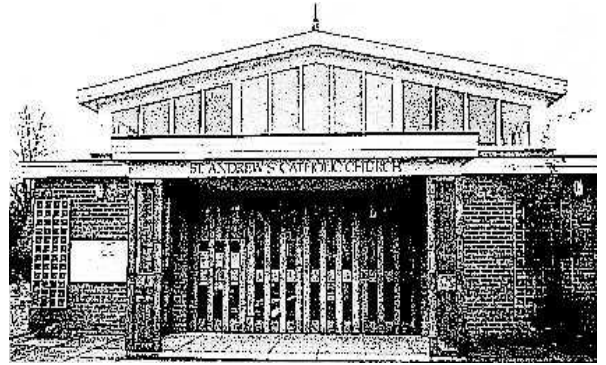

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

11th October 2020
28th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Fr Thaddeus

Many are called, but few are chosen

The first reading and gospel passage of today emphasise that God plans to save everyone although not everyone will respond to this divine plan. The positive and negative responses will lead to the judgment that distinguishes the called (everyone) from the chosen (the righteous). Isaiah spoke about this plan of God in the first reading when he said, "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food" (v. 6). And further that the Lord will destroy "the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever" (vs 7-8a).

Israel had long waited for this salvation, thus, "we have waited for him, so that he might save us" (v. 9). But Jesus shows through the parable of the wedding banquet that some of them did not respond in a positive way to the fulfilment of this promise. These were hostile to Jesus and to his mission, and thus they did not participate in the feast. Jesus further emphasised that even those who God consequently invited to the feast, the righteous and the unrighteous (namely Jews and Gentiles, tax collectors and prostitutes) have not all responded positively. The man spotted without a wedding garment demonstrates this fact. We find a similar metaphor for righteousness in Rev 19:7-8.

It means that the extension of the invitation to all does not make the issue of righteousness unimportant. Instead those who will come for the feast must respond in a way as to produce the fruit of righteousness. The gospel writers understand the rich food and drink as the body and blood of Christ (see John 6:35, 58). And Paul understands the swallowing up of death forever to be the resurrection of Jesus which makes possible the resurrection of all the believers (1 Cor 15). In the first reading, Paul claims to be righteous because he can do all things through him who strengthens him. The church reminds us today of the necessity of righteousness, the fruit that is expected from the followers of Christ.

Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalms 22

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

This Sunday's Readings

The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding

Diary for the Week

Sunday 11th October <i>28th 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 Elizabeth Salapare RIP (Anniv) Nigerian Catholic Community (Ind. Day) Rev. Mgr. Patrick McCoy (F)
Monday 12th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Evodena Dias RIP
Tuesday 13th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	David Mitchell RIP
Wednesday 14th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
Thursday 15th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Sylvie Amoussou RIP
Friday 16th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	
Saturday 17th October	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Glenda McGrath
Sunday 18th October <i>29th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Mission Sunday</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	For the people of the Parish Power & Fennelly Families (F) Ana Maria D'Souza RIP

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

- a) Everyone is required to wear a face mask or covering, please adhere to social distancing rules and you **MUST** sanitise your hands before entering the church.
- b) The social distancing rules means that you are not allowed to sit with your friends, only those from the same household are allowed to sit together.
- c) Please can everyone register with the NHS Test and Trace app and check in by scanning the NHS QR code on the doors outside of the Church. This will help to reduce the need for you to complete the paper tracking system.
- d) There will be no singing, no sign of the peace and no bidding prayers.
- e) Please do not gather outside the church or in the porch before or after mass. Once mass has finished you are required to leave the premises immediately.
- f) The hall remains closed to parish groups.
- g) The parish office is open from Monday – Wednesday mornings only, **but please only visit if essential.**
- h) 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.
- i) Fr Emmanuel will be away on holiday in Nigeria from 20th October to 27th November.

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. Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch for you to place your lists of deceased. 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 will be able to attend.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend's second collections will be for Home Mission, World Communications and Day for Life. Due to Covid-19, our second collections have been rescheduled and this means some doubling up of collections. We recognise that some people will be facing personal financial challenges at this time and any help and support you can give will be gratefully received. Missio will be on the weekend of 18th October.

Thank you also for your generosity for CAFOD's coronavirus appeal this Family Harvest Fast Day. Your support will ensure our global family can *survive, rebuild and heal*. Please keep our global family in your prayers.