

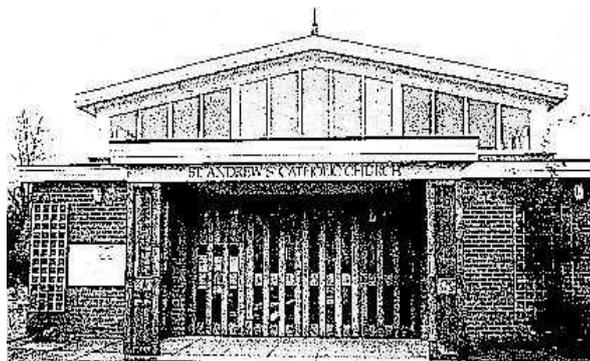
# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.  
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Fr Thaddeus Oparah C.S.Sp.  
**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine  
**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.*

18<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

## Message from Fr Emmanuel

**World Mission Sunday**  
'Here am I, send me (Is 6:8)'

In Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday, he says:

*'The Church continues the mission of Jesus and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and transform hearts, societies and cultures'.*

World Mission Sunday, which takes place this year on 18<sup>th</sup> October, is the one day of the year when the global Church comes together in support of mission to express solidarity, through Jesus, in situations of poverty and oppression. We are asked to join together in both prayer and practical action at this time.

In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?" This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis.

Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing' (v. 38), so we too have realised that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this.

For this year's Mission Sunday, entitled, **we are still here**. This focusses on the fact that although our world and everyday life has changed due to the pandemic, we all still have a mission to love and to care for each other, and that nothing is impossible with God.

### This Sunday's Readings

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

**Psalms 95**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

**Matthew 22:15-21**

**I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him**

**Give the Lord glory and power**

**We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope**

**Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Glenda McGrath For the people of the Parish Power & Fennelly Families (F) Ana Maria D'Souza RIP
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Lucy Fernandes RIP
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Gillian Patient RIP Anniv
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October</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 25<sup>th</sup> October</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (clocks back 1 hour)	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	For the people of the Parish

Church cleaners: this week: Fifi's Group, next week: Sancho's Dusters

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> November. Fr Sylvester will be responsible for the running of the Parish.

#### 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please give what you can to this very important collection or call 020 7821 9755, visit Missio's website: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk). Thank you for your continued support.

#### REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am mass on Sunday. You will need to re-enter the church at the front entrance after exiting through the side doors for access.