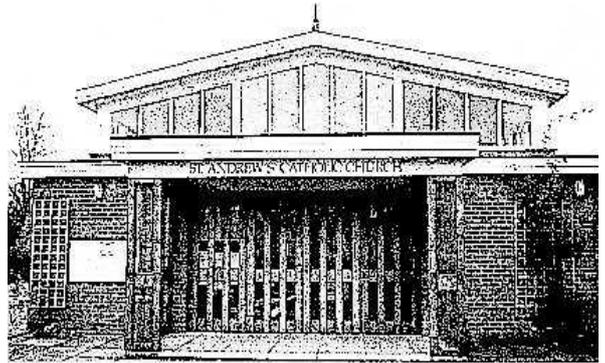
# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

**Priests:** Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.  
Fr James S. M. Kubendra Raj  
Fr Hyacinth Edokwe C.S.Sp.  
**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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5<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

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## Message from Fr Emmanuel

Whether your loved one is gone for a month or a year, they will surely adjust better to returning home if they are welcomed back warmly. Welcome back! We are so happy to have you back at the St. Andrew's Church. We've all missed you and we have been anxious for your return. We were worried about you during your absence and I speak for everyone here when I say that we are all thankful for your perseverance, steadfastness in faith during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our communities have been through a lot over the last few months and all of us are looking forward to resuming our normal habits and routines. While many things have changed, one thing has remained the same: Our strong faith that is bound by love and unity. May God continue to keep us all together in his love.

It was a very unusual time for each one of us. We are thankful for the Lord's mercy and kindness to many of us. Our parish has been so blessed. The impact of Covid-19 has affected some and we lost a few parishioners to the pandemic. May their souls rest in peace. Amen. May God give their families consolation and fortitude to bear the loss of their loved ones. In the coming week we shall be organising a thanksgiving mass for the living and the dead in our community.

We ask that you please be patient and understand that we will do our best to accommodate your needs as we know many of you are anxious to get back into our normal church activities. During this time, we have implemented additional safety precautions to help protect our parishioners. If you are over the age of 65 or have pre-existing health conditions (as recommended by government) such as diabetes, chronic lung disease or asthma, serious heart conditions, are immunocompromised, or chronic kidney or liver disease, we recommend that you do not visit the Sunday masses at this time. The Sunday obligation is still not lifted. You can attend weekday masses and that should be fine.

Once again welcome back.

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	For the people of the Parish
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.00am Mass	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.00am Mass	
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.00am Mass	
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.00am Mass	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.00am Mass	
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	John Columba & Phyllis Lilian Keane

Church Cleaners next week: Sancho's Duster (8.7.20)

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### FR EMMANUEL

Congratulations to Fr Emmanuel who celebrates his 22<sup>nd</sup> year since he was ordained on 4<sup>th</sup> July. We hope he will have many more years of service to Our Lord.

### 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, we are only having 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) Confessions will now be held in the hall. Penitents should wait in the annex until they are called.
- i) At the moment, no group meetings or gatherings are allowed in the Presbytery.
- j) The hall is closed for any group meetings or activities.
- k) 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.
- l) And finally, please remember that Brook Road is now one way.

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

Fr Emmanuel