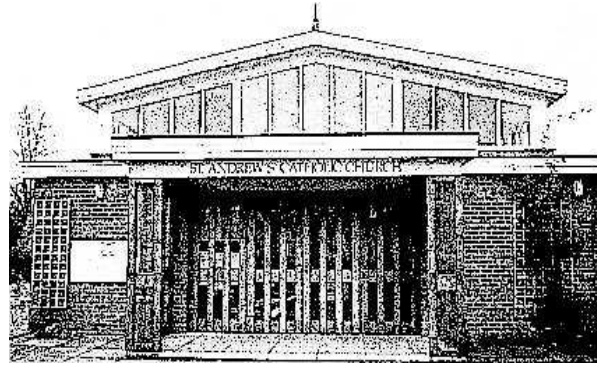

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge 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.

13th September 2020
24th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Fr Emmanuel

Welcome back from your well-deserved summer holidays. I hope you had a restful time to forget a little the challenges of this unusual times of Covid 19. Remember the virus is still with us, so please continue to observe all the safety protocol while in the Church for your safety and the safety of others.

Today the 24th Sunday in ordinary Times, we celebrate with our forgiving Lord. We cannot celebrate today the Lord of compassion and Love, the Lord who died for us and who lives to intercede for us, unless each of us has forgiven his brother and sister from his/her heart. But let us know that forgiveness is not easy. It demands a lot of effort and sacrifices. If we seek forgiveness from God, then we should be able to forgive others as well.

Forgiveness sounds so easy. "I forgive you." "Forgive me." "I forgive you." But all of us know that saying it is one thing and deep down in our hearts it's quite another.

It's just common. Every day, families break up over misunderstandings. Angers go deep, angers are cruel and once they are started, they just go on and on.

Everyone justifies themselves. Everyone wants to feel that they are fair, but they're not fair; that they forgive, but they don't forgive; that they are in the right and the other, of course, is always in the wrong. I think it's probably both sides are guilty of that. We forgive and we forget, but very often we remember even after we have forgiven.

Jesus says, "If you don't forgive, how can you ask your Father to forgive you when you are in the wrong?" And, of course, the answer is if you want to be forgiven, you must forgive, not just confess before God that you've done wrong. But you must ask the other person's forgiveness, if you're serious enough, or at least let them know that you recognise that you have still love in your heart and caring in your heart and compassion to admit your mistake.

May God grant us the GRACE to always seek to forgive and reconcile as soon as there is misunderstanding. And if we do not forgive, we will never, never, learn how to love. Because how to love is now dictated by how Jesus loved. And the beginning of knowing how Jesus loved is saying, "Yes, I, too, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Diary for the Week

Sunday 13th September <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	For the people of the Parish
	9.30am	Mass	Athayde Family (Wellbeing)
	11.30am	Mass	M. Chin (Thanksgiving)
Monday 14th September	7.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Heather & Peter Nicholas (35th Anniv)
Tuesday 15th September	7.30am	Mass	Mrs Brigid Lakhani RIP (Anniv)
	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 16th September	7.30am	Mass	A. Paterson (Thanksgiving)
	10.00am		
Thursday 17th September	7.30am	Mass	
	10.00am	Mass	
Friday 18th September	7.30am	Mass	
	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday 19th September	9.30am	Mass	Bernard Freeman (Birthday)
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	Michelle Mannion (Anniv)
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 20th September <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am	Mass	A. Paterson (Thanksgiving)
	11.30am	Mass	Mrs Christiana Efua Mansah Gomez
	6.00pm	Mass	For the people of the Parish

Church cleaners: this week: Judie's Crew (16.9.20), Fifi's Group (23.9.20)

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

WELCOME

Welcome back to all our parishioners, we hope you have had a good, safe and restful summer break.

Coronavirus has changed our lives dramatically. Life in lockdown has been difficult, with many of us facing the loss of loved ones, separations, financial hardships and mental anguish. Now as we return to as "normal" as we can, we would like to thank you all for your patience, prayers and continued support. Please help us by adhering to the rules of social distancing and the use of face masks in the church.

We welcome to St Andrews, Fr Sylvester Adeniyi as one of our new permanent Assistant Priests. He joins us from St Thomas of Canterbury. Fr Sylvester has been a priest for over 20 years and we hope he will be very happy here at St Andrews.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the porch. 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.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

Fr Emmanuel has already started the process of seeing parents for the school priest references. The following remaining dates are: Monday 14th September 7-9pm and Tuesday 15th September 3-6pm. ***Please note that these will be the only dates that Fr Emmanuel will see you to sign the school forms, so please make every effort to attend one of these dates – no excuses!***

400 CLUB

July draw: Presley Rebelo no: 3 - £20, Joseph Okoroafor no: 43 - £10, Jill Barry no: 122 - £10
August draw: Linda Lands no: 157 - £20, Sarah Gater no: 105 - £10, Brian McGrath no: 14 - £10

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

- a) Everyone is required to wear a face mask or covering and you MUST sanitise your hands before entering the church.
- b) Please note that our Sunday 6.00pm mass will resume again on Sunday 20th September. Also normal weekday masses will resume on 14th September.
- c) First Holy Communion Reconciliations will be held on Saturday 12th September at 10.30am.