

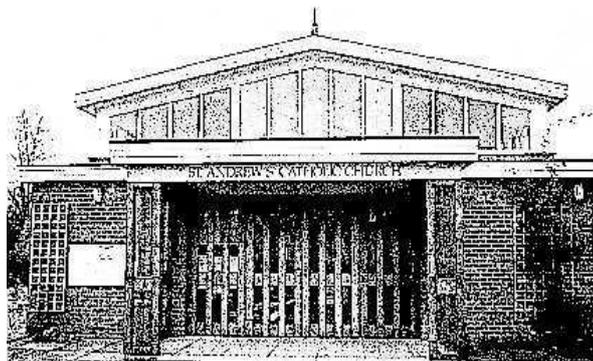
# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.  
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**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.*

## 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

### Message from Fr Emmanuel

This year Racial Justice Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> January) is more important than ever. The effects of the pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

This year's theme *A Time to Act* offer us an opportunity to take local actions in our community, to rebuild bridges and provide hope in the face of this ugly situation that is often denied but continue to hunt and ravage our communities. As Pope Francis reflects: "*instances of racism continue to shame us, for they show that our supposed social progress is not as real or definitive as we think.*"

With the effect of the deadly Covid-19 pandemic, Bishop Paul McAleenan – lead Bishop for Racial Justice Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, says, "Ethnic minorities have suffered disproportionately from the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating a systemic problem with racial injustice in our society. This was dramatically brought home with the brutal killing of George Floyd and the reaction it provoked."

These shameful reminders of racism demand meaningful action to confront and dismantle sinful structures of injustice. Bishops in the USA remind us that: "*all of us are in need of personal, ongoing conversion. Our churches and our civic and social institutions are in need of ongoing reform. If racism is confronted by addressing its causes and the injustice it produces, then healing can occur.*"

Racism is a sin and a violation of human dignity in which we are all complicit. As Catholics we need to acknowledge and confront our own failings, as individuals and as a Church. Every single one of our parishes, schools and organisations has a responsibility to actively practise anti-racism in all aspects of our mission.

We need to address the lack of visible diversity at every level, so that people can see themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the Church's life.

### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</b>	<b>I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth</b>
<b>Psalms 94</b>	<b>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts</b>
<b>1 Corinthians 7: 32-35</b>	<b>An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs, all she need worry about is being holy</b>
<b>Mark 1:21-28</b>	<b>He taught them with authority</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	For Our Suffering Souls Anniv Sr Mary Martin RIP For the People of the Parish Cathy Fernandes (70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Chris Noms RIP B.V.M.
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Canon Francis Moran RIP Linda & Socrates Papapetrou RIP
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Mary O Dell RIP (Frances Sister) Joel Vaz RIP
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr Adolfo Pacheco (Sick)
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Diniz De Araujo (80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP Ajibola Oyeyinka RIP Anniv For the People of the Parish

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

### St. Andrew's Parish Notices

#### **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to Ian Carlyle (Scout Group) for organising the cleaning around our parish hall, it was much appreciated.

#### **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

There will be a second collection this weekend, 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### **ST DAMIEN'S GROUP**

The St Damien's group is happy to help anyone who is confined to home during this lock down period and cannot get out to collect prescriptions or shopping. We are also able to help with transport if it's needed to take anyone to have the vaccination. If you need help please phone Jane Ritchie on 07999 693052 before you make your appointment so that together a convenient date can be organised.

#### **REPOSITORY**

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

#### **PAYPAL DONATE BUTTON**

During this Covid period, to help parishioners donate to the Church, the Archdiocese has asked us to allow different ways in which you can make donations, hopefully to make it easier. Please find below a

URL link and QR code. You can scan the QR code with your phone camera and be directed to the paypal button to donate. This information is also on our website, so please do have a look.

1. URL link:

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=RHW92Z268AJN8](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=RHW92Z268AJN8)

2. QR code:



### **LIVE STREAMING EQUIPMENT FOR ST ANDREW'S**

For quite a while I have been thinking of live streaming our Masses. This has been requested by some of our parishioners but I have waited a while to “see what happens”. But since the Covid situation is not changing in the foreseeable future, I now want to arrange the live streaming equipment soon but of course, this has not been an easy decision because of the costs involved. I know that many parishioners are also facing some difficult financial circumstances, so I am sorry to have to ask again, but our Church is struggling financially as donations have dropped dramatically.

If you can help us get together some money to pay for the live streaming, this would help us enormously. Ultimately we are thinking long term as we hope many of our parishioners will be able to benefit from this and we could live stream well into the future. If you think you can help us please do let me know. We hope to raise £3,000 as there is a budget for this but this would include all the equipment and labour costs to install as well. Please do speak with me if you would like more information and you will be able to donate any way you like. Thank you very much, Fr Emmanuel.

### **JOHN FISHER SCHOOL VACANCIES**

The school currently has two vacancies: Finance Assistant and School Business Manager (maternity cover). For more details, job descriptions and application forms, please visit the school website at [www.johnfisherschool.org/Career-Opportunities](http://www.johnfisherschool.org/Career-Opportunities).