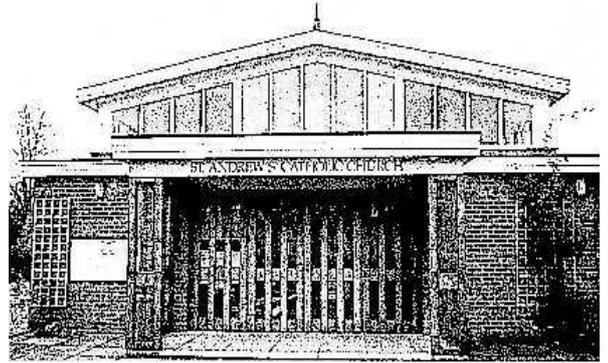

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

1st November 2020 All Saints Day

Message from Fr Sylvester

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: The Church Triumphant

The church commemorates the life of the Saints today. Who are the Saints? They are the good men and women of every nation and race who have lived their lives according to the will of God. They are those who have gone before us and now share in the glories of heaven, in the beatific vision, are not gone. The Saints in heaven are in full union with God and make up the Communion of Saints in Heaven, the Church Triumphant! Very importantly, the Saints even though they are enjoying their eternal reward, they are still very much concerned about us. Among their many tasks is to pray and intercede for us.

Among those who have made it to Sainthood are those friends of God who proclaimed the gospel message by their lives often challenging the norm that make the world a better place for all to live. Some of them laid down their lives suffering martyrdom silently for the sake of the gospel. They are men and women whose lives flow seamlessly from prayer to action. We need to hear their stories and be inspired by them.

To attain a through passage to heaven, into God's presence, Jesus Christ offers us the ingredients of salvation. He offers the way of life that leads to true happiness and divine approval. In this gospel of today, Jesus here praises those who try their best to live out the demands of the kingdom of God conducting themselves in a way that is acceptable and according to the dictates of the christian faith that they have received. By implication you and I are called upon to follow the way of life that is admired in these sayings of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To sum up, the life of the Saints challenge us to a life of holiness. Let us not restrict holiness to just a few or look at heaven like a far and distant destination that is difficult to attain.

Wishing you a happy celebration and a blessed week.

This Sunday's Readings	
Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14	I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language
Psalms 23	Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord
1 John 3:1-3	We shall see God as he really is
Matthew 5:1-12	Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven

Diary for the Week

Sunday 1st November <i>All Saints Day</i> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	For the People of the Parish Joseph Kwame Baffoe RIP John Messina RIP November List
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	
Monday 2nd November <i>All Souls' Day</i>	7.30am	Mass	Nkechi Osamor November List
	10.00am	Mass	
	8.00pm	Mass	
Tuesday 3rd November	7.30am	Mass	November List Theodora D'Souza RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 4th November	7.30am	Mass	November List Pam Freeman (Birthday)
	10.00am	Mass	
Thursday 5th November	7.30am	Mass	James Moloney RIP November List
	10.00am	Mass	
Friday 6th November	7.30am	Mass	Samuel & Emily Ward (F) Denis Bernard & Claire Teresa Mannion / November List
	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday 7th November	9.30am	Mass	Victor D'Sa (Wellbeing) / November List Jessica Mary Badu RIP
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 8th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9.30am	Mass	For the People of the Parish/November List For the War Dead Alexo D'Souza RIP
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	

Church cleaners: this week: St Jude's Group, next week: Judie's Crew

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

Today is All Saints Day and is a Holyday of Obligation. On Monday 2nd November is All Souls Day and there will be an extra Mass at 8.00pm. Please join us if you can.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our stewards who stay behind after masses to help with sanitising and cleaning and all our helpers before and during mass, we are immensely grateful for your help but we need more stewards to help us, especially with tidying and cleaning up after every mass. If you can help, please email the office with your contact details, thank you.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

During the month of November we particularly pray for those who have died. A list of the deceased whose funerals took place here at St Andrew's will be displayed in the front of the Altar. Anyone who has a relative or friend who has died elsewhere in the last year should give in their names and date of death to the office or to one of the Priests and the name will be added to this list. Please put the names in a Holy Souls envelope together with your offerings in the basket before the Altar. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November. On Saturday 28th November at 9.30am we will hold our annual Mass for those who have died in the last year, we hope you can join us.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays. For access you will need to re-enter the church at the front entrance after exiting through the side doors.

ST DAMIEN'S

St Damien's is a small group in the parish that was set up when the pandemic started in March. We have been doing shopping and errands for people shielding in the parish. If you find yourself needing errands or help for a short time for whatever reason, whether it be that you are shielding or fall sick or have just come out of hospital, please ask for help. All of us at times need a helping hand. If you know anyone in the parish who needs help, please let us know. Jane Ritchie 07999693052.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend, 8th November, is for the Priest Training Fund. The Priest Training Fund pays for men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate here in Southwark. It costs £30,000 a year, for six years, to sponsor each seminarian, so your generous support in this appeal makes a real difference in our ability to fund and support men saying 'Yes' to the vocation of Priesthood. We currently have eight men in formation for the Priesthood for Southwark. You can also donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html (select Priest Training Fund). Please take a leaflet from the porch.