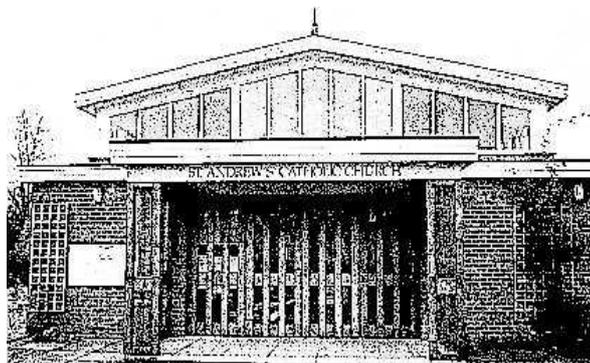

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

24th January 2021 3rd Sunday of the Year (B) Sunday of the Word of God

Message from Deacon Tony

Imagine how you might feel if one of our celebrity atheists suddenly became the Billy Graham of the third millennium. If Richard Dawkins or Tim Minchin were now to be found writing in the Catholic press or appearing on television lauding the Pope and speaking of their devotion to Jesus, how might we feel? Would we be tickled pink (I would) or might there be a teensy weensy bit of cynicism at the back of your head.

I can't help feeling that that's how the apostles felt about St Paul, and this, with them being completely human, would be understandable. Paul lived his life persecuting Christians to the point of death, including St Stephen. I am not sure how comfortable I might have been in his company.

On Monday 25th, we commemorate his conversion. It is a feast day and one, I feel, should get more recognition than it does. The Catholic Church exists to convert people to the faith. As Jesus told us at the end of Matthew's Gospel "Go and make disciples of all the nations", so it's why we are here, and many converts have contributed greatly to the life of the Church.

Consider some of those who were not cradle Catholics, but are now in the canon of saints, Josephine Bakhita and Edith Stein for example. There are also other well-known converts who simply by their conversion assist the Church in its mission. People such as the Duchess of Kent, Malcolm Muggeridge, Dorothy Day and Scott Hahn, by their conversions they all help to raise the Church's profile.

No one who knew Paul as Saul would have believed how we revere him today, He is proof that there's hope for us all, even me.

This Sunday's Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10	The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour
Psalms 24	Lord, make me know your ways
1 Corinthians 7:29-31	The world as we know it is passing away
Mark 1:14-20	Repent, and believe the Good News

Diary for the Week

Sunday 24th January <i>3rd 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 Paul Etuka RIP Anna McGuigan RIP
Monday 25th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Brian McGrath RIP
Tuesday 26th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Brian McGrath RIP
Wednesday 27th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Daniel Okolie (Sick)
Thursday 28th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Brian McGrath RIP
Friday 29th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Karl Iwa RIP Ann Faith (Wellbeing)
Saturday 30th January	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	In Honour of Our Lady of Africa (Deceased Agboigba Family) For Our Suffering Souls Anniv
Sunday 31st January <i>4th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Sr. Mary Martin RIP For the People of the Parish Cathy Fernandes (70 th Birthday)

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

THANK YOU

We thank you all again for your continued support and understanding through these challenging and special circumstances. Also a special thank you to those who help with the smooth running of our Masses, before Mass starts, with stewarding and cleaning after Mass. While we cannot yet name the date, and as the vaccines are rolled out, we will gather again as one - this will not last forever! Thank you most sincerely for everything you are doing to support our Church and community.

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 COLLECTIONS

There will be a second collection this weekend for the annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) working to protect unborn human lives at local, national and international level. Further info from www.spuc.org.uk or to donate online: www.spuc.org.uk/donate.

There will be a second collection next week, 31st January, for Racial Justice. This collection helps to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open for a short while before the start of the 11.30am Mass on Sundays only.

ONE WAY SYSTEM

There has been a few incidences where parishioners have forgotten that Brook Road is now one way, please remember to turn left when exiting our car park.

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.