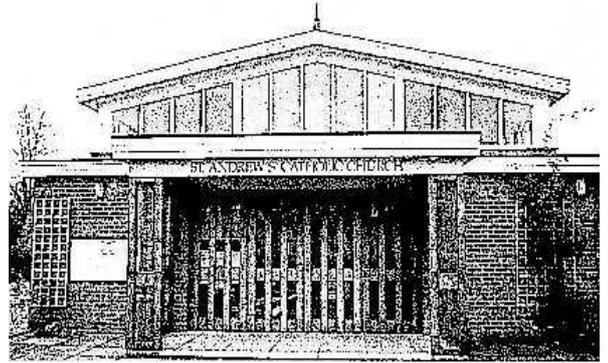

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

17th January 2021 2nd Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Thaddeus

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening

The first reading from 1 Samuel and the gospel from John both present call narratives: the call of Samuel, of Andrew with an unidentified person and of Simon Peter. Samuel's mother brought him to Eli under whom he was serving when the Lord called him. And as a small boy he was, Samuel went to Eli to enquire why he called during each of the three times he heard the voice of the Lord. It was when he came the third time that Eli "perceived that the Lord was calling the boy" (v. 8). And so, he advised him to say, if he called again, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (v. 9). It is interesting to know that Eli emphasised the importance of listening. There is surely something here that those who are responsible for the training of the young people can take home. God spoke to Samuel directly but not through Eli. Thus, the role of Eli was simply one of guidance. Eli could have dismissed the poor boy, but he listened to him, emphasising once again the importance of listening.

Andrew and his companion were adults but still disciples of John the Baptist, an indication that they were still learners. In their own case, it was their master, not their mother, who directed them to the place of their call. Their own call is unique in that it does not follow the usual method of Jesus, namely 'follow me'. This time Jesus invited them over, at the end of which Andrew shared his experience with his brother, Simon Peter. Hence, it was Andrew who directed Simon Peter to his place of call. What we find in these call narratives is that one has to be at the right place and with the right people to be able to respond properly to God's call. Furthermore, those who are in the position to guide others should pay more attention to listening. Paul says today that a Christian, one who has been called, should not indulge in fornication, which according to him is sin against the body. The reason to not indulge is because a Christian has become a member of Christ. Hence, his or her body has become a temple of the Holy Spirit within it.

Thus, the body should be for glorifying God.

This Sunday's Readings	
1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19	Speak, Lord, your servant is listening
Psalms 39	Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20	Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ
John 1:35-42	They saw where he lived, and stayed with him

Diary for the Week

Sunday 17th January <i>2nd Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Marie Florise Payen RIP 1 st Anniv For the People of the Parish Joyce Kellas RIP Michael Etuka – God’s Blessings
Monday 18th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Kas Pillay RIP
Tuesday 19th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Cecelia Angress (F) Jude-Martin Etuka – God’s Blessings
Wednesday 20th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Mother of Mrs Ward – Wellbeing
Thursday 21st January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Richard Cowie (F) Fr Adolfo Pacheco – Sick
Friday 22nd January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Marie & Antoni Hadjizorzi RIP
Saturday 23rd January	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Chuks Etuka – God’s Blessings For the People of the Parish
Sunday 24th January <i>3rd Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Paul Etuka RIP Anna McGuigan RIP

Church cleaners: this week: Sancho’s Dusters, next week: St Jude’s Group

St. Andrew’s Parish Notices

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

This year, as before, our Christmas Crib Offerings will be donated to the Catholic Children’s Society’s Crisis Fund. Since March the Catholic Children’s Society (CCS) has provided emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services, for over 5,500 children and their parents/carers. There are many more families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS’s Southwark Crisis Fund to support local families in need. Due to Covid, a special page has been set up at www.cathchild.org.uk/crib if you want to donate online. Thank you for your continued support.

SECOND COLLECTION

We will have a second collection today, Sunday 17th January, for Peace Sunday. This year’s World Peace Day message from Pope Francis’ is “A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace”. Your donation will help the important work of Peace Education in schools, challenging the Arms Trade, advocacy work on nuclear weapons and active Nonviolence. Thank you.

There will also be a second collection next week on Sunday 24th January for the annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Further info from www.spuc.org.uk

PARISH FINANCE, GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDERS

We appeal to everybody to consider setting up a Standing Order. In these times when many cannot come to Mass and are concerned about making offerings, having a Standing Order would ensure that their planned giving continues without interruption, with the satisfaction that the financial element of their stewardship, dependent upon their personal financial circumstances, is fulfilled. Please take a form from the porch.

THE CTS NEW SUNDAY MISSAL

During this difficult time, to support the faithful during the pandemic parishioners who are unable to get to Mass, or who don’t have a missal for the current liturgical year, you are able to purchase The CTS New Sunday Missal 2021 for just £1.99. Please go to their website at ctsbooks.org. We know the year ahead may look challenging, so it’s more important than ever that everyone can find the support they need in our unchanging God. Please pass on this information to others – thank you.